

~ Public Notices ~

NOTICE BEFORE FORECLOSURE

To the Title Owners, Borrowers and Occupants of the Property:

Robert F. Fish
201 E Harper Avenue
Drayton, ND 58225

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that unless you dispute the validity of the foregoing debt or any portion thereof within thirty days after receipt of this letter, we will assume the debt to be valid. If the debt or any portion thereof is disputed, we will obtain verification of the debt and will mail you a copy of such verification. You are also advised that upon your request within the thirty-day period, we will provide you with the name and address of your original creditor, if different from the creditor referred to in this Notice. We are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

At this time, no attorney with this firm has personally reviewed the particular circumstances of your account. However, if you fail to contact our office, our client may consider additional remedies to recover the balance due.

The real property that this notice pertains to is located at 201 E Harper Avenue, Drayton, ND 58225, and more particularly described as:

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4) in Block Ten (10), Wallace Brothers Addition to the City of Drayton, ND.

Notice is hereby given that a certain mortgage, recorded against the above described property by Robert F. Fish, executed and delivered to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns, dated April 17, 2017, ("Mortgage"); and given to secure the payment of \$58,913.00, and interest and other fees and costs according to the terms and obligations of a certain promissory note, is in default. The current Mortgagee of the Mortgage is Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc.

The following is a statement of the sum due for principal, interest, taxes, insurance, maintenance, etc. as of July 18, 2025:

Principal -----	\$52,533.14
Interest to 07/19/2025	
@ 4.375% -----	\$1,363.56
Pro Rata -----	\$34.24
Escrow Advance -----	\$2,320.29
Late Fees -----	\$35.31
NSF Fees -----	\$35.00
Recoverable Balance -----	\$620.69
Grand Total -----	\$56,942.23
That as of July 18, 2025, the amount due to cure any default, or to be due under the terms of the mortgage, exists in the following respects:	
Monthly Mortgage	
Payments -----	\$5,047.62
Late Fees -----	\$35.31
NSF Fees -----	\$35.00
Corporate Advances -----	\$620.69
Grand Total -----	\$5,738.62

In the event that you either payoff or reinstatement the loan, payment must be paid by certified funds, and made payable to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc., and mailed to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C., at 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111. Additionally, you must pay any additional accrued interest, subsequent payments or late charges which become due and any further expenses for preservation of the property which may be advanced. Please contact Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. for the exact amount due through a certain date.

You have the right, in accordance with the terms of the mortgage, to cure the default specified above. You also have the right in the foreclosure action to assert that no default exists or any other defense you may have to said action.

Notice is further provided that if the total sums in default, together with interest accrued thereon at the time of such payment, accrued payments then due and expenses advanced, are not

paid within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing or service of this Notice, the Mortgagee will deem the whole sum secured by the Mortgage to be due and payable in full without further notice. Furthermore, proceedings will be commenced to foreclose such Mortgage, and in the event of Sheriff's sale as provided by the laws of the State of North Dakota, the time for redemption shall be as provided by law, but not less than sixty (60) days after the Sheriff's Sale.

Date: July 18, 2025
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
/s/ Tyler S. Winick

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(October 8, 15, 22, 2025)

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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS Special Meeting – Budget Hearing www.pembinacountynd.gov

September 9, 2025 – 10:30 AM
Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in Special Session in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse to finalize the 2026 budget. Chairperson Otto called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

Roll call: Patrick Hardy, Scot Becker, Darin Otto. A quorum was declared. Others in attendance: Zelda Hartje, Lisa Keney, Tax Director; Ron Baker, Diane Grandy, Dale Booth, Harvey R. Staples, Landis McDonald.

Motion by Patrick Hardy, seconded by Scot Becker to approve the agenda. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Otto stated this meeting was to review and approve the final budget for Pembina County. He stated there has been some confusion because of the new budget hearing notice letters that were sent out. He stated it was in the newspaper before, but now the state requires we send out these notices instead of estimated tax statements.

Auditor Gapp handed out copies of the proposed final 2026 budget to all commissioners and people in attendance. Commissioner Otto stated we need to stick with budget questions and not to veer off of the subject.

The floor was opened to the public. Diane Grandy asked how it goes as far as being able to raise the budget. Auditor Gapp explained the new cap laws state we can only raise it three percent of the dollars levied last year. Ms. Grandy asked whose law that is and Commissioner Otto stated that is a new law passed by the state. Discussion followed on how expenses have gone up and just because we can go up three percent, doesn't necessarily mean it will go up the three percent. There are several variables that affect that such as valuations.

Zelda Hartje stated she thinks people are confused and thinking just because the budget goes up three percent that their taxes are going up three percent but that is not the case.

Zelda Hartje stated just because the values go up, does not mean taxes will go up. She stated if valuations go up, taxes should go down and it does work. Chairman Otto asked Zelda to introduce herself to the others that were present. She stated her name and that she is a property assessor for 13 of the districts in Pembina County. She stated she feels people think this budget hearing is for taxes but it really is only for the budget for the county.

Mr. McDonald asked where the county gets their money. Auditor Gapp directed him to the income portion of the

handout and which showed state aid and several grant reimbursements the county receives as well as income from various items such as raffle permits and what isn't covered is made up by the property tax levy. Commissioner Otto also discussed the importance for residents to apply for the Primary Residence Tax Credit because if they do, the state pays the county the tax instead of the property owner up to an amount of \$1,600.00. This amount does not go against special assessments however. Commissioner Hardy stated the important part is for residents to apply. It is a state program and the application process for 2026 opens January 1, 2026.

Commissioner Otto stated he wants people to know they should never be afraid to call anyone of the commissioners or any of the county offices and ask questions. He stated it is our job to try and explain any questions anyone may have. He said he is taking a point of personal privilege and stated he is thankful they are doing something for property tax relief, but the fact that there is a lot more paperwork to it and they're capping local entities at three percent, and all the additional costs to the entities for their programs it will cost a lot more than the three percent. He stated he is not bad mouthing anyone it's just with all the new requirements and costs he doesn't feel it's the best solution. Auditor Gapp stated there was a study done by the North Dakota Association of Counties and of all the local entities, counties were the most frugal. Cuts that were made were discussed such as the abandoned cemetery. Chairman Otto said they put it out there and no one seems to want to do the work. He stated unless the cemetery is truly abandoned, the county can't step in. He stated the county is just trying to do the best with the new mandates.

Chairman Otto asked for any final comments or concerns. There were none.

Motion made by Scot Becker and seconded by Patrick Hardy to adopt the 2026 budget as presented. Roll call vote: Patrick Hardy – yes; Scot Becker – yes; Darin Otto – yes. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Otto thanked all for coming and stated he hoped they had answered everyone's questions. He said if they run into any citizens in public that have questions, please have them reach out to someone here and we'll help them out as best we can.

Commissioner Hardy again stressed for the people in attendance to communicate to the people they know to apply for the Primary Residence Credit. Zelda Hartje also mentioned for people to look into the Homestead Credit program for those 65 and older or permanently and totally disabled.

Motion made by Scot Becker and seconded by Patrick Hardy to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM. /s/ Darin Otto, Chairperson
Pembina County Board of Commissioners
ATTEST: /s/ Melissa Gapp,
Pembina County Auditor/Treasurer
(October 15, 2025)

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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS www.pembinacountynd.gov

September 16, 2025 – 9:00 AM
Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse.

Chairperson Otto called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Roll call: Patrick Hardy, Scot Becker, Blaine Papenfuss, Darin Otto, Andrew Cull. A quorum was declared.

Also, in attendance were: Zelda Hartje, Rachel Ramsay, Public Health Director; Terry Meidinger, Sheriff; Lisa Keney, Tax Director; Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent; Garrett Fontaine, States Attorney; LuAnn Kemp, Randy Emanuelson, Ted Juhl, Donald Kemp, Bill Gunderson, Mike Ferrie, Robert Fleming.

Motion made by Scot Becker and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the agenda. All voting in favor; motion carried.

The public comment portion was started at 9:04 AM.

The public comment portion was closed at 9:20 AM.

Motion made by Scot Becker and seconded by Patrick Hardy to approve the September 2nd, 2025 meeting minutes. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by Andrew Cull and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the amended February 21, 2023 agenda and meeting minutes. Chairman Otto explained what this item pertained to. He states this is when the commission went into executive session because the paperwork they were looking at was marked confidential. He stated they were all fairly new at the time and this amendment adds the contents of the executive session to those minutes. All voting in favor; motion carried.

The water board met with the commission. Mike Ferrie stated with the commission, Mike Ferrie stated with the commission, Mike Ferrie stated with the commission. There have been some changes because of all the agency coordination. They are still working on the fieldwork survey and collecting the background data before they get into the analysis. He stated they are still working on the EWP tabletop meeting for February 2026. He stated the Renwick repair at Icelandic is scheduled for a bid opening on Thursday. He stated it will possibly start end of September or beginning of October and done by December. There may be some follow up items such as planting that need to be done in the spring. All cost share has been approved for that repair. Don stated the Red River Joint Board gave 90 percent. Mike stated bid prices have been good this fall and they have received quite a few for the Renwick project. The final 2023 FEMA project at Drain 78 is going to be open to a two-week bid process and should get completed this fall. The drain 7 outlet will also be under repair this fall.

Lisa Keney addressed the commission regarding the contract renewal with Sidwell. She stated the two-year contract is up with them. They do all the GIS mapping for the county. She stated there is money set aside in the ARPA funds for this contract. She stated the two-year contract is \$32,190.00. She stated that a lot of the parcels that were not on the GIS have been drawn up by them. She stated the farm use layers are included in this contract. She stated they are also working on the land use layers. Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Scot Becker to renew and have Chairman Otto sign the renewal contract. Discussion on the technology access fee that is included. She stated they hold the data for us and that is how we get it brought into our GIS mapping system. Training hours included in the contract also discussed. Lisa stated herself, Sam Weeks and Jessica in the tax office use those hours provided. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Please note a clarification regarding the GIS Mapping for the county: Sidwell does not perform all GIS mapping for the county. Samantha Weeks handles the majority of GIS mapping. Sidwell's work focuses on three main areas. First, they correct any errors in agricultural parcel boundaries using the latest parcel data. Second, they create a countywide map of agricultural land use, share it for review, and deliver the final map in a GIS-ready format. Third, they help with FARMS processing by calculating acreage, checking the data for errors, determining final assessment values, and updating GIS reports using the latest soil data.

Lisa also addressed the commission on the new requirements per house bill 1176. She stated a date needs to be set for the county tax equalization meeting because every single property owner needs to be notified of their 2025 value and proposed 2026 value. She stated that figure is close to 15,000 pieces of mail to be sent out. She said the bill states that is the responsibility of the assessor. She has sent an email to them to forward onto their townships and cities so they can figure out how they are going to cover that postage. She said they can be printed and mailed from the county but the postage will need to be covered by the townships and cities. She said because of this new requirement, a date for equalization will need to be set in June because it has to be on the notices. Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Patrick Hardy to set the equalization date of June 2, 2026 at 1:00 PM. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Lisa Keney and Terry Meidinger left the meeting at 10:14 AM.

Devin Johnson and Jeff Daley arrived at the meeting at 10:15 AM.

Devin presented a utility permit from Nodak Electric Cooperative located at Twp 162N, Sec 6/7 & 4/9, Range 51W on County Road 1. Motion by Andrew Cull and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the utility permit request. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Devin presented a bill from Helm Enterprise for tree hauling for our properties west of Bowesmont. He is asking where that bill should be paid from. It was decided it should come out of Devin's budget.

Jeff discussed the bridge project over Drain 38 on County Road 12. He stated there were conversations with the Mitchells on different options. Devin stated he gave Richard a copy of the memorandum. He said Richard read through it and is leaning towards the one with the less impact. Chairman Otto stated he also spoke with him. They feel they probably need to leave it as is and not raise it because it would cause more flooding for them. Jeff Daley will reach out to the water board and see if they would be interested in doing work downstream or not.

Jeff Daley discussed the bridge ER Site north of Leroy where the water has washed out the abutment in the past. He said they did the hydraulics on the existing bridge is adequate, but water will hit more to the south of the bridge which causes a swirling action that eats away at the embankment even though riprap has been added over the years. They want to

redirect the water. He presented two options. The first proposal is to put a 172-foot-long guide wall and the other option is similar but to build it up higher. He stated the goal is to get the water to steer toward the center of the bridge instead of the ends of the bridge. He stated he is leaning toward option two because it is built up higher. He stated it is more upstream. The scenarios that were run were for a 10-year event. He stated these are preliminary options. Devin stated the nearest residence was at least five miles away. Everyone agreed option two was the way to proceed on this project.

Jeff stated there was a preconstruction meeting yesterday on the 17-structure rehab project. They will be starting this week on the two structures southeast of Gardar, then moving to the two by St. Thomas.

Flex Funding possibilities were presented by Jeff Daley. County Highway 44 by American Crystal, County Highway 12 from ND 5 to Highway 3, County Highway 9 from Walhalla to County 12 by Leroy and two structures discussed for this funding. One structure is SE of St. Thomas and the other is a location with no structure. They have five applications drafted and will submit them by Friday. He is asking what percentage the county wants to put in as a match for the applications. He stated the percent is not locked in. Jeff stated this is just the application process and the state will be going through all applications state wide and will approve or deny applications. He stated they might also come back and ask counties to prioritize submitted projects. Discussion followed regarding what percent should be submitted. Motion by Scot Becker and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to set the match at ten percent. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Rachel Ramsay left the meeting at 10:37 AM.

Discussion on paving over the aprons on County 3 when paving is done discussed. The commission stated they would like to see them to go wider and farther back. Mr. Daley will go look at them and bring back the information at the next meeting.

Attorney Fontaine informed the commission there was a typographical error on the agenda notice for the executive session and so it cannot be held today so it will have to be reset. Discussion followed on available dates and times. It will be tentatively set for September 29th at 7:00 AM.

Commissioner Otto reminded everyone today was the open house for the VA Telehealth and everyone should stop over there.

Commissioner reviewed the August financial report and claims. Motion made by Andrew Cull and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the consent agenda as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

PAYROLL: \$384,365.59. ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS- W FARGO 215.28; PEMBINA COUNTY TREASURER 75.00; STATE TREASURER 424.90; VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA LLC 122.15; ACE SECURITY SERVICES LLP 1,100.00; ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS- W FARGO 891.71; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 306.54; AUGUSTIN/ CARMEN 21.44; BREMER BANK 60.00; BURCH/ CARISSA 110.53; CAVALIER CHRONICLE, INC 238.52; CAVALIER DO IT BEST HARDWARE 77.93; CAVALIER EQUIPMENT, INC 100.88; CLAY COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE 52.15; DACOTAH PAPER CO 475.83; GALLS, LLC 91.94; GERSZEWSKI/ KANE 50.00; GOODOIEN/ DIANNE 29.48; HP, INC. 204.61; KENEY/ LISA 204.47; MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC 32.43; MEYER/ JESSICA 140.63; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES- BISMARCK 115.79; NAPA AUTO PARTS OF CAVALIER 23.99; ND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES 21.50; NIGHT FISION 803.25; OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY 154.36; PEMBINA COUNTY TREASURER 2,163.72; PHOENIX SUPPLY 204.25; RAMADA BISMARCK HOTEL 396.00; SIDWELL COMPANY 4,460.00; STATE SIDE ELECTRIC LLC 448.32; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES 415.63; VALLEY NEWS AND VIEWS 40.00; VESTIS UNIFORM SERVICES 251.08; WALSH COUNTY RECORD 45.00; WIRTZ/ DANIEL 100.00; CAVALIER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES 217.79; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES- BISMARCK 27.90; POLAR COMMUNICATIONS 27.00; CAVALIER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES 888.86; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT 106.60; POLAR COMMUNICATIONS 158.11; ADAMS/ WENDY 200.00; CAVALIER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES 2,020.10; COLE PAPERS INC 1,466.80; GRIMSLEY REICHERT/ TERESA 300.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT 1,419.25; LETEXIER'S CLEANING SERVICE 250.00; LIBERTAS 200.00; MINN-KOTA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 1,500.85; MOSTAD INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. 1,514.00; ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & TRIBAL 120.00; OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR 22,500.00; POLAR COMMUNICATIONS 1,595.74; SHANE/ MACIE 1,074.60; THOMPSON'S CAFE 2,784.00; VESTIS UNIFORM SERVICES 94.18; PEMBINA COUNTY TREASURER 115.00; STATE TREASURER 222.39; PREMIUM WATERS 10.99; CAVALIER DO IT BEST HARDWARE 65.45; CAVALIER EQUIPMENT, INC 85.15; CAVALIER TIRE & FUEL, LLC 246.93; GLADEN CONSTRUCTION INC. 223,877.70; HELM ENTERPRISES 559.90; INTERSTATE TOWING AND RECOVERY 1,072.25; JOHN NORLOCH TRUCKING 3,280.00; KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS 2,610,924.10; LANGDON IMPLEMENT 959.63; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC. 390.16; NAPA AUTO PARTS OF CAVALIER 675.77; NEWMAN SIGNS INC 50.80; NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 140.43; PREMIUM WATERS 34.89; RUNDINGS - GRAND FORKS 119.97; STATE SIDE ELECTRIC LLC 95.00; SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION 4,830.77; TRUE NORTH STEEL 71,595.80; VERIZON WIRELESS 119.07; VESTIS UNIFORM SERVICES 75.85; WHEELER LUMBER LLC 38,660.36; ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS- W FARGO 123.27; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 1,256.34; CANDLEWOOD SUITES FARGO 99.00; CARTER/ SARA 36.00; CAVALIER CHRONICLE, INC 723.77; CAVALIER DO IT BEST HARDWARE 114.04; CAVALIER EQUIPMENT, INC 100.88; COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY 2,822.00; CROWN TROPHY 29.95; DOLLAR GENERAL - REGIONS 410526 27.00; FORUM COMMUNICATIONS PRINTING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT 876.15; KENEY/ LISA 161.20; LEEVERS SUPERVALU FOODS- EXTENTION 17.67; LEEVERS SUPERVALU FOODS- SHERIFF 464.40; MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC 32.43; MCKESSON MEDICAL - SURGICAL 32,330.77; NAPA AUTO PARTS OF CAVALIER 23.99; ND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

524.47; OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL 709.00; OLMSTEAD/ LUKE 25.61; PEMBINA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 200.00; PEMBINA COUNTY TREASURER 122.95; PITNEY BOWES 825.69; QUILL CORPORATION 346.17; RAMSAY/ RACHEL 37.98; REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY 11.74; ROLLETTE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE 170.00; SLEEP INN & SUITES BISMARCK 110.00; TEARS OF NORTH DAKOTA 500.00; UNIFORM CENTER 95.75; VERIZON WIRELESS 1,151.85; VESTIS UNIFORM SERVICES 156.90; WAYNE'S VARIETY- CAVALIER 28.97; ZEV TECHNOLOGIES LLC 2,172.80; VISA 1,554.15; VISA 704.94; VISA 2,610.15; AMERITAS GROUP 25.96; DELTA DENTAL OF MINNESOTA 143.08; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 1,178.44; ARCTIC BLAST OF GRAND FORKS INC. 217.04; CAVALIER DO IT BEST HARDWARE 20.48; DACOTAH PAPER CO 101.19; DOCU SHRED INC 120.81; ESRI, INC 3,610.00; FERT-LAWN 286.50; MATTHEW BENDER & CO, INC RENEWALS UNIT 78.43; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES- BISMARCK 124.04; ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION (MVD) 11.50; ND STATE'S ATTORNEYS ASSOC 400.00; PREMIUM WATERS 101.89; QUILL CORPORATION 121.52; ROUGH RIDER INDUSTRIES 94,160.00; SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION 864.06; SHARP/ ALISSA 609.70; VESTIS UNIFORM SERVICES 466.74; WAYNE'S VARIETY- CAVALIER 34.61.

Motion made by Blaine Papenfuss to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

/s/ Darin Otto, Chairperson
Pembina County Board of Commissioners
ATTEST: /s/ Melissa Gapp,
Pembina County Auditor/Treasurer
(October 15, 2025)

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Unofficial Minutes of: Public Hearing of The Walhalla City Council For Rezoning of Properties Monday, October 6, 2025

Mayor McDonald called the public hearing for rezoning of properties to order at 7:00 P.M., Monday October 6, 2025 at City Hall.

Council Present: Schill, Carpenter, Jackson, Horgan, Kalis. Absent: Dumas.

Others Present: Christopher Trupe, Justin Dearingier, Austin Dearingier, Mr. Larry DuBois, Auditor Cook.

Mr. Dubois gave the council an overview of the areas to be rezoned. No members of the public in attendance stated any comments or objections.

Motion by Horgan to rezone Lots 3, 4, 15, and 16 of Block 80, 1st SW Addition, City of Walhalla from a Residential (R-1) District to a Commercial District (C). Second by Carpenter, Roll Call: Carpenter, yes; Horgan, yes; Schill, yes; Jackson, yes; Kalis, yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Carpenter to adjourn. Second by Kalis. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:05 P.M.

John Rock McDonald, Mayor
Michael Cook, Auditor
(October 15, 2025)

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UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 06, 2025

Mayor McDonald called the regular meeting of the Walhalla City Council to order at 7:08 P.M., Monday, October 06, 2025, at City Hall.

Council Present: Schill, Jackson, Carpenter, Kalis, Horgan. Council Absent: Dumas.

Others Present: Christopher Trupe, Austin Dearingier, Justin Dearingier, Brett Schurman, Phil Longtin, Larry DuBois, Auditor Cook.

Motion by Jackson to approve the minutes of the September regular meeting as read. Second by Kalis. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Horgan to approve the minutes of the September 16th Special Meeting as read. Second by Carpenter. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Jackson to approve the minutes of the September 29th Special Meeting as read. Second by Horgan. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Kalis to approve the minutes from the September 29th Final Budget Hearing as read. Second by Jackson. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Carpenter to approve the minutes from the September 29th Financial Committee Meeting as read. Second by Kalis. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Horgan to approve the minutes from the September 29th Municipal Services Committee Meeting as read. Second by Carpenter. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Phil Longtin thanked the council for the city's support of Pumpkin Fest.

Motion by Carpenter to approve the financial report. Second by Horgan. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

• **Speed Sign:** A request was made for the city to look into the purchase of a speed radar sign. The DOT will need to be contacted learn what the permit process is before a decision can be made.

• **Website:** The city's website host will provide an estimate for updating the website prior to the next meeting.

• **Tree Inventory:** The city was provided an inventory report of trees within city limits as well as recommendations for growing and maintaining the tree program. Discussion was held on needed expenditures to qualify for the Tree City USA program.

• **Library Board:** The library board recommended a pay increase for Michelle Seht. Motion by Jackson to increase Michelle Seht's hourly wage to \$12.00/hr. Second by Horgan. Roll call: Carpenter, yes; Kalis, yes; Schill, yes; Jackson, yes; Horgan, yes. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

• **Municipal Services, Building Permits, Streets, and Alleys:**

> Motion by Carpenter to amend the Valley Landfill contract to a one day a week schedule. Second by Jackson. Roll Call: Carpenter, yes; Horgan, yes; Schill, yes; Jackson, yes; Kalis, yes. Motion passed.

> Discussion held on lagoon engineering study proposals from Moore Engineering and Fischer Engineering. Motion by Carpenter to table a decision until more information is available. Second by Jackson. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion

passed.

> Motion by Carpenter to approve the construction permit applications submitted by Wentworth Ag USA, Brett Schurman, Brian Benoit, and Tina Friesen. Second by Schill. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

> Discussion was held on unpaid billings presented to the city as the result of sewer work on Oak Avenue. A phone call was made to Chad Thorlakson to discuss who authorized the work. It was decided that the work in question was authorized by the homeowner and therefore billings are not the responsibility of the city to pay.

> Discussion was held on how to handle delinquent or nonpayment for electronics recycling.

• **Police, Fire, and Traffic:**

> The status of having any remaining city owned property issued to the terminated officer returned is ongoing.

> Discussion was held on increasing starting salary for the open police officer position.

• **Financial & Economic Development Corp:**

> Motion by Carpenter to transfer \$50,000.00 from City Sales Tax to the Equipment Fund, as well as transferring \$50,000.00 from City Sales Tax to the Swimming Pool Office/Bathhouse Fund. Second by Schill. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Board of Health, City Buildings, and Recreation:

> Discussion was held on the entry door at the library. No motion was made to pursue replacement at this time.

> Discussion was held on roof repairs at the legion, as well as disconnecting the landline telephone at the legion.

> Motion by Kalis to approve all bills presented. Second by Schill. Roll call: Carpenter, yes; Kalis, yes; Schill, yes; but abstaining from his bill; Jackson, yes; Horgan, yes. Motion passed.