

CENTER REPUBLICAN PUBLIC NOTICES

AMENDMENT 2025 03 TO AMEND THE ENFORCEMENT SECTION OF THE OLIVER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING ORDINANCE

The Oliver County Commission has approved Amendment 2025-03 to amend the Enforcement section of the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Ordinance. The full language of the amendment can be seen in the Oliver County Auditor’s office.

(12-04-2025) (12-11-2025)

YOUR RIGHT
TO KNOW...

ATTENTION OLIVER COUNTY SOYBEAN GROWERS: 2026 NORTH DAKOTA SOYBEAN COUNCIL (NDSC) ELECTION NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR OLIVER COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE

On or about December 18, 2025, the NDSC will mail a nomination form to soybean producers of record in the above-named county. To be considered, nomination forms must be filed with the County Extension Agent for the above-named county. The County Extension Agent must receive the completed nomination form by January 12, 2026, or your mailed-in form must be postmarked no later than January 12, 2026. If you do not receive a nomination form in the mail, contact your County Extension Agent or the NDSC to obtain one. Look for the green envelope in the mail.

After nominations are validated by the County Extension Agent, names of the

nominees will be sent to the NDSC to be placed on the 2025 ballot. On or about February 17, 2026, the NDSC will mail to soybean producers of record an election ballot with instructions. Look for the blue envelope in the mail. Completed ballots must be post-marked by March 5, 2026. The newly elected County Representative will be notified by March 12, 2026. In late March, those County Representatives will elect one County Representative to serve on the NDSC board of directors. For more information and answers to questions, contact your County Extension Agent.

(12-11-2025)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Phone: (701) 587-8423
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Probate No. 33-2025-PR-00011
Patrick Waters (#08505)
Attorney for Personal Representative
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OLIVER COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY MAIER, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Shayla Maier whose address is PO Box 1292, Center ND 58530, or Shelly Portscher whose address is 703 Cody Dr., Bismarck ND 58503, Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate, or filed with the Court.
Dated this 8th day of December, 2025.
/s/Troy Karlberg
Co-Personal Representative
/s/Carrie Berger
Co-Personal Representative
(12-11-2025)(12-18-2025)(12-25-2025)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

relating to Exploration and Production of Critical Minerals in Coal-Bearing Formations.

North Dakota Geological Survey

will hold public hearings to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code.

Geological Survey
1:30 pm CST
Tues., Jan. 20, 2026
1000 E Calgary Ave
Bismarck, ND

Copies of the proposed rules will be available December 17, 2025 and may be obtained by writing the Geological Survey at 600 E. Blvd, Dept. 474, Bismarck, ND 58505-0614, or by calling (701) 328-8000. View changes at www.dmr.nd.gov/dmr/ndgs Comment in writing by 5pm January 30, 2026. Submit written comments to the Geological Survey (see address above) or ndgs@nd.gov. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Geological Survey at the above address or phone number by January 12, 2026.

CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 1st, 2025
Meeting called to order by Mayor John Lee at 6:00 p.m.
Council members present: Lisa Gusewelle, Eric Casson, Troy Hatzenbihler, Jennifer Gooss City Attorney and RaShell Simenson City Auditor.
Gusewelle moved the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Hatzenbihler; all voting aye, motion carried
Gusewelle moved to approve previous meeting minutes seconded by Casson; all voting aye, motion carried.
Treasurer Report
Gusewelle moved to approve the claims on hand, seconded by Casson; all voting aye, motion carried.
Security first Bank \$1,541.11, Oliver County Sheriff Dept \$13,827.05, Donovan & Kaffar \$1,711.80, Rud Oil & Gas \$3,764.67, Western Plains Public Health \$150, Menards \$92.44, Hawkins INC \$1,430.51, Butler Cat \$1,697.20, CC Steel \$27,610, Center Republican \$281.65, Marco \$264.10, DGS \$78.17, Center Machine Inc \$666.60, Roto-Rooter \$785, Moore Engineering \$12,000, NDDept of Health \$27, Simple Wolf \$965.87, Once Call \$12, K&M Repair, \$40, Runnings \$247.33, DEQ \$210, Western Plains Public Health \$125, Vestis \$411.63, All Pest Control \$141.
Gusewelle moved to approve check register from November, seconded by Casson; all voting aye, motion carried.
Gusewelle moved to approve the financial report for November, seconded by Hatzenbihler, all voting aye, motion carried.
Personal Appearance
Monte and Crystal Fischer appeared for the public comment of the street vacate between their property 16 Oliver Ave N and Eric Casson’s property 102 Oliver Ave S. There were no petitions or comments against the vacate. Discussed that Moore Engineering offered to create a plat for the vacate in the amount of \$2,500, the property owners declined. Gusewelle moved the motion to approved the Resolution NO. 2025-01, seconded by Hatzenbihler, all voting aye, motion carried.
Sandy and Brad Dahl appeared to request the renewal of O.C Saloon’s Liquor License for 2026. Gusewelle moved the motion to approve O.C Saloon 2026 Liquor License, seconded by Hatzenbihler, all voting aye, motion carried.
Lacy Yunker appeared to request the renewal of Wolfie’s Liquor License for 2026, Gusewelle moved the motion to approve Wolfie’s 2026 Liquor License, seconded by Hatzenbihler, all voting aye, motion carried.
Cheri Miller appeared to request the renewal of Super-pumper’s Liquor License for 2026, Gusewelle moved the motion to approve Super-pumpers 2026 Liquor License, seconded by Hatzenbihler, all voting aye, motion carried.
Desirae Barth appeared to request the renewal of Lonewolf Saloon’s Liquor License for 2026, Gusewelle moved the motion to approve Lonewolf Saloon 2026 Liquor License, seconded by Hatzenbihler, all voting aye, motion carried.
William Sherwin appeared before the council to discuss a water hookup for the property he recently purchased at 3875 HWY 25. Southwest Water informed him that he would need to request permission from the city in order to work directly with Southwest Water; otherwise, he would be required to connect to the city’s water lines and be billed by the city for water usage. Sherwin stated that he does not need an immediate decision, as the hookup would not occur until sometime in 2026. The council discussed and agreed to table this topic until the February meeting.
CB Accounting Report- Tray Brownlee reported to the Council that the city’s cash

flow has significantly decreased due to several large projects and recent emergencies. He stated he is still preparing a detailed cash flow report for the council to review. Council Member Gusewelle requested that Brownlee also prepare a report showing potential rate increases for both water and sewer services. Gusewelle also requested Brownlee to look at the current status of the Parks and Rec fund. She explained that some cities implement an additional local sales tax on purchases made within the city, that would go directly to the Parks and Rec. Gusewelle requested that Brownlee provide his findings by the February meeting.
Sheriff’s Department Report- Deputy Ferderer provided November call of services. Publics Works Maintenance Report- Reuther began by respectfully apologizing for not being prepared for snow removal on Tuesday, November 25th, stating that he had previously scheduled the day as vacation. He also personally thanked Council Member Hatzenbihler for helping with the snow removal. He reported the new boilers are not operational yet. Northern Plains damaged parts during installation and the new parts are not available to put in not until the end of this week or beginning of the next week.
Reuther pointed out the Sletten Excavating bid that was provided in November, was only for one curb stop to be repaired. He stated that the city can wait to fix curb stops due to the season. The only issue is if a water leak appears in the area of a damaged curb stop, the whole block would have to be shut off.
Discussed options the help with snow removal.
Council discussed a recent incident involving the new boilers, during which a small fire broke out. The fire was quickly extinguished by Northern Plains workers; however, the incident was not communicated to the auditor who was in the building at the time. Mayor Lee will contact Northern Plains and arrange a meeting to address the situation.
Pool Manager Report- In the pool manager’s absence, Gusewelle updated the Council that the pool will be closed for a few days in December, as well as on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. She noted that the goal is for the pool to remain open for an extended period throughout the Christmas break. Gusewelle also addressed concerns and complaints regarding the pool, requesting that any issues be directed directly to the pool manager. He emphasized the importance of providing a name and phone number so that patrons can be contacted and their concerns properly resolved.
Old Business
Council discussed the bid from Olson Carpet and Furniture in the amount of \$816 to install mop boards around the large hall in the civic center however it was noticed labor was not included. It was discussed to speak with the American Legion again to see if they are still interested in helping with the installation. No decision was made, and the matter was tabled.
Gusewelle presented two bids from Scenic Sign Corp for installing new signage on the west side of the civic center, displaying the name “Betty Hagel Memorial Civic Center.” The bids were for \$11,895 and \$12,945; the higher amount is for a different color option. She suggested that the city create fund to allow the public to donate toward the cost of the new sign. No decision was made.
Auditor Simenson informed the Council that now that the golf course is closed for the season, the remaining balance owed back to the golf board account from the \$25,000 allocated to pay volunteers is \$15,623.85. Gusewelle moved the motion to move the \$15,623.85 back to the golf course account as promised in the motion that was made

in august or September, seconded by Hatzenbihler, all voting aye, motion carried.
New Business
Auditor Simenson provided a bid from All-Pest Control for the Boxelder bug Treatment in the Civic Center in the amount of \$1500. Gusewelle moved the motion to approve the All-Pest Control just for the interior of the building, seconded by Hatzenbihler, all voting aye, motion carried.
Gusewelle moved to approve that one city council member and one city employee member attend the 40th Annual Water Expo and conference in Fargo Feb 10-12, seconded by Hatzenbihler, all voting aye, motion carried.
Auditor Simenson provided the Council with a Public Notice from the Department of Environmental Quality regarding the wastewater permit ND-UIC-11 for Project Tundra. Public comments on the permit will be accepted until December 14th.
Auditor Simenson provided the Council with the 2026 rate increases from Southwest Water Authority. The Council discussed the matter and agreed to wait for the report from CB Accounting regarding potential increases to city water rates before making any decisions.
Auditor Simenson presented the Election Joint Power agreement to the council. The city attorney did suggest for the county to clarify a clause with in the agreement that discusses the cost of more than a single page ballot for all entities.
Gusewelle moved to approve the joint power agreement, seconded by Hatzenbihler, all voting aye, motion carried.
Portfolios
Gusewelle provided an update with the golf course that they have purchased a utility vehicle.
Mayor Lee discussed there is a meeting with Fit-4-life, County and School regarding some issues happening within the civic center, Mayor Lee updated the council there is one more interview scheduled for the Golf Course Superintend position and once completed council will be able to make a decision.
Hatzenbihler updated the council that the Housing Authority did agree to drop the price to the last condo for sale in the Hazel Minor Addition. He updated the council address 201 Main St has been cleaned up to city standards.
Hatzenbihler also addressed the situation at the address 115 Interstate St that currently does not have a proper dwelling, just a garage. There is an issue of occupants living in the garage and there is no running water. The city attorney stated she has viewed all ordinance between the city, North Dakota century code and Western Plains Health Department that this is in direct violation against all codes and the city has the write to send a certified letter to the property owner that the occupants need to be evicted from the property, and if that does not happen, it is a Class B misdemeanor on the property owner.
Hatzenbihler motioned to set 14 days from the time of issuance or receiving upon that notification, seconded by Gusewelle, all voting aye, motion carried.
Discussed providing Christmas gifts for all city employees. This includes full-time employees, part-time employees, and life guards.
Discussed in regards to employee raises, will wait till employee negotiations.
Next Meeting date: 6 p.m. Monday January 5th 2026.
Mayor Lee adjourned meeting at 8:06 p.m.

John Lee, Mayor
RaShell Simenson, City Auditor

(12-11-2025)

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