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CITY OF COLEHARBOR MAINTENANCE WORKER

The City of Coleharbor is seeking a part time Maintenance Worker. We are looking for a reliable individual with a strong work ethic who is committed to keeping our city clean, safe, and well-maintained. Responsibilities include:

- Performing routine maintenance on city parks, buildings, water system, and public spaces
- Conducting groundskeeping duties such as mowing and landscape upkeep
- Maintaining gravel streets
- Responding to and addressing maintenance requests and issues in a timely manner
- Performing snow removal during winter months

Requirements:

- Previous experience operating a road grader/blade
- Previous experience in general maintenance, groundskeeping, or a related field is preferred
- Valid driver’s license
- Excellent problem-solving skills and the ability to work independently

To apply, please submit your application to City of Coleharbor, PO Box 65, Coleharbor ND 58531 or email coleharbor@westriv.com. Applications will be accepted until Dec. 31, 2025. Wage dependent on experience. Questions can be directed to Justin Pochant (701-730-3113).

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LEGALS

City of Wilton

December 17, 2025 • Unofficial Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of City Commissioners was held on December 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Meeting Room. Present Commissioners Bernell Hedstrom, Lisa Hedstrom, Mike Schmit and President LeeAnn Domonoske-Kellar.

Motion made by Schmit and seconded by L. Hedstrom to approve the meeting minutes from December 3, 2025 as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

Motion made by Schmit and seconded by B. Hedstrom to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

Pres. Domonoske-Kellar opened the floor to public comments. General discussion about snow removal policies were brought up by David Berquest, Ron Hochhalter, Mike Deichert, Jim Tooke, and Mike Tooke.

The Board discussed increasing the Improvement Fee on the water bill due to a funding shortfall that required an increase to the State Revolving Fund Loan. Commissioner Bernell Hedstrom suggested a one-cent City sales tax increase. The Board agreed to pursue placing a one-cent sales tax increase on the ballot for June 2026.

The warranty walkthrough for the Improvement Project has been scheduled for May 19, 2026.

Motion made by Schmit and seconded by B. Hedstrom to approve the first reading of the update to ordinance 8.0616 Hours and Time of Sale – Penalty. All present voted aye, motion carried.

The contract for McLean County District Court to handle the City’s Municipal Court cases has been finalized. Jamie Schurhamer resigned as Municipal Judge effective November 30, 2025

Motion made by Schmidt and seconded by L. Hedstrom to approve the Sportsmens Bar and Grill liquor license transfer to the Memorial Hall on January 24, 2026 for the Delta Waterfowl Banquet. All present voted aye, motion carried.

Gary Patton requested that the Board investigate alternative health insurance options, stating that under the current plan he could not afford to add his family. The Board agreed to investigate other health insurance plans.

Patton also stated grievances with Public Works Supervisor Dennis Dockter. Patton gave several examples and informed the board he is resigning and his last day would

be December 31, 2025.

Motion made by Schmit and seconded by B. Hedstrom to pay bills as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

With no other items for discussion Pres. Domonoske-Kellar declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

-99535 BCBS of ND 2,343.80; -89456 NDPERS 13.00; -89455 NDPERS 135.00; 22426 Douglas Hruby 150.00; 22427 Montana Dakota Utilities 754.53; 22428 Nordak North Publications 176.60; 22429 Farmers Union Oil 747.23; 22430 NABCO 56.82; 22431 ND One Call 6.00; 22432 Circle Sanitation 9,716.25; 22433 ND Dept. of Health 27.00; 22434 Bek Communications 91.57; 22435 Advances Business Methods 88.93; 22436 Guardian Lock and Safe 127.75; 22437 Power Plan 982.60; 22438 Robert Gibb & Sons 3,288.98; 22439 John Clausen 115.44; 22440 Dennis Dockter 1,748.10; 22441 Lisa Hedstrom 1,377.75; 22442 Gary Patton 1,571.31; 22443 Pattie Solberg 2,000.00; 22444 Ottertail Power 1,953.81

Pattie Solberg, City Auditor
LeeAnn Domonoske-Kellar, Pres.
(12-25-25)

WILTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BID NOTICE: 4-PLEX PORTABLE BUILDING

The Wilton Public School District is accepting sealed bids for the sale of a 4-Plex portable classroom building located on the Wilton School property.

Details:
The building is being sold as is.
The highest responsible bidder will be awarded the bid.

The buyer is responsible for all costs associated with the removal, transport, and relocation of the structure.

The portable must be fully removed from school property no later than June 30, 2026.

Bidding Instructions:
Submit sealed bids to:
Wilton Public School District
Attn: Superintendent Andrew Jordan
P.O. Box 249
Wilton, ND 58579
Bids must be received by January 20, 2026 at 4:00pm.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the District.

Inspection: The portable building may be inspected by appointment. Please contact Andrew Jordan at (701) 734-6331 to schedule a viewing or for additional information.
(11-27-25, 12-04-25, 12-11-25, 12-18-25, 12-25-25)

MCLEAN CO. FAIR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The McLean County Fair Association will hold their annual meeting, Thursday, January 8th, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. at the Underwood city hall. Board elections will be held for

four expired three-year terms and the 2026 officers. For more information, contact any of the current Fair Board members; Diane Schell, Amanda Huettl, Ashley Woolley, Mariah

Tomlinson, Arica Levey, Dallas Erickson, Derick Johnson, Jeanna Litynski, Dennis Erickson, Darcy Klain, or Chad Wimer.
(12-25-25, 01-01-25)

DIGGIN' IT

ing, think moderation. Check the soil with your finger (your built-in moisture meter!). If the top feels dry, give it a deep drink. Those decorative foil wraps can trap moisture, so poke a hole or remove them when watering to improve drainage. If your home is super dry, a little misting or a humidity tray — a tray filled with pebbles and water that is at least three inches wider than the pot, with the pot resting on the pebbles and not in the water — can perk them up.

Do those few things and your poinsettia should stay bright and cheerful well past Christmas. If you’re feeling ambitious, you can keep it going into the new year and aim for a rebloom next season. It’s a little work, but totally doable!

Once the bright red bracts fade, cut the plant back to about 6-10 inches tall (keep your cuts above the lowest growth nodes). That haircut helps it rest and get ready for new growth. Throughout spring and summer, provide bright, indirect light and water when the soil feels dry. You can even move it outside to a shady spot; treat it as you would most shade annuals, but bring it in before the nighttime temperature dips into the low 60s.

Based on experience, I’d suggest repotting your poinsettia if you plan to keep it as

a houseplant. The soil they’re grown in is mostly peat or coco coir, which makes it challenging to maintain consistent moisture over time. You can usually reuse the nursery pot it came in. Because they’re grown and sold in one season, poinsettias are very rarely root-bound. As for potting mixes, I won’t name favorites, but I will say this: Skip the one that promises “miracles.” Your plant deserves better than marketing hype. (I’ll tackle this thorny issue in an upcoming Diggin’ It, so stay tuned).

By late summer, it’s all about shaping and keeping it compact: Pinching back new growth makes it bushier. Then comes the tricky part: Poinsettias are “shortday” plants, which means they only turn color when nights are long. Starting in early September, you’ll need to provide them with about 14 hours of COMPLETE darkness each night (a closet or a box works fine) and bright light during the day. Do that consistently for 8–10 weeks, and by late November, you should see those bracts starting to turn red again.

Despite another pervasive myth, fertilizer isn’t what turns poinsettia bracts red. Feeding does help keep the plant strong, so fertilize during spring and summer growth, continue light feeding into early fall, then ease

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off once color appears in late November. In short: Fertilize while it’s growing, but remember the real secret is a forced dark/light cycle.

Once the color shows up, you can stop the dark/light treatment and enjoy it. The biggest mistakes people make are skipping the dark/light cycle, overwatering or letting the plant get too cold. If you stick with the routine, you’ll have a poinsettia that blooms again right in time for the holidays.

If your poinsettia doesn’t “rebloom,” don’t be discouraged. Remember, professional growers rely on massive climate- and light-controlled greenhouses designed for these plants. You’re working with a box or a closet and good intentions; it’s totally fine if it doesn’t work out. The worst-case scenario is that you have a healthy green houseplant. At least you tried, and I betcha learned something in the process!

Have plant questions? I’ve got answers! Email your questions or photos to digginit@nordaknorth.com, or stop by The Leader-News office with a photo or sample.

Phaidra Yunker is a Master Gardener and a certified horticulturist with over a decade of experience in the horticultural industry. She serves as Vice President of the City of Washburn Forestry Board.