

Morton County
Extension News

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The Art of Wonder, especially for the Moon and Doritos

Do you know when the last full moon was? I definitely didn’t. I have not kept up with the phases of the moon since my college Astronomy class or when I was working in the hospital. (People who work in the hospital pay attention to the phases of the moon; if you know, you know.)

My seven-year-old is currently obsessed with the phases of the moon. She is constantly ensuring I am up-to-date on the current phase of the moon. When we are driving home from activities, she always points out the moon. “Mom, look, look how beautiful the moon is.” Her younger sisters also join in on the game of finding the moon and taking a moment to appreciate how beautiful it is in the night sky.

Human beings have approximately 27 identifiable emotions. One of the amazing parts of being a human being is that we are capable of those emotions, and one of the most amazing of those emotions is “awe” or “wonder.” We feel awe when we hike to the top of a mountain and look at the view, when we meet a new baby, when we watch someone achieve something they have worked hard at, or when we watch Dancing with the Stars. We don’t live in a constant state of awe. The emotions of awe and wonder prompt us to pause and be present in the moment.

Being in awe with our kids and experiencing the wonder of life with them is an opportunity to share life with them. One of the best parts of being a parent is being pulled out of our daily stressors and being reintroduced to the amazing parts of life. I remember the first time my daughter ate a Dorito chip, she came running to me. “Mom, have you ever had these before? They are completely amazing.” I told her, yes, I had experienced the Dorito chip. She was upset I had never told her about how amazing they are. She was upset I didn’t share a “life-changing” Dorito chip with her.

Sharing awe and wonder moments goes both ways. As a parent, you can also exclaim: “Oh my goodness, have you seen the sunset tonight? Look, it is amazing.”

Awe and wonder can be shared with our children at any age. It is simply sharing with your child and encouraging them to share with you something that makes them stop and notice how beautiful, calm, or exciting it is.

Parents can share awe-inspiring moments with their children at any age.

So pay attention to the moon, and you can say to your child, “Look, I am completely amazed by how beautiful the Moon is and know what is more amazing than a full Moon, you.”

Be in awe of your kids and parents; they are worth being present with. They serve as a gentle and sometimes not-so-gentle reminder of how wonderful life can be.

Hebron Community Foundation was organized in 2012, as was Glen Ullin

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Other corporations and foundations have also partnered with NDCF over the years to help improve the quality of life for North Dakota citizens through the foundation’s grant systems and activities, including Conoco Phillips, the Bush Foundation, Otto Bremer Trust, and The Funders Network.

The State of North Dakota encourages donors to direct their philanthropic dollars toward qualified North Dakota endowment funds such as the community foundations at NDCF by offering a 40% State Tax Credit on certain gifts.

In addition to the main office in Bismarck, NDCF maintains offices in Dickinson, Larimore, and Wahpeton to best serve their communities. For more information or to inquire about establishing a community foundation for your hometown, go to www.NDCF.net or contact the North Dakota Community Foundation at 701-222-8349.

Hebron Herald

DEADLINE

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Fri. Sat. Sun. 7:30 (CT)

October 14 minutes of the City Council

Regular City Council Meeting	
Hebron Community Center	
October 14, 2025, 7:00 pm	
Members of Council present were: Council President Harvey Tibor, Council Vice President Steve Dittus, Councilmen Ray Torres, James Hong and Kyle Slinkard. Also present: Auditor Erin McCutchan, City Supervisor Chad Stern, Jane Brandt of the Hebron Herald and City Attorney Scott Solem. Not present: Mayor Grant Walth and Councilmen Michael Coots and City Engineer Jason Gerving.	
The regular city council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.	
September regular meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Dittus/ Hong MCU	
August 2025	
24721 Dawn Perrin-Ramos	\$100.00
24722 Bruce Martin	323.22
24723 Chad Stern	1,836.80
24724 Craig Engle	688.87
24725 Dawn Perrin-Ramos.....	997.62
24726 Erin McCutchan	1,402.17
24727 Jerel Erickson....	318.66
24728 Jesse Engle	1,551.76
24729 Keith Redman....	589.94
24730 Aflac.....	611.40
24731 Aflac.....	396.28
24732 AT&T	126.84
24733 Dakota Pump & Control	838.00
24734 Farmer Union Oil	925.88
24735 Hebron Herald	607.72
24736 Heritage Insurance.....	4,326.00
24737 Immense Impact LLC	737.00
24738 Maguire Iron	1,850.00
24739 Marshall Lumber.....	761.60
24740 Menards-Dickinson.....	84.02
24741 Mid America Research	2,223.10
24742 Midcontinent	126.01
24743 MDU.....	2,982.82
24744 Morton County Auditor	3,360.00
24745 ND Dept. of Health	27.00
24746 ND Rural Water..	270.00
24747 One CallConcepts	12.00
24748 Postmaster	183.00
24749 ProCollect Services	1,421.09
24750 Quill Corporation.....	69.99
24751 RS Jack & Jill	206.37
24752 Rudy’s Lock & Key	12.00
24753 Runnings Supply	182.62
24754 Sanitation Products	588.02
Total.....	\$30,737.80
Electronic	
Rev Track.....	\$283.84
IRS.....	2,772.21
DCB	10.00
NDPERS.....	7,628.08
IRS.....	2,549.62
Bank of North Dakota.....	320,390.00

Total.....	\$333,633.75
24755 Southwest Water.....	11,746.77
24756 Vestis	347.69
24757 WRT.....	367.17
24758 Zap Sales & Service	199.00
24759 City of Dickinson	3,127.20
24760 Marco.....	156.74
24761 Zuroff Repair	88.35
24762 Ferguson Water	3,600.00
24763 Hebron Park Board	6,400.90
24764 Jesse Engle	1,370.37
24765 Barry Heinle.....	704.78
24766 Bruce Martin	413.72
24767 Chad Stern.....	1,807.91
24768 Craig Engle	688.87
24769 Dawn Perrin-Ramos.....	970.21
24770 Erin McCutchan	1,402.17
24771 Keith Redman	619.05
Total	\$34,008.90
Subtotal	\$64,746.70
Total.....	\$398,380.45
September vouchers were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Torres/ Hong MCU	
Delinquent water bills were discussed and 15 door tags will be sent out.	
The police report for September was reviewed.	
There was no court report from September, however there is an upcoming court hearing.	
City Engineer Jason Gerving was not present, however had submitted a written report for council. Paving on Summit Ave is scheduled the week of the 20 th and stated that paving was expected to take 3-4 days. Gerving reported that the water meter project has been closed out and final documents will be submitted to the City Auditor. Gerving stated in the report that surveyors were able to capture survey data for the drainage ditch by the Hebron Brick Company, however he had not had a chance to review the findings and will bring the information to the November meeting.	
Supervisor Chad Stern discussed panels he had rented from Wald Fencing, in which he used to temporarily fence off portions of the landfill. Stern stated he would like to get a quote for purchasing some of these panels and will bring the information to the next meeting. Stern also presented council with a flyer for a street patching machine that the City of Elgin has out for bids. Stern stated he would like to go look at the machine before placing a bid. Stern presented a quote for ash for the streets to council from Abrasives Inc., located in Glen Ullin, in the amount of \$1,575.63 for 30 tons. He would like to do some more price checking before purchasing from Abrasives. Stern discussed the property located at 120 S Grove Street. The house currently sits unoccupied; however, the concern is the home is not secured from the elements and rodents. Attorney Solem will look at notifying	

the owner as to appropriate measures that need to take place to be in compliance with city ordinances. One other property on N Buffalo Street was discussed and will have a hearing set, as the owner has not complied with the Notice of Violation. The foundation wall has collapsed and left the basement open to the elements and to vermin.

Discussion was held concerning the purchase of a trench box when there is a water break. Supervisor Stern will look into pricing.

Auditor McCutchan discussed with council the Hebron Community Center rental agreement and would like City Attorney Solem to review the agreement and make any changes deemed appropriate.

The Planning and Zoning Board was discussed and a motion was made to appoint Gina Francis to the board. Dittus/Slinkard MCU. The Home Rule Charter committee was discussed as the city is still looking for members to sit on the board. A motion was made to approve moving forward with appointing a board to once again have the Home Rule Charter on the ballot. Torres/ Slinkard MCU.

A lease agreement for a room in the Brick City Commerce Plaza, formerly known as the Hebron Clinic, was reviewed and a motion was made to approve the lease to Jason Parsons. Dittus/Slinkard MCU. Discussion was held in regards to renters providing proof of renters insurance for all Lessee’s. Auditor McCutchan stated that the leases are written to be renewed each year and the lease must be brought to council for approval. McCutchan stated that she will get the leases together in order to bring them to the December meeting for approval to go in effect January 1st. Discussion was also held concerning a rate increase in the rent for the building to cover increasing costs of gas and electricity. More information will be gathered to determine a rate. Auditor McCutchan stated that the November city council will fall on Veteran’s Day and asked if council would like to reschedule to a different day. Council will keep the meeting on November 11th. Auditor McCutchan put in a request to have the office closed the day after Thanksgiving and a motion was made to approve the request. Hong/Torres MCU.

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. Hong/ Slinkard MCU

These minutes are being published subject to review and revision by the governing board.

Harvey Tibor
Council President
Erin McCutchan
Auditor