

Reports and upcoming city project discussed

By Jordanna Garland
Beach City Council gathered on the evening of Dec. 15 to discuss winter festivities and other items relating to the city, including upcoming city projects and various reports.

City Engineer Zac Ranisate delivered his engineer's report, in which he stated that they're planning on placing a new sidewalk on the south end of Main Street. Because his team is adding a new sidewalk, Ranisate addressed the council about their opinion on adding a retaining wall behind the sidewalk that's in front of the vet clinic on Sixth Avenue SE. The retaining wall would stop the grassy slope behind the sidewalk from being so steep. In response to Ranisate's proposition, Councilman Tom Marman stated that he doesn't think adding a retaining wall is necessary, due to the expense of it. A motion was passed to remove the sidewalk, so now instead of adding a new sidewalk on that portion of the street, the sidewalk will just end on the west side of Sixth Ave. SE.

Councilman Marman asked Project Works Superintendent Randy Dietz if he was considering flooding the ice rink, now that the weather is becoming significantly colder. Dietz said he does plan on flooding the ice rink shortly. Later on in the meeting, Dietz also discussed the need for a new garbage truck. He said that since he took the position of public works superintendent, there has been issues with the truck. Now, they're currently experiencing electrical issues with it, stating that the turn signal lights and

the brake lights are not working.

"It might be something we want to look at in the next year or two of getting rid of that truck, because it's a problem. It's been a problem since we picked it up. I don't know if it's a lemon or what, but... we're going to continue to plug away with it the way it is. I'm researching some different options."

In her auditor's report, Beach City Auditor Kim Gaugler shared the Beach City Office will be closed on the 24th for Christmas Eve, the 25th for Christmas Day and on Jan. 1 for New Year's Day. She also shared that next year is a council election year and up for re-election are Councilwoman Bev Wolff, Councilman Marman, Councilman Andy Zachmann and Mayor Walt Losinski. Candidates can begin collecting signatures on a nominating petition starting Jan. 1. Additionally, Gaugler said that the 5th Annual Small Town Christmas event that was held on Dec. 5 was a success and that many people were in attendance to watch the tree lighting ceremony at Gazebo Park.

Sheriff Dey Muckle delivered the sheriff's report for November. He said that there weren't

too many calls, but there are some bigger issues that arose for the month, like an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and a theft from a motor vehicle, which both occurred on Nov. 21. He also shared that he received some complaints about someone's chickens and roosters creating a lot of noise. Other than that, the warnings and offenses in the month of November were standard/typical patrol things.

As for committee reports, Councilman Marman reported that the zoning board met on the morning of Dec. 15 to vote on changing the meeting date of the zoning board meetings. The board voted to change the zoning board meeting days to the second Monday of every month to allow for more time to relay information from the zoning board to the city council after the zoning board meets.

For new business, there were a number of applications for the council to review. Bingo local permit applications from Center Stage Performing Arts and the Buccaneer Booster Club were reviewed and approved by the council. For Center Stage Performing Arts, each student will receive a

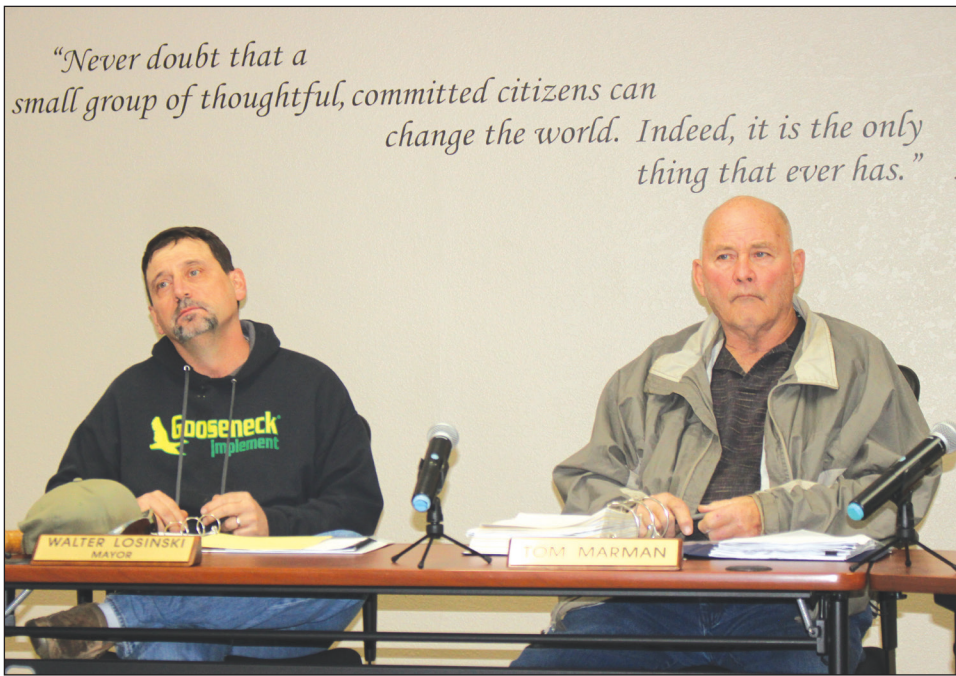


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COUNCIL PRESIDENT Andy Zachmann was in charge of the meeting due to the absence of Mayor Losinski. He and Tom Marman are pictured listening to the engineer's report.

bingo card and for the Buccaneer Booster Club, the bingo will be played at every home boys and girls basketball game. The club will also host 50/50 raffles at the games. Proceeds will go towards student scholarships, 4-H, music, theatre and other things that are beneficial for the students. Additionally, applications for retail alcoholic beverage license renewals from five different establishments and groups in Beach were submitted to the

council. Applications from Robin's Nest, the Golden Valley County Fair Association, the American Legion, 3rd Ave. Liquor and Dobré Brewhouse were approved.

Many correspondence letters from businesses were shared with the council. Home On The Range sent a letter sharing their hopefulness for the new season. ND Water Resources sent a letter to amend the newly adopted floodplains ordinance

and Maguire, a water storage company, sent a thank you to the council for entrusting them with the city's water storage needs. Dietz shared that during a previous city project, Maguire messed up while fixing a tank and they promised Dietz that they would refund the credit, but never did.

The next city council meeting will be Jan. 5.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for Golva Repair will be held Mon., January 7, 2026 in the Golva Bar meeting room.

Supper is at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting.

Justin Maus

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO SALARY ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES, RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION, ANNUAL LEAVE, SICK LEAVE, FUNERAL LEAVE AND HONOR GUARD LEAVE, SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM, APPEALS OF EMPLOYER ACTIONS, APPEALS OF DISCRIMINATION OR REPRISAL, AND SHARED LEAVE

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Office of Management and Budget, Human Resource Management Services (HRMS), in cooperation with the State Personnel Board, will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapters 4-07-02, 4-07-05, 4-07-12, 4-07-13, 4-07-14, 4-07-18, 4-07-20.1, 4-07-20.2, and 4-07-37 at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026, in the Red River Room of the North Dakota State Capitol, 600 E Boulevard Ave, Bismarck, ND 58505.

The proposed amendments are not expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Office of Management and Budget, Human Resource Management Services (HRMS), 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 113, Bismarck ND 58505, or online at <https://www.omb.nd.gov/news/public-hearing-address-proposed-amendment-nd-admin-code-article-4-07>. A copy of the proposed amendments may be requested by writing the above address, e-mailing HRMS@nd.gov, or calling (701) 328-3293. Written or oral comments on the proposed rules sent to the above address, email or telephone number and received by February 19, 2026, will be fully considered.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Office of Management and Budget at the above telephone number or email at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

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Molly Herrington
Chief People Officer, Human Resource Management Services

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New Year, New Minimum – Same Trusted Service

After three years of stable rates, the SWA Board has approved a small increase to **rural minimums**, while keeping **water rates unchanged for 2026**. The minimum will change from \$55.32 to \$56.67 starting January 1.

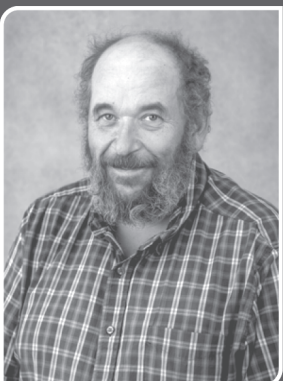
Because minimums are billed in advance, the December 31 bill will reflect the new amount.



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of John C. Schillo, Deceased.
17-2025-PR-00019
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Personal Representative has been appointed in the above-mentioned estate. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or the claims will forever be barred. Claims must either be: (1) presented to Quentin Schillo, Personal Representative of the estate, at Dwyer Law Office, PLLC, 5306 51st Ave. S. Ste. B, Fargo, ND 58104; OR (2) filed with the Court.
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