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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING MADDOCK CITY COUNCIL January 19, 2026

A special meeting of the Maddock City Council was held Jan. 19, 2026. Mayor Sarah Dove called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. at city hall. Present for roll call were council members Brad Hermanson, DeeDee Olson and Dusty Pierson. Absent was Teresa Dosch.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss compensation for the city librarian.

A motion was made by Pierson, seconded by Hermanson, to approve COLA and performance evaluation salary adjustments for the city librarian. All voting yes, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Sarah Dove
Mayor

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The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2026 spring wild turkey hunting proclamation.

The season will run from Apr. 11 through May 17. There are 8,490 licenses available in 21 open units. Bag limit is one bearded or male wild turkey.

Deadline to apply is Feb. 11. Only residents are eligible. Apply online at gf.nd.gov. Licenses issued by weighted lottery.

A complete 2026 spring wild turkey proclamation is available from the NDGF Department, 100 N Bismarck Expy, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: 701-328-6300, or online at gf.nd.gov.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OBERON CITY COUNCIL December 8, 2025

A regular meeting of the Oberon City Council was called to order at 6:33 p.m. on Dec. 8, 2025. City council members present: Mayor Faron Stensland, Ellis LaPorte and Kim Krebsbach, Shawn Trottier on phone; and City Auditor Tina Ploum.

Agenda -- Krebsbach made a motion to approve the agenda; LaPorte seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

November Meeting Minutes --

Krebsbach made a motion to approve meeting minutes; LaPorte seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

New Business -- Elvis Thum Jr. with Karen's Place liquor license.

Krebsbach made a motion to approve the liquor license; Trottier seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

Metal detector purchase for water shutoff valves to be found. Trottier made a motion to purchase a new metal detector; Krebsbach seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

Old Business -- Getting a quote from Gleason Construction for a new roof on community center.

Auditor Report-- Bills and payroll.

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Total \$8,586.40

LaPorte made a motion to approve bills and payroll; Krebsbach seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

Next meeting is Monday, Jan. 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Tina Ploum
City Auditor

Faron Stensland
Mayor

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Notes and Cards of . . .

Thanks!

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FALEIDE - Thank you to everyone who joined me for my 80th birthday celebration. It was a wonderful afternoon. I'm very grateful for the cards, gifts, and most of all, your presence.

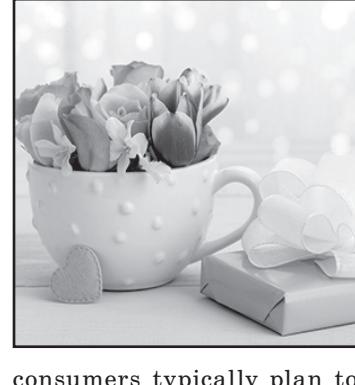
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Thoughtful Valentine's gifts

Valentine's Day brightens up the bleakness of the shortest and most wintry month of the year for the northern part of the globe. Businesses and homes are awash in pink and red each February, with heart-shaped decorations and boxes filling up store aisles. Sending heartfelt sentiments is a large part of celebrating Valentine's Day, and most people cherish the day for the opportunity to bestow gifts on the ones they love.

The National Retail Federation says more than half of all



consumers typically plan to celebrate Valentine's Day. In 2025, \$27.5 billion was spent on the holiday, with consumers continuing to prioritize gifting those closest to them. The NRF reports the top gift categories for Valentine's Day are candy, flowers, greeting cards, an evening out, and jewelry. Here's how to make these gifts more thoughtful and endearing.

Candy

Gift givers can select candy that is preferable to their loved one instead of choosing the first box of chocolate they find at the store. Perhaps the person you love likes confections from a boutique candy shop a few towns over or has a hankering for candy from overseas? Mexico, for example, is known for its Dulce de Leche, while Halva is a dense, sweet treat from the Middle East. Choosing a special candy really sets the gift apart.

Flowers

Flowers are special gifts. Too often, people feel pressured to buy roses on Valentine's Day, even if this might not be a special someone's preferred flower. Choose, instead, a flower that has particular meaning to the person or one that is known to be a favorite. Aster and Baby's Breath are two blooms known for being symbols of love, according to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*.

Greeting cards

A handmade card may express warmer sentiments than one picked up at the store, particularly since the former can be customized to the recipient. Include personalized sentiments, inside jokes or memories of time spent together. Craft and hobby stores offer plenty of supplies for paper crafting, so it's possible to create a lovely greeting card with minimal effort.

A night out

A night out can be tailored to the interests of the couple celebrating. Book a dinner at a restaurant that was the scene of your first date; otherwise, stay in and watch a movie you each love.

Jewelry

Jewelry is a very personal gift. While it may seem like a great idea to surprise a special someone with a bracelet or earrings, if the style is off or the color wrong, the piece may not be worn. Rather, the surprise can be a trip to the jewelry store together to pick out something recipients wear all the time.

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