Turtle Lake City November Mintues

Turtle Lake, North Dakota

City Commission Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

Date: 11-09-2026

Call to Order: Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Auditor: Michelle Pickett

Commissioners: Rick Schwalk, Matt Lang, Angelique Terranova Nakken, Tim Britton (absent Chad Weige)

Also present: Alexis Nienow

Public Attendance: 6

Review of prior meeting minutes:

Regular city commission meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of October 12th 2026-

Made by: Schwalk

Seconded: Lang

Roll Call: Unanimous

Outcome: Motion approved

Review of the Financial Report and Bills-

Motion to approve the financial and Bills as is-

Made by: Schwalk

Seconded: Terranova Nakken

Roll Call: Unanimous

Outcome: Motion approved

Public Comment Period: A resident voiced concern for the amount needed to pay for their special assessment, expressing distress and asking for relief.

Commissioner Angelique Terranova Nakken advised the resident call the County Tax Assessor.

A Resident voiced interest in reviewing the Surveys completed for First Ave, from Putnam to Roosevelt. The City Auditor will request more information from Moore Engineering.

Moore Engineering- Engineers Report

Street Project- Punchlist items are nearing complete.

The remaining work will be paused for the year.

The chip seal will be taking place in 2027

The wash boarding and pavement will be corrected at the beginning of the next paving season it will be milled and repaved.

Sanitary sewer project-

Report on a homeowner on Putnam Street experiencing 2 sanitary sewer backups of their service line.

Public works Jetted the main line.

Homeowner hired a plumber to televise the service line and believes there is a 1" to 2" lip at the bottom of the service line. HK solutions has been notified and will arrive on site at the end of the week to investigate the service line. If the line left a lip on the bottom of the service they will cut out the lip with their robot from the inside of the main.

New Business-

Ottertail Franchise-

A representative of Ottertail Power Company presented the 20-year franchise agreement renewal. This agreement matches the previous agreement with some minor wording updates.

Motion to approve Ottertail Power Company new 20 year agreement Ordinance 2026-5

Made by: Schwalk

Second: Lang

Roll Call: Unanimous

Outcome: Motion Passed

Subsurface Maps

The Commission reviewed a handheld GPS Mapping system to locate underground water mains, gate valves, and curb stops. The cost is $3,500.00 for the hardware. The commissioners decided to table until the next meeting due to looking into the warranty and feed back from other users.

Social media-

In response to complaints on the response time on the comment section of the City of Turtle Lake Facebook page, the comment section will be turned off on any upcoming posts. The City's official means of communication remains the Newspaper, and the official website www.turtlelakend.org

Snow Storage/ Cleanup-

Troy Kittler approved the city's continued use of his lot for Snow Storage. The City will clean the lot in the spring after use.

RV park winter storage-

Workers contracted by the county requested to store their campers at the park until spring.

The commission agreed on a $20.00 per month camper storage fee.

Motion to approve the $20.00 fee per month per camper through the winter:

Made by: Lang

Second: Terranova Nakken

Roll Call: Unanimous

Outcome: Motion Passed

Old Business-

Millings-

Commissioner Terranova Nakken made an inquiry to Auditor Michelle Picket about loading millings early in the morning of 10-22-26. City Auditor, Michelle Picket, informed her and the Commission that millings purchased by city employees have been invoiced and paid. Copies are available for review. Scott Pickett has volunteered his time to assist in the training of City workers on loading trucks and is covered on the City Insurance.

Lagoon Maintenance

Going well with 2 more weeks of the summer blend.

Fall Clean up-

The two dumpsters for fall clean up were filled and have been removed. City clean up went well.

Beat zone and call service report

Adjournment:

Made by: Terranova Nakken

Seconded by: Lang

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous

Outcome: Motion Passed

Next Regular Meeting Date: December 14th, 2026

Financials by: Michelle Pickett

Vendor Name Check Amount

WEST RIVER TELEPHONE 266.61; BUSINESS CARD - Credit Card 457.81; AMAZON - Printer Ink / Supplies 187.64; BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ND 1726.68; AMAZON - Shop Computer 396.88; OTTER TAIL POWER CO 947.43; VERIZON BUSINESS 91.17; MCLEAN ELECTRIC 311.11; MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES 71.93; AMAZON - Flag replacements 100.92; AMAZON - Cleaning Supplies 241.42; USA Payment 2105.15; TRUCOMMUNITY BANK 10.00; Starion Bond Services 64561.59; NorDak North Publications 595.46; DOUBLE M SANITATION 7885.00; ; ND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 27.00; CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER COOPERATIVE 434.12; MCLEAN SHERIDAN RURAL WATER 9991.53; RUSTS HARDWARE HANK 60.31; RDO EQUIPMENT CO 2232.85; MCLEAN COUNTY

3292.17; Keller Paving and Landscaping 1646606.00; Archer Plumbing 40.99; DEB KRAFT 960.44; Swanberg Construction 172876.80; TL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION 14390.06; Turtle Lake Park District 1987.05; OTTER TAIL POWER CO 40.97; ND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 183.55; Ohnstad Twichell Attorneys 150.84; TURTLE LAKE REXALL DRUG 7.99; ONE CALL CONCEPTS 39.30; Chad Wiege 597.27; Ted Eminhizer 465.44; Joe Herslip 230.87; Alexis Nienow 340.77; Debra Nienow 83.11; Ian Olsen 1484.66; Michelle Pickett 1771.00; Ted Eminhizer 897.65; Joe Herslip 184.70; Alexis Nienow 265.96; Debra Nienow 92.35; Ian Olsen 1598.57; Michelle Pickett 1771.00; Ted Eminhizer 241.04; Joe Herslip 184.70; Alexis Nienow 282.59; Debra Nienow 83.11; Ian Olsen 1559.93; Michelle Pickett 1771.00

(Nov. 19, 2026)