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VELVA REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 20, 2026 AT 6PM VELVA CITY HALL

The regular meeting of the Velva City Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commission President Mike Schreiner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. R/c: Mike Schreiner – Commission President, Street/Finance, Dave Keller – Vice President, Police Commissioner (including Cemetery oversight), Mary Liz Davis – Police/ Finance Commissioner, Gene Jenson – Streets/Improvements Commissioner (including Cemetery oversight), Jenny Johns – City Auditor, Emma Lavachek – Ackerman-Estvold Engineering, Heather Tudor – Velva Area Voice, David Florey – McHenry County Sheriff's Department.

*Ron Aberle and Cassidy Hjelmstead were in attendance to present the renewal of the SRT franchise agreement. Keller/Jenson made a motion to approve the first reading as presented. R/c: All – aye; m/c. Motion: Keller/Jenson, to approve the minutes from the March 16th regular meeting, and March 19th, April 7th, April 8th special meetings. R/c: All ayes. M/c.

Motion: Davis moved, seconded by Jenson, to approve the bills paid since last meeting and bills to be paid in the amount of \$23,776.62, and payroll in the amount of \$35,097.86. R/c: All ayes. M/c. (Ackerman 205, Acme 687.05, Auto Value 149.68, BAG 190.40, Circle 7275, Domain Listings 288, Enerbase 426.72, 1st District 60, Hawkins 230, KJemtrud 249.50, McGee 1004.50, Mouse River 459.47, ND Sew/Pump 1075, NSCCU 872.34, Ottertail 4807.14, PJemtrud 450, SBPC 450, SRT 563.76, Swanston 800.12, Verizon 250).

President Schreiner gave an update on the 1st District Health meeting he attended in Towner, discussing health needs of smaller communities. Topics included: elderly transportation, medical care, ambulance importance and he was told that the Velva Clinic is going down to 2.5 days/week, starting soon.

*Johns asked if the commission wants to pay the dues to the SBPC in the amount of \$450 for the year. Discussion. Jenson/Keller made a motion to approve the dues as Velva business owners have received funds this past year. R/c: All – aye; m/c.

The Lion's Club has requested assistance with this year's 4th of July festivities. Discussion on porta-potties and city beautification money. Jenson/Keller made a motion to approve renting 5-porta-potties for the 4th of July parade and park activities; and to send the remaining money in the city beautification fund to the Lions Club, after giving back some donation money as requested. R/c: All – aye; m/c.

Davis asked when crack sealing will commence. Johns stated we are down two employees right now, and the weather has not cooperated. The PW is currently sweeping streets and we will start as soon as the new hires have started. Keller asked Lavachek about the lead service line inventory, inquiring if water purifiers could be an option. Lavachek stated that the federal government is being quite stringent on their requirements for this project. Keller asked if rural wells will be governed. Lavachek was unsure at this time.

Keller asked about addressing Truax Avenue West if the grocery store was moving out there so the retired community to take that route instead of getting on the highway. Keller was told

that the new plan has changed for the old Lariat building. The grocery store will stay where it is.

Zietz was not in attendance. Jenson had no business to discuss.

Engineer Lavachek gave an update on the lead service line inventory project, stating the SRF funding should be allocated next month, but the city will now have a year to decide how to proceed. During that time, Johns stated that we will continue to identify as many service lines as we can. Lavachek also stated that the next phase of the flood control project will be starting soon, and Ackerman/ Estvold will be involved with this and will keep us updated every step of the way.

Johns presented Ordinance change 2026-02 – billing procedure (2nd reading). Sec. 28-30. Billing procedure. Keller/Jenson made a motion to approve the 2nd reading as presented. R/c: All – aye; m/c. Schreiner presented a draft ordinance in the packet, copied from the City of Rugby, regarding "front yard parking declared a nuisance." The commission asked to table the draft for further review and feedback.

Johns gave an update on the dangerous building being declared on the elevator located on the west side of the underpass. The issue is now being reviewed by the attorney.

Johns gave an update on the Erman property on the corner of Main/3rd Avenue West, stating the roll off from Circle Sanitation has been there for 10-days and very little progress has been made.

City wide cleanup week will be June 9-16th this year. Roll-offs will be delivered to the appliance dumpster area. We have an allowance of four dumpsters with our contract, however, last year we purchased a couple more as needed.

The NDDOT has asked for feedback from the City Commission with a couple of different options of the highway 52, 4-lane project. Davis/Jenson made a motion to approve the NDDOT's proposed plan as presented, expanding US 52 to two 12-foot driving lanes in each direction, separated by a 12-foot paved median functioning as a two-way left-turn lane; this segment would be designed as an urban section with curb and gutter and associated stormwater drainage improvements. R/c: All – aye; m/c.

Johns asked if the city would grant a special use allowance to Cody Mueller, who lives at 102 Truax Avenue East; he would like to attach a 40x40 garage to his existing garage with 14' sidewalks. Johns explained the process of a special use and stated the public hearing date would be May 5th at 2pm. Jenson/Davis made a motion to approve the special use allowance as presented and schedule the public hearing for May 5th at 2pm. R/c: All – aye; m/c.

Johns presented a quote from Circle Control Systems to do more necessary upgrades to the water plant control panels. Johns explained that the money being collected from the utility bill under water plant/capital improvements can be used, as well as money from the water fund or sales tax infrastructure. The quote totals \$77,202.00. Jenson/Keller made a motion to approve the Circle Control Systems quote as presented. R/c: All – aye; m/c.

Johns explained that one of the PW employees that was hired last week, called this morning to decline the position. Jemtrud and Walter went back through the applicants and asked their number three choice to come for an impromptu interview. After questioning,

Walter and Jemtrud recommended approval of hiring Tanner Baumgardner at \$23/hour, on a 60-day probationary period. Davis/Jenson made a motion to approve the hiring as recommended. R/c: All – aye; m/c.

There being no further business, President Schreiner adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The next regular City Commission Meeting will be held on Monday, May 18th, at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda requests must be submitted by Thursday at noon prior to the meeting. Minutes are subject to amendment and approval.
4/30/2026

NORTH PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

North Prairie Township would like to inform all landowners, farmers, and residents that we have been informed

by NDIRF that the road right of way (33.5 feet on each side of the road) must be kept clear of all obstructions. This includes crops, hay bales, machinery, trees, ect.

Board of Supervisors
North Prairie Township
4/30-5/21/2026

Applications for absentee/mail ballots were mailed from the office of the County Auditor on April 20, 2026. Persons not receiving an application may obtain one from the offices of the County Auditor or at the following website: vote.nd.gov.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2026.

Darlene Carpenter
McHenry County Auditor



ABSENTEE/MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION SECRETARY OF STATE SFN 51468 (10-2023)

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Precinct Part

For reference, see North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 16.1-07.

Application must be for at least one of the following elections: (check all that apply)
 June (Primary) election City or city special election State or county special election
 November (General) election School or school special election

Applicant Information: (ALL FIELDS REQUIRED)

Voter's name	Date of birth	Daytime telephone number
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North Dakota ID type used: (check one)
 Driver's license Non-driver's ID Long-term care certificate (include with application) Tribal ID
 Passport (only for voters living outside the United States) or military ID** Applicant without ID*

ID number (required only if driver's license, non-driver's ID, tribal ID, passport, or military ID is selected above)

Residential address	City	State	ZIP code
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Ballot delivery address (if different from residential address)	City	State	ZIP code
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I do solemnly affirm that I have resided or will reside in the precinct where my residential voting address is located for at least 30 days next preceding the election and will be a qualified elector of the precinct.

Signature (required)	Date
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Applicant Unable to Sign:

If the applicant is unable to sign the applicant's name, the applicant shall mark or use the applicant's signature stamp on the application in the presence of a disinterested individual. The disinterested individual shall print the name of the individual marking the "X" or using the signature stamp below the "X" or signature and shall sign the disinterested individual's own name following the printed name together with the notation, "witness to the mark."

<input type="checkbox"/>	Printed name of person making mark or voter's signature stamp
Voter's Mark	Signature of "witness to the mark"

*Applicant Without ID:

If the applicant does not possess or cannot secure an approved form of identification due to a disability with which the individual lives and which prevents the individual from traveling to obtain, another qualified elector of the state may attest that the applicant is a qualified elector of that precinct by signing below and providing his or her approved North Dakota identification number. **NOTE:** A qualified elector may not attest the qualifications of more than four applications in an election.

Printed name of attester	Driver's / non-driver's / tribal ID number	
Signature of attester	Date	Daytime telephone number

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 Citizen living outside of the United States
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 If one of the check boxes above applies to you, please indicate your preferred ballot delivery method:
 Mail Email (provide email address): _____ Fax (provide fax number): _____

Mail or submit to the auditor of your county of residence or appropriate election officer
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