

## City of New England proceedings

### Regular City Council Meeting 2-2-26

Mayor Kovar called the meeting to order at 7pm

Present: Rex Fitch, Tom Gorek, Chris Fitterer, Mike Grote & Rebecca Ferderer

Excused: Breann Krebs

Motion by Rex seconded by Mike to approve the January 2026 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The county policing report was presented by Sheriff Warner. There were 29 calls for service which included 2 domestics, 2 juveniles. The county police randomly do walk throughs at the school.

The All School Reunion is coming up and the council discussed blocking off the streets. The committee can submit which streets they want blocked off and that will be allowed. Discussed open container and where it applied to. People may be walking around from event to event with an open container. It is up to the city to allow where they would be comfortable with people having an open container. The council discussed that anywhere the area is blocked off, and where there is an event should be allowed. The council will make a more formal decision when they receive the area that is going to be blocked off. It is the responsibility of the All School Reunion to provide security. The insurance agency will have blanket coverage of the entire event.

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Kovar talked to Chris Marsh who did our crack sealing last year, and the question was asked if we should do it again. The council agreed we should do the crack sealing again. We usually spend around \$10,000. Mayor Kovar will contact Chris Marsh to get the crack sealing done.

The All-School Reunion Committee is wondering about parking campers and where that would be allowed. Can people use the lots by the swimming pool that the city owns? The council agreed to let people use those lots to park campers.

### Water & Sewer

Nothing to report

### Street & Lights

Nothing to report

### Buildings & Grounds

Some framework needs to be done at the Memorial Hall. Discussed touching up the yellow and blue curb painting before the All School Reunion.

### Equipment

Nothing to report

### Ordinance

Nothing to report

### City & State Government

Rebecca stated that if the 2nd round for the Rural Catalyst Grant comes, the grocery store can apply and the Golf Course Association can apply for the ND Tourism Grant.

### Zoning Commission

There were 2 applications, first was a remodel and construction on a project that was already finished. The second is for a remodel.

Bobbi Strait our building inspector was present. Chris brought up inspections and inspection fees. There is confusion on what role the building inspector has for the City of New England. Butch Frank from the Zoning Commission stated we need some clarification, and the Zoning Commission will discuss this at their next meeting to get some specific rules set up. We have only turned building permits into our building inspector for major projects. We have not been turning over building permits for small projects such as fences or sheds. One of the difficulties is people starting a project without even turning in a building permit. Bobbi Strait was invited to the next Zoning Commission meeting and everyone can get on the same page.

### Auditor's Report

Motion by Rex, seconded by Tom to approve the following bills for payment. Motion carried.

2/1/2026 #16419 Southwest Water Authority Monthly Water ..... 8,041.14  
2/1/2026 #16420 Workforce Safety & Insurance Workmen's Compensation ..... 330.64

2/12/2026 16428 NE Library Telephone ..... 52.70  
2/12/2026 #16429 Share Corp

### Dynasty Chemical

..... 712.97  
2/12/2026 #16430 Consolidated Ambulance Phone

..... 48.10  
2/12/2026 #16431 Consolidated City Hall Phone. 489.23

2/12/2026 #16432 Tri County LLC Cartridges, furnace filter, bolts ..... 75.12

2/12/2026 #16433 D & E Supply Co. Cleaning Supplies - Memorial Hal ..... 450.32

2/12/2026 #16434 Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance ..... 1,609.71

2/12/2026 #16435 Southwestern Dist. Health Unit Water Samples ..... 30.00

2/12/2026 #16436 City of Dickinson Landfill Charges ..... 2,235.00

2/12/2026 #16437 Virtuoso Leidholm Consulting LLC Website ..... 250.00

### Old Business

None

### New Business

Motion by Rex, seconded by Chris to approve Bravera Bank as the depository of public funds for the City of New England. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris, seconded by Rex to approve a gambling permit for Cannonball Sportsmen.

Election information was presented by the City Auditor. Key dates for the upcoming election.

January 1<sup>st</sup> – Candidates can begin circulating petitions.

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Designate polling places

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Filing deadline 4 pm MST

June 9<sup>th</sup> – Election day

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in June – New elected city commission and council members take office.

The following people are up for re-election.

Mayor – Lyle Kovar  
City Council Member – Tom Gorek  
City Council Member – Breann Krebs  
City Council Member – Chris Fitterer

### Public Comments

None

### Council Comments

None

Motion by Breann to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Auditor

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## City of Mott proceedings

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOTT CITY COUNCIL February 9, 2026 Preliminary

The Council met for their monthly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026. Present were Mayor Mosbrucker, Council members Steiner, Treichel, J. Messmer, K. Messmer and Johnson. Wangsvick joined via Zoom. Superintendent Brian Steinke, Luann Dart, and Sheriff Warner were also present. All motions are carried, unless otherwise stated.

K. Messmer moved and J. Messmer seconded the approval of the January 2026 City Council Minutes.

Johnson moved and Steiner seconded the police report for January. There were 30 calls for service, zero 9-1-1 calls and investigations included: two domestic disputes, harassing phone/call/letter/electronic communication, juvenile and an unattended death. The City asked if the Sheriff could have deputies monitor Jake Braking in the mornings on Hwy 8 as the noise and speeds are excessive.

The Mayor asked if anyone had anything they wanted to discuss other than what is on the agenda. No one present had any questions or comments.

The Council reviewed the Moore Engineering Report as presented. Wangsvick moved and K. Messmer seconded the approval for the pay application for Dakota Supply Group on the Water Meter Project.

The City discussed an error on the Special Assessments for David Manolovits. His specials were calculated based on his total property by mistake. They should have been calculated on the 2256 sq. ft. within City Limits only. Johnson moved and J. Messmer seconded correcting David Manolovits' special assessment to \$608.99. Additionally the lot purchased jointly by Kent & Tammy Treichel with Roger Brackel had all the Special Assessment for that lot put on Kent & Tammy Treichel, rather than shared equally with Roger Brackel. K. Messmer moved and Steiner seconded \$1453.72 be moved from Treichel to Brackel.

J. Messmer moved and Steiner seconded the second reading of required FEMA up-

dates to the Flood Plan Management Ordinance. The ordinance is 10 pages long and there were no changes to fees or fines. All changes detailed new guidelines for building in approved flood plain regions.

Superintendent Steinke reported that all is going well. With the new round of WSI Economic Grants he suggested the City should try to obtain a water main/fire hydrant exerciser. Our water mains and fire hydrant valves should be exercised yearly. This would make the job easier especially and the Superintendent is alone in the City Shop.

The City did advertise for part-time help. The Council reviewed the applications and will be having interviews on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

J. Messmer moved and Treichel seconded the payment of the bills as presented:

The amount of \$18,000.94 in salaries and deductions were paid as authorized; #41974 M&O Sanitation \$4640.00; #41975 Visa \$692.79; #41978 BM Web Design \$2640.00; #41979 Bobcat of Mandan \$1029.48; #41980 Consolidated Telecom \$251.36; #41981 Dakota Dust-Tex \$94.20; #41982 Dakota Pump & Control \$7719.77; #41983 Dakota Supply Group \$19,794.15; #41984 Eido Printing \$128.00; #41985 Fitterer Sales \$238.50; #41986 GS Publishing \$187.44; #41987 Hettinger County \$105,855.57; #41988 JK Excavating \$4700.00; #41989 Kerry Mosbrucker \$160.00; #41990 M&O Sanitation \$3229.20; #41991 MDU \$5877.98; #41992 Mid America Research Co \$549.14; #41993 Moore Engineering \$122,155.43; #41994 Mott Attorneys \$2172.50; #41995 Mott Equity Exchange \$393.39; #41996 ND One Call \$6.30; #41997 SW Water Authority \$7,319.49; #41998 SW Dist Health \$30.00.

K. Messmer moved to adjourn the meeting and J. Messmer seconded.

ATTEST:

Pamela Steinke

Auditor

Troy Mosbrucker

Mayor

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOTT ZONING BOARD February 9, 2026 Preliminary

The Board met for their

monthly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026. Present were Board members Steiner, Treichel, J. Messmer, K. Messmer and Johnson. Wangsvick joined via Zoom. Troy Mosbrucker, Brian Steinke, and Luann Dart were also present. All motions are carried, unless otherwise stated.

K. Messmer called the meeting to order.

Johnson moved and Treichel seconded the approval of the January 2026 minutes.

There were no building permit applications.

J. Messmer moved and Treichel seconded adjourning the meeting.

ATTEST:

Pamela Steinke

Auditor

Mick Wangsvick

President

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## PUBLIC

### Notice

#### NOTICE OF SOUTHWEST MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY'S PROPOSED MERGER WITH FAMILY HOME MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Insurance and Securities Department will hold a public hearing to address Southwest Mutual Insurance Company's proposed merger with Family Home Mutual Insurance Company at 9:30 am central time, on February 24th, 2026 in the Sakakawea room of the State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Insurance and Securities Department at the 701-328-2440 at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

DATED this 4th day of February, 2026.  
/s/ Jamie L. Struthers  
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## HELP WANTED

### Job Title: Seasonal Mott Operations

#### Roles and Responsibilities

- Support agronomy operations, including fertilizer, seed and chemical handling.
- Operate equipment such as conveyors, augers, forklifts, skid steers, etc.
- Perform general facility maintenance and housekeeping to maintain a safe and efficient work environment.
- Accurately complete required paperwork, scale tickets, etc.
- Work closely with agronomy sales, operations and precision teams to ensure timely service.
- Safely transport and deliver agronomy and precision products.
- Additional duties may be assigned by management.

#### Qualifications and Education Requirements

- Ability to lift 75 lbs.
- High school diploma.
- Must be able to follow directions and effectively communicate with others.
- Willingness to work extended hours during harvest season.
- Must pass pre-employment drug test.

#### Wages and Applications

- Wages on dependent upon experience.
- Employment applications are available at <http://plainsgrain.com/about-us/career-opportunities/>

Email application to [jschimming@plainsgrains.com](mailto:jschimming@plainsgrains.com)

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