

City of New England proceedings

Regular City Council Meeting April 6, 2026

Mayor Kovar called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Present: Breann Krebs, Tom Gorek, Mike Grote, Rex Fitch, Chris Fitterer and Rebecca Ferderer.

Excused: None. Motion by Breann, seconded by Mike, to approve the March 2026 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The county policing report was presented by Sheriff Warner. In March, there were 46 calls for service in New England, which included a juvenile, reckless driving and credit card/automatic teller fraud. Motion by Breann, seconded by Rex to approve the county policing report. Motion carried.

Mayor's report Water and Sewer

The water fill is open year-round. The correctional center is going to be replacing water lines. They need a new meter, which will cost roughly \$3,100 to \$3,600 with a 20-year warranty. It is in the best interest of the city to cover the cost of the new meter as they are the city's biggest water user and we need to make sure we are capturing all water used. The council agreed the city will pay for a new meter.

Street and Lights

Nothing to report

Buildings and Grounds

The sign in the Lions Park needs to be updated. We need all new letters as most of the older letters are in bad shape.

Clarence will look into this and come up with a solution.

Equipment

We did get the grapple fork for the loader. We need to get that welded and then we can use it for cleanup and other projects.

Ordinance

This is Tom's last meeting and Tom's claim to fame with the city council is his updating of all of our ordinances. The council wanted to thank Tom for all of his dedication and his volunteer of time to get our ordinances up to date.

City and State Government Affairs

Nothing to report Zoning Commission Two permits were approved. One for Kelly Anaya for a fence and Kaine Hanson for a garage.

Auditor's Report

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

4/1/2026-16488 Keane Hanson Plumbing, Fix toilet at Memorial Hall, \$100

4/1/2026-16489 Vestis, Rug cleaning, \$112.07

4/1/2026-16491 Dakota Pump & Control, Sewer lift maintenance annual contract, \$660

4/1/2026-16492 Blue Cross Blue Shield, Health insurance, \$1,802.56

4/1/2026-16493 All Star Rental LLC, Insurance all-school reunion, \$276.50

4/1/2026-16494 Southwest Water Authority, Monthly water, \$7,596.54

4/1/2026-16495 Core & Main LP, Five water meters, \$950

4/1/2026-16496 MDU, Utilities, \$4,176.62

4/6/2026-16507 One Call Concepts, Call tickets, \$12

4/6/2026-16508 Virtuoso Leidholm Consulting, Website maintenance, \$250

4/14/2026-16510 Runnings, Supplies, \$29.98

4/14/2026-16511 The Hub Convenience Stores, Fuel, \$1,315.55

4/14/2026-16512 GS Publishing, Minutes \$164.01

4/14/2026-16513 Consolidated, Ambulance phone, \$48.05

4/14/2026-16514 Consolidated, City hall phone, \$491.47

4/14/2026-16515 Menard's, Shop supplies, \$194.98

4/14/2026-16516 Southwestern Dist. Health Unit, Water samples, \$30

4/14/2026-16517 Fitterer Oil, Repair tire garbage truck, \$66

4/14/2026-16518 NE Library, April taxes, \$520.37

4/14/2026-16519 NE Cemetery, April taxes, \$79.56

4/14/2026-16520 Special Assessment Deficiency, City share, \$1,429.13

4/14/2026-16521 Special Assessment Deficiency Specials, water 4-35, \$4,909.71

4/14/2026-16522 Special Assessment Deficiency Specials, street 3-35, \$19,218.49

4/14/2026-16523 NE Rural Fire Protection Dist., Yearly taxes, \$6,800

4/14/2026-16524 NE Ambulance, Yearly taxes, \$550

4/19/2026-16525 NE Park

Board, Revenue sharing first quarter 2026, \$4,254.89

4/26/2026-16530 Vestis, Rug cleaning, \$112.07

4/26/2026-16531 Runnings, Heat gun, \$191.99

4/26/2026-16532 Share Corp., Copper sulfate, \$839.89

4/26/2026-16533 VISA 8078, ERIS GIS annual subscription, \$700

4/26/2026-16534 NE Community Grocery Store, Cleaning supplies, \$138.49

4/26/2026-16535 NE Library, Reimburse library phone two months, \$105.25

4/26/2026-16536 Kubik, Bogner, Ridl & Selinger, Legal Services attend meetings, \$2,975

Old Business

The city council discussed sending a blanket letter to all residents pertaining to property cleanup before our all-school reunion. The city will help those who cannot haul things to the landfill, and if they need help in general cleaning up their property. There will be a cleanup period as well and there will be code enforcement at the end of the cleanup period for any properties in bad condition. The council wants people to know the city is willing to help assist in cleaning up properties. Our city attorney will send us a form letter and Chris, Lyle and Jason will review this and make changes as deemed necessary. There will be expanded landfill hours to assist in cleanup.

Motion by Breann, seconded by Rex to approve a citywide cleanup for the dates May 4-18.

Motion carried.

Motion by Chris, seconded by Mike to approve sending a letter to all property owners in New England regarding the cleanup in New England. Motion carried.

Code enforcement officer was discussed and Chris would like Bob Downing to be our code enforcer. Bob is not that excited about having this title. If any city employee sees a violation, they can report it to the city auditor and we will start the process of correcting the ordinance.

New Business

Brian Herold representing the city Sales Tax committee was at the meeting to present three city sales tax applications. One was for the New England Community Grocery Store for \$10,000 amended to \$25,000, another for the all-school reunion for \$10,000 amended to \$25,000 and one for the after-prom party for \$3,000. The city has given the grocery store money in the past and has given the all-school reunion \$10,000.

The sales tax application was tabled and the council asked for representatives from the grocery store to come to the next meeting to discuss what the needs of the grocery store really are, and how to best help them.

Motion by Chris, seconded by Breann to approve the city sales tax application for the after-prom party for \$3,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris, seconded by Mike to approve the sales tax application for the all-school reunion for \$5,000. Motion carried.

Brian Herold discussed the sign project for new signs at the entrances of New England. Brian will get a contract signed with the landowners to have permission to put a sign on their property. Brian will look for grants as well. The biggest cost will be the electrical on the north side of New England.

Katie Dubisar was present to discuss the city whistle and would like to come up with a proposal to the whistle as it is so loud especially where she lives, and the fact it goes off five times a day seems excessive. The whistle is causing Katie anxiety. Mayor Kovar stated half the people in town want the whistle and half do not. It is a staple of New England. Katie considers it a noise violation. The council suggested Katie get signatures on a petition and bring that back to a future council meeting for consideration of her petition regarding the whistle.

Motion by Rex, seconded by Chris to approve a gambling permit from New England Public School. Motion carried.

Motion by Rebecka, seconded by Breann to approve the special liquor permit for McKenzie Mercantile. Motion carried.

Public comments: None

Council comments: None

Motion by Breann, seconded by Mike to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mayor City auditor

INSURANCE ABSTRACTS Insurance companies doing business in North Dakota are required by law to publish the annual Abstract of Statement indicating the company's assets, liabilities and the amount of business conducted in the state.

60183	
ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the	
S.USA Life Insurance Company In the state of Arizona	
Total Assets	10560889641
Total Liabilities	9413218164
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	0
Preferred Capital Stock	3511000
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	
Contributed Surplus	1217903731
Unassigned Funds	-73745955
Total Capital and	1147668776
Surplus	
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	10560886940
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025	
Total Life and Annuity Premiums	46580
Written Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses	57797
Paid	
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Written	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	0
Paid	
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE	
I, Jon Godfread, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Abstract of Statement, as officially filed by the Company in this office.	
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, the first day of March, A.D. 2026 (SEAL).	
JON GODFREAD Commissioner of Insurance	
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY	
WHEREAS, the above corporation duly organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2025 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and	
WHEREAS, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of insurance law aforesaid,	
NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2027.	
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JON GODFREAD Commissioner of Insurance	
Published 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 2026	

91626	
ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the	
New England Life Insurance Company In the state of Massachusetts	
Total Assets	8240187354
Total Liabilities	7987642314
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	2500000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	
Contributed Surplus	2000000
Unassigned Funds	248045040
Total Capital and	252945040
Surplus	
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	8240187354
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025	
Total Life and Annuity Premiums	30833
Written Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses	58642
Paid	
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Written	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	0
Paid	
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28304	
ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the	
Federated Service Insurance Company In the state of MN	
Total Assets	775,711,798
Total Liabilities	367,284,267
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	3,500,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	
Contributed Surplus	69,500,000
Unassigned funds	335,427,531
(surplus)	
Total Capital and	408,427,531
Surplus	
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	775,711,798
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025	
Total Direct Premiums	
Earned	4,477,593
Total Direct Losses	
Incurred	2,539,215
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Written	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	0
Incurred	
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91596	
ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the	
New York Life Insurance & Annuity Corporation In the state of Delaware	
Total Assets	223,469,248,298
Total Liabilities	214,857,615,152
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	25,000,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	
Contributed Surplus	4,457,575,310
Unassigned Funds	3,887,538,776
Total Capital and	8,611,633,146
Surplus	
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	223,469,248,298
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025	
Total Life and Annuity Premiums	64,954,452
Written Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses	56,001,164
Paid	
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Written	104,240
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	47,023
Paid	
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60739	
ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the	
American National Insurance Company In the state of Texas	
Total Assets	42,952,573,323
Total Liabilities	40,424,104,598
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	5,000,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	
Contributed Surplus	1,270,836,651
Unassigned Funds	1,252,632,074
Total Capital and	2,528,468,725
Surplus	
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	42,952,573,323
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025	
Total Life and Annuity Premiums	122,514,831
Written Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses	74,917,998
Paid	
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Written	186,174
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	571,260
Paid	
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93262	
ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the	
Penn Insurance And Annuity Company In the state of DE	
Total Assets	17,129,886,159
Total Liabilities	15,930,454,384
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	30,983,809
Common Capital Stock	2,500,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	
Contributed Surplus	779,661,694
Unassigned Funds	386,286,272
Total Capital and	1,199,431,775
Surplus	
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	17,129,886,159
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025	
Total Life and Annuity Premiums	1,735,742
Written Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses	0
Paid	
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Written	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	0
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