

Kulm City Council

MINUTES OF A REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF KULM, NORTH DAKOTA
AUGUST 10TH 2026

The Kulm City Council met for their regular meeting on August 10th 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Kulm

Community Center.

Those present were: Mayor-Zebulon Mahin, President-Layton Johnson, Vice President-Ben Pesek, Council Members: Josh Gackle-Absent, Cole Berntson, City Auditor: Angie Holmgren, Public Works-Victor Gackle, City Attorney-Kim Radermacher-Absent; Messenger-Rick Schlecht, Kathy Schlecht-Absent Community-Mary St John, Andrew McDermid, Jennifer and Dylan Schnabel, Lorence Holmgren

Mayor Zebulon Mahin called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

No Public Comment

Minutes: Vice President Ben Pesek made a motion to approve the July minutes from the regular meeting, President Layton Johnson second that motion, all in favor said aye. Motion carries.

Mayor: Mayor Mahin began the meeting by informing the city council that he attended a LAPC meeting and learned that the city siren will need to be updated. If the update does not take then the city would need to budget a new siren for 2028 in the amount of twenty thousand dollars. There may be a match program available at that time. Changes will also be made to public notices regarding social media in 2027. If the city is unable to post notices

via social media discussion was had on purchasing an electronic bill board to notify residents of any city updates. Mayor Mahin had a long discussion with council on a new truck route to help protect our city streets. Council went over the new truck route map and discussed ordering new signage if council makes the decision to move forward on the new route.

City Auditor: Auditor Holmgren presented council with Heartland State Bank quarterly securities. Securities were reviewed and approved with Vice President Ben Pesek making a motion to approve the Heartland State Bank securities, seconded by Councilmen Cole Berntson all in favor said aye motion carries. Discussion was had on the future plan for the Fire Hall once vacated. Building permit from Lowell Berntson and destruction permit from Randy Klusmann were presented to the council for approval. After review Vice President Ben Pesek made a motion to approve both permits, seconded by President Layton Johnson all in favor said aye motion carries. Auditor Holmgren then presented council with two renewal permits for addition to Zion Lutheran Church building permit and extension from David Martinson for destruction permit. Auditor Holmgren informed council a bingo permit was issued to Kulm Friendship Club. Next on the agenda was review and discussion on the changes to the budget for the September Budget Hearing. Council discussed the progress of the annexation and the plats are being worked on by Interstate Engineering for approval by City Council. The easements needed are being drawn up by Attorney

Radermacher. Holmgren informed the City Council that the dormant savings accounts at Kulm Hometown Credit Union were consolidated into one account and reactivated.

Public Works: Discussion was had on tree trimming and the trees that are interfering with power lines. Auditor Holmgren will call MDU. Auditor Holmgren reports that Erich Schook will be replacing the curb stop located by the Hazelton residence due to a water leak. ND Pump and Lift were here last week to do an inspection on the city lift station and incorrectly reinstalled the pump after inspection and came

back to reinstall correctly. Dale Gackle has committed to a couple days a week to help Victor with city duties such as painting parking lines, tree trimming, street patching, signage and any other uncompleted projects. Life Insurance will not be offered to part-time employees. Discussion was had on location of handicap parking and signage with in the city. Concern was shared about potholes in the alleys and how to repair and maintain those alleys for ones that have garage access. Council will drive through the alleys and see which ones need repair. City will need to purchase more gravel if repair is done to all alleys. The water lines were discussed for the new Fire Department building and Victor will be ordering a 2-inch water meter for the new fire hall building.

Kim Radermacher: Absent.

Claims: Claims for the month were reviewed and signed. Vice President Ben Pesek made a motion to approve all claims, sec-

ended by President Layton Johnson, all in favor said aye. Motion carried.

Claims Paid in August 2026
AmountCheck
Advanced Business Systems,
133.0713945
Allied Energy1,821.84
13956/13943/13937
Bank Of ND3,255.00
Electronic
Blue Cross Blue Shield 3,114.59
Electronic
David VanGorkom.....85.50
13959
Dickey Rural Networks187.23
13949
Duininck EZ Street.....1,568.00
13935

Heartland State Bank518.12
13957/13938/13933/13930/1392
4/13922
Johnson Manufacturing....393.93
13952
Kulm Grocery201.99
13953/13939/13931
Kulm Hardware and Home Center
520.2813950
Lamoure County Chronicle
213.8613951
MDU, 1,424.51.....13936
One Call, 35.8013954/13940
Post Office, 200.2013932
Scherbenske, 5,481.1013958
South Central Regional Council..
1,000.0013944
Southeast Water Users
3,906.2513941

Stock Growers Bank ..56,306.57
13955/13934
Taszarek Insurance12,423.00
13923
USDA25,281.00
Electronic
Payroll15,805.26
TOTAL \$133,609.10
With no further business,
meeting was adjourned at 8:00
pm

Next meeting will be held
September 14th 2026 at 6:30 pm.
Zebulon Mahin
Angie Holmgren