

New Salem City Proceedings

NEW SALEM CITY PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 2026, 6:30 P.M. CITY AUDITORIUM

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Gaebe called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Attendance

Council Mayor: Josh Gaebe

Council members present:

Delton Kautzman, Sheppard Olson, Perrin Goetzfridt, Corey Lausch, Bryan Moen

Absent: Chad Goetzfridt

Others present: City Works Superintendent Robert Boehm, City Works Dale Ponzer, City Auditor Melissa Davis, Richard Mendoza

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

The council reviewed the July 13th regular city council minutes. Lausch moved and Moen seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

The council reviewed the zoning change request for Grain Inspection, hearing no protests, Kautzman moved and P. Goetzfridt seconded to approve RESOLUTION 2026-02: RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE OF ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR GRAIN INSPECTION SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF SOUTHWEST GRAIN SUBDIVISION, LYING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 139 NORTH, RANGE 85 WEST OF THE FIFTH P.M., NEW SALEM, MORTON COUNTY, NORTH

DAKOTA FROM AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO C-3 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Water Committee

Davis stated when new smart points were being installed on water meters an unknown water service was discovered at the Gambles Lumber Yard. The council was in agreement to have a smart point installed and begin billing.

Street Committee

The council reviewed an email from Joey Bachler stating concerns about traffic on 8th Street and Elm Ave during high water events. The council was in agreement to have city works put temporary signage or barricades during high water events.

Auditorium Committee

The council discussed the response letters received from Prairie Engineering and Central Mechanical regarding the city's concerns to the boiler system. The council was in agreement to contact the manufacturer to get some replacement parts on hand. City works has not heard back from Advanced Mechanical in regards to a cost of the necessary installation corrections. Lausch will look into the boiler installation specifications.

The council considered increasing auditorium rental fees. Lausch moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the following rental rates effective immediately for all new rental contracts.

Deposit Required to Reserve Date: \$500.00

Weddings: \$400/event day

Gymnasium: \$300/event day

Extra Days (all events): \$200/day (setup, decorating, cleanup, etc.)

Kitchen: \$150/day

Basement: \$50/day

Conference room: \$50/day

School Practices/Games:

\$30/day

Community Plays: \$100/day (performance)

\$30/day (rehearsal)

All voting aye, the motion

carried.

Police Committee

The council reviewed the July police report.

Personnel Committee

The council reviewed the July city works report. Boehm stated the city has had an increase in requests for bulk water purchases. The city currently has a contractor filling off the metered hydrant at Braun Electric building and has an additional request from another contractor. The council was in agreement to allow an additional hydrant to be metered by the old journal building but would like to Boehm to create an agreement for temporary bulk water purchasers giving the city the right to reduce, suspend, or terminate water supply at any time and for any reason. Olsen moved and Lausch seconded to increase bulk water rates to \$30/1000 gallons effective immediately. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Kautzman moved and Lausch seconded to approve the purchase of the materials needed to build a short term animal shelter. All voting aye, the motion carried.

New Business

Davis informed the council that there will be a joint hazardous materials training exercise happening at the New Salem City Auditorium on August 25th. A notice will be going on Facebook soon informing residents of the increased emergency vehicle traffic in and around New Salem on this day and to avoid the areas marked with signage stating "Exercise in Progress" or "Training in Progress".

Consent Agenda

Kautzman moved and P. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the consent agenda. All voting aye, the motion carried. Kautzman abstained.

1. Liquor license transfers

a. New Salem Golf Association to Auditorium - 9/12/26 - Wedding

b. The Field to Auditorium - 8/22/26 - Wedding

c. The Field to Auditorium - 10/3/26 - Historical Society Musical Event

d. The Field to Auditorium - 10/17/26 - Wedding

Lausch moved and Moen seconded to approve the bills as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

NDPERS \$2,336.69
..... retirement payment
941 PAYMENT... \$2,176.61
941 PAYMENT... \$2,107.19
BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA
..... \$39,400.00
SRF Sewer Bond Series 2021
C Priority 1
BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA
..... \$39,400.00
SRF Water Bond Series 2021 B
Priority 1
MDU \$4,462.95
..... street lights
MOR- GRAN- SOU ELEC-
TRIC \$192.31
..... street lighting
WEST RIVER TELECOM-

MUNICIPATIONS..... \$285.77
..... phones
Boehm, Christopher
..... \$1,067.97
Boehm, Robert ... \$2,266.11
Davis, Melissa ... \$1,459.23
Haff, Tyler \$443.44
Ponzer, Dale \$1,791.62
Yellow Bird, Miranda
..... \$1,235.29
Bennett, Shane..... \$92.35
Boehm, Christopher
..... \$1,112.06
Boehm, Robert .. \$2,067.07
Davis, Melissa ... \$1,459.23
Haff, Tyler \$479.00
Ponzer, Dale \$1,654.06
Yellow Bird, Miranda
..... \$1,242.49
ATCO INTERNATIONAL ..
..... \$186.00
..... Degreaser
CamlockDirect \$167.88
..... hose, shanks, plug
CENTRAL DAKOTA FRON-
TIER \$1,485.40
..... gas, oil, shop supplies
COLONIAL RESEARCH ..
..... \$273.55
..... chemical

CORE & MAIN. \$19,660.00
 Smart Point Install
 CURTIS RUD OIL.....
 \$1,548.97
 Fuel
 DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP
 \$1,182.48
 double check valve shutoff
 Ecolab \$400.00
 Rodent Control/Perimeter .
 Spray
 FARMERS LUMBER &
 GAMBLES \$975.45
 aud/shop supplies
 Federal Signal Corp-SSG .
 \$16,510.00
 New Siren
 FERGUSON WATER-
 WORKS #2516 \$132.29
 ... Manhole adjustment ring
 HOESEL CONSTRUCTION
 \$800.00
 Skidsteer forks
 J P COOKE CO \$112.95
 2027 animal tags
 MARC \$1,298.51
 Enzymes/paint
 Melissa Davis \$521.10
 mileage, shop tools, postage,
 recording fees
 MISSOURI WEST WATER
 SYSTEM..... \$24,399.75
 water purchase
 MORTON COUNTY AUDI-
 TOR..... \$3,528.00
 police contract

NAPA \$1,657.47
 equipment parts
 ND DEPT OF HEALTH –
 MICRO..... \$27.00
 labs
 ONE CALL CONCEPTS ...
 \$22.50 811
 calls
 PARK DISTRICT \$1,406.61
 state aid
 RDO \$111.28
 bolt kit
 Robert Boehm \$218.70
 mileage Front Street/Menards,
 gym bulbs
 Security First Agency of ND
 \$6,269.00
 NDIRF Renewal
 SECURITY FIRST BANK .
 \$3,610.00
 payroll taxes
 Kaelberer Construction Inc.
 \$849.44
 roll-off service
 VESTIS..... \$1,405.88
 Paper Products, rugs
 Construction Bills
 1115 City of New Salem
 \$54,474.86 Priority 6
 Gaebe adjourned the meet-
 ing at 7:45pm. The next regular
 New Salem City Council meet-
 ing will be Tuesday, September
 15th, 2026 at 6:30pm.
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