New Salem City Proceedings

NEW SALEM CITY PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
CITY AUDITORIUM

These minutes are being published subject to review and revision by the New Salem City Council.

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

Attendance

Council Mayor: Josh Gaebe

Council members present: Delton Kautzman, Perrin Goetzfridt, Chad Goetzfridt, Bryan Moen

Absent: Sheppard Olsen, Corey Lausch

Others present: City Works Superintendent Robert Boehm, City Works Dale Ponzer, City Auditor Melissa Davis, Officer Engelstad, Jayar Kindsvogel, David Bueligen, Deann Bueligen, Dawsen Bueligen, Davis Bueligan, Bryce Allen, Darin Schafer, Cindy Schafer

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

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

Public Comment

Deann Bueligen spoke on behalf of the odor citation that they received due to cattle trailers being parked in a commercial lot inside city limits. Gaebe stated complaints were received in 2021 and an agreement was made that the trailers would be kept clean when parked there to reduce odors. In 2022 complaints were again reported to the city council and at that time it was declared a nuisance, and the council requested the trailers no longer be parked there. Bueligen asked the council to define the standards of a putrid odor, an offensive odor to one person may not be an offensive to another. Bueligen stated there are odors everywhere, cigarette smoke, a skunk, the lagoon, etc. They are all odors that are intermittent odors, just as their trailers have created intermittent odors. How does one person define the standard of what makes an odor offensive? Gaebe would like to see the situation monitored by himself and/or other members of the city council alongside David Bueligen as no city council members were present on site of the most recent complaint to attest to the matter at hand. Gaebe recommended that if a complaint is received that a call will be made to David to meet onsite and inspect the situation together. Kautzman moved and P. Goetzfridt seconded to suspend the citation and to move forward with the city council monitoring any future complaints. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Jayar Kindsvogel is interested in putting a water depot in New Salem for the sale of bulk water. The council voiced concerns about water supply and fire safety. The council would like to discuss their concerns and questions with the fire department and city works and asked Kindsvogel to come back next month for further discussion once more information is gathered by the council.

Street Committee

The council discussed the curb and gutter repair by 300 S 4th Street. Boehm stated that Prairie West Construction has been contacted to do the work but has not been able to complete it yet. The council agreed that Boehm should get estimates and timelines from other contractors.

Auditorium Committee

Davis stated that the office furnace was not operating properly so Legend Air diagnosed the problem and replaced the control board to get the furnace up and running, but the furnace is 16 years old, and it is getting more difficult to find parts. Legend Air quoted a new furnace at $8,678 and stated if the council would prefer to replace the furnace they will refund us for all but $500 of the repair. The council agreed to get additional estimates for the replacement of the furnace.

Moen stated that the Historical Society has requested a rent reduction or exemption for Bingo on November 28th. Kautzman moved and P. Goetzfridt seconded to approve giving the Historical Society a full exemption. All voting aye, the motion carried, Moen abstained.

Police Committee

The council reviewed the October police report.

Personnel Committee

The council reviewed the October city works report. Kautzman moved and C. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the purchase of the metal pless plowmaxx from John Deere for $14500. All voting aye, the motion carried.

The council again discussed sewer concerns on Spruce Avenue due to bio-solids from the butcher shop. The council agreed to send a second letter and request a representative from 6 in 1 Meats attend the next meeting to discuss plans

for rectifying the problem with a timeline for completion.

The council discussed employee cost of living raises. C. Goetzfridt move and Kautzman seconded to approve a 5% raise for all employees with an additional 2% for city works department and the auditor. All voting aye, the motion carried. C. Goetzfridt would also like to review the League of Cities annual salary survey at the next meeting.

Ordinances

Planning and Zoning reviewed the data center model ordinance and noted additions and changes they would like to see in a similar ordinance for the city. Kautzman moved and P. Goetzfridt seconded to send the recommendations to the attorney to have an ordinance drafted for the council to adopt. All voting aye, the motion carried.

City Attorney, Scott Solem, sent the Beulah animal ordinances for the council to consider adopting. The council was in agreement to review the ordinance and discuss it at the next meeting.

Old Business

Davis stated that a court date of December 2nd has been scheduled for the dog at large case.

Kautzman informed the council that emergency sirens will be tested monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm to ensure proper function.

Consent Agenda

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

1.Liquor license renewals

a.New Salem Golf Association-On Sale+Sunday

b.Rud's I-94 Mobil-Off Sale+Sunday

c.Game Time Burgers and Wings-On and Off Sale+Sunday

2.Gaming permit application-Central Morton Sportsman's-Raffle-2/6/27

3.Liquor License Transfer-Golf Association-Otte Event Center-11/28/26-Holiday Vendor Show

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

941 PAYMENT.....$2,234.20
MDU $61.20
..... streetlights
USDA $49,882.00
..... Loan 93-14 Priority 3
OFFICE DEPOT Business Credit $742.75
.....Ink, paper
OFFICE DEPOT Business Credit $16.99

.....Calendar
NDPERS.....$2,349.89
.....retirement payment
Microsoft.....$282.00
Office 365 Annual Subscription
941 PAYMENT.....$2,145.23
MDU $3,986.95
..... streetlights
MOR- GRAN- SOU ELECTRIC $176.37
..... street lighting
USDA.....$36,100.00
Loan Payment 93-12 Priority 2
WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS.....$288.30
.....phones
Boehm, Christopher $1,022.84
Boehm, Robert $2,313.31
Davis, Melissa $1,459.23
Haff, Tyler $435.82
Ponzer, Dale $1,918.59
Yellow Bird, Miranda $1,273.77
Bennett, Shane.....$92.35
Boehm, Christopher $1,029.79
Boehm, Robert $2,191.21
Davis, Melissa $1,459.23
Haff, Tyler $423.15
Ponzer, Dale $1,795.05
Yellow Bird, Miranda $1,223.45
AE2S $680.50
..... Priority 6
BRAUN ELECTRIC INC $7,000.00
..... New Siren Electrical
CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER $594.11
.... gas, oil, shop supplies
COLONIAL RESEARCH $329.69

.....Chemical
Creative Vinyl Art $240.00
.....Pickup Decal
CURTIS RUD OIL $912.64 fuel
DAKOTA PUMP & CONTROL $240.00
Lift Station Annual Cell Service
Dale Ponzer.....$316.57
..Mileage, Shop Supplies
Dept. of Environmental Quality $183.55
.....lab services
DRI $725.00
Ice Machine Maintenance
Energy Tech Systems...$80.00
....Boiler Tech Assistance
Federal Signal Corp-SSG $1,225.00
... Siren Site Optimization
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516.....$54.05
..... gasket/O-rings
GS Publishing, LLC $50.00
..... Journal Subscription
Legend-Air LLC $1,935.00
.... Office Furnace Repair
MARC $3,637.08
.....lagoon chemicals
Melissa Davis $339.58
mileage, trick or treat, mini split cleaning kit, shop cord
MISSOURI WEST WATER SYSTEM.....$21,898.02
.....water purchase
MORTON COUNTY AUDITOR $3,528.00
..... police contract
NAPA $1,042.82
.....equipment parts
ND DEPT OF HEALTH - MICRO.....$27.00
.....labs
NORTHERN LIGHTS DIGITAL, LLC $125.00
..... Microsoft Upgrade
ONE CALL CONCEPTS $13.50
PAHLKE STEEL $1,045.54
.....Water Shed Supplies
PARK DISTRICT $1,359.24
..... state aid
Robert Boehm $350.00
.....Training (Dale)
SECURITY FIRST BANK $11,000.00
.....Reserve Priority 3 CD 54623
Solem Law Office $877.50
Kaelberer Construction Inc. $1,059.01
.....disposal fees

TYLER HAFF.....$25.00
..... gas stipend
VESTIS.....$958.91
..... rugs/paper supplies
Western Plains Public Health
.....$125.00
Annual Kitchen License Fee

Gaebe adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm. The next regular New Salem City Council meeting will be Monday, December 14th, 2026, at 6:30pm.

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