

## PUBLIC NOTICE: CITY OF ELLENDALE MINUTES FOR DEC. 11, 2025, &amp; LANDS TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF ELLENDALE

## CITY OF ELLENDALE

Regular Meeting  
City Council  
December 11, 2025  
6:00 pm - City Hall and Zoom Virtual

This meeting was held at City Hall and virtual Zoom Meeting option was also available.

Mayor Flaherty called the public hearing to order at 6:00 PM with Council members in attendance: Lee, Meidinger, Langeliers and Crabtree. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Absent: Denison, and Belgarde  
City Employees present: Auditor Gunn, Deputy Auditor Schmidt, Attorney Kelly, and PW Monroe via zoom.

Others attending: Separate sign-in sheet available.

Mobile Home/RV Parks Ordinance Hearing: No public comment. Lee moves, Meidinger seconds pursuant to NDCC 40-47-04(3) the City of Ellendale Council hereby make the following written findings that specify the grounds upon which it has decided to amend its zoning ordinances regarding the regulation of Mobile Home Parks and Recreational Vehicle Parks. The grounds include the fact that it is proper with the purposes of NDCC 40-47-03 to change the zoning in the area in question to protect the interests of the public. Roll call vote: Meidinger, Lee, Langeliers, Crabtree- yes. Absent: Denison, Belgarde.

City of Ellendale East Annexation: No public comment. Crabtree moves, Lee seconds to recommend the annexation of parts of the eastern portion of current City of Ellendale city limits to include Ellendale City Cemetery, Outlot 12-4, Hasz family subdivision, and a portion of 1st St N and a portion of 90th Ave SE, requested by property owners. Roll call: Lee, Langeliers, Crabtree, Meidinger- yes. Absent: Denison, Belgarde.

Hearing closed 6:05 pm  
Regular City council meeting starts at 6:05 pm.

Public Comment: None

Agenda Additions: Myron Meyers: Mr. Meyers recently purchased the rest of Blk 10 Northport Addn. in the City of Ellendale from previous owners. Meyers aware there are items in the right-of-way, and he will work on getting that stuff removed from the right of way. He was also concerned about lack of streetlights on the road in Northport Addn., but there is a streetlight fee on his utility bill. Auditor Gunn to investigate.

Staley Storage Container: Was able to complete roof and one side of siding, no siding on back side of container yet, bad weather preventing him from completing it. Meidinger moves, Crabtree seconds to have Staley bring another update at January regular council meeting. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

O.P.E.R.A Grant: Greg Gackle with Ellendale Opera House is requesting a letter of support from City of Ellendale for the Opera House to apply for a Rural Catalyst Grant to replace their aging roof

on the Opera House in Ellendale. Lee moves, Langeliers seconds to write a letter of support for Opera House to apply for this grant. Roll call vote: Langeliers, Crabtree, Lee- yes. Absent: Denison, Belgarde. Meidinger abstains. Motion carries.

Wade: Street Project: Working on numbers that will be more in depth at January meeting. Applying for grants that we should hear back in December if we receive them or not.

Wade: EMS Building: Things are progressing quite well. 65% complete, with a completion time frame May 2026. Lee moves, Crabtree seconds to pay estimate #7 in the amount of \$177,300.00 to Quest Construction. Roll call vote: Lee, Langeliers, Crabtree, Meidinger- yes. Absent: Denison, Belgarde. Motion carries.

Denison arrives at 6:25 PM.

Ellendale Township Road Agreement: Ellendale Township reviewed JPA with City of Ellendale that was drafted, came back with a counterproposal. Ellendale Township wants to be able to negotiate after 5 years when the contract is supposed to terminate. City Attorney Fallon to work on changes and bring back to council. Meidinger moves, Lee seconds to revise this agreement regarding discussed terms to bring back to council at next special meeting. All in favor, aye. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

Raffle Permit: Lee moves, Meidinger seconds to approve raffle permit for Thunder Wrestling. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Absent: Belgarde.

First Reading Annexation Ordinance: First Reading East Annexation by petition from landowners. Zoning to change after annexation. Meidinger moves, Langeliers seconds to adopt First Reading of East Annexation for City of Ellendale. Roll call vote: Denison, Lee, Langeliers, Crabtree, Meidinger- yes. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

Second Reading: Lee moves, Denison seconds to approve Second Reading for Mobile Home/RV Courts ordinance. Roll call: Denison, Meidinger, Crabtree, Lee, Langeliers- yes. Absent: Belgarde.

Liquor License Renewals: Meidinger moves, Crabtree seconds to approve the semi-annual liquor licenses from January 1, 2026, though June 30, 2026; full liquor licenses for American Legion, Granary, Rooster's Corner, Casey's General, and Pheasant Lanes; beer only for Dickey County Fair Board and beer and wine for American Revival Ribs. All in favor, aye. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

Strategic Plan: New updated plan submitted by KLJ Construction and ND Dept. Commerce who drafted it. Will be discussed more in depth at January meeting.

Pledge Reports: Meidinger moves, Lee seconds to approve the Pledge reports given by Choice Bank, Dakota Plains Credit Union, and Starion Bank. All members, aye. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

Minutes: Lee moves, Langeliers seconds to approve the minutes from November 10, 2025, regular meeting, and November 24, 2025, Special meeting. All in favor, aye. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

Operating Statement/Fund Activity: Langeliers moves, Crabtree seconds to approve November 2025 operating statement/fund activity report. All in favor, aye. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

Bills: Lee moves, Langeliers seconds to approve November 2025 bills. All in favor, aye. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

Sales Tax Distribution: With a bigger influx of Sales Tax monies, a different distribution system was discussed. Lee moves, Meidinger seconds to approve the new sales tax distribution beginning in 2026 as follows: First \$600K to go to

census of that property to operate as a trailer court is near completion.

Building Permits: Lee moves, Langeliers seconds to approve new enclosed entryway at 213 7th St N for Brad Morrissey; and for a bathroom remodel at 308 7th Ave N for Matt Thorpe. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. After receiving from council at last meeting what model type for Custom Touch Homes to put onto Bell's Addn. lots, they have since submitted formal building permits for the option that was chosen. There will be two separate modular homes for temporary housing. Crabtree moves, Lee seconds to approve these building permits contingent upon they are laid out on the lots according to city ordinances, city zoning and within correct lot lines. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Absent: Belgarde.

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Bond Payoff Discussion: There are three years left on utility bond loan that was for sewer work done in 2008 that is on current utility bills for \$8.50. There is enough in that account to pay off the loan early, with leftover funds to go into special assessment fund. Denison moves, Crabtree seconds to pay loan off early and take bond payment of \$8.50 off utility bills beginning in January 2026. Roll call vote: Denison, Langeliers, Lee, Meidinger, Crabtree- yes. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

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Utility Bill Increase: Motion by Langeliers, seconded by Danison to approve the 2026 increase for water rates by 10%. Roll call: Meidinger, Lee, Denison, Langeliers, Crabtree- yes. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

Surcharge Fund on Utility bill: Surcharge on utility bill account that is used to get equipment or such for the city is at a decent level, proposed to reduce it for now. Lee moves, Langeliers seconds to decrease the Surcharge amount on utility bill from \$4.00 to \$2.00. Roll call vote: Crabtree, Denison, Meidinger, Lee, Langeliers- yes. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

Operating Statement/Fund Activity: Langeliers moves, Crabtree seconds to readjust contract with Recycle ND retroactive back to August 1, 2025. Roll call: Lee, Langeliers, Crabtree, Denison, Meidinger- yes. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

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End of Year Transfers: Meidinger moves, Crabtree seconds to transfer \$90,000 from Special Assessment Deficiency Fund to Share Cost Improvement Fund as we have more than enough in that account to cover cities special assessments if the normal fund is lacking;

all original entities to receive their current portions. The next \$200K each original entity will receive 50% of what they would normally receive, with the other 50% being set aside for building maintenance for senior center. Anything after \$800K each original entity would receive 25% of what they would normally receive with the other 75% to be put into a reserve account to be used as needed for situations that arise. Roll call: Denison, Meidinger, Lee, Langeliers- yes. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

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