

PUBLIC NOTICE: CITY OF ELLENDALE MINUTES FOR DEC. 11, 2025, & 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 is 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.

Alarm Monitoring System: EMS Building will need alarm monitoring system. Proposal was sent with three different types of monitoring. Lee moves, Meidinger seconds to choose Option #3 IP with cell back up, as it is the better option. Roll call vote: Denison, Meidinger, Lee, Langeliers, Crabtree- yes. Absent: Belgard. 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.

Police Report: Police Chief Knutson submitted a report for November along with quotes to renew their tasers as their current ones are very outdated. Lee moves, Crabtree seconds to renew the taser plan at a 5-year renewal. Roll call: Meidinger, Lee, Langeliers, Crabtree, Denison- yes. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries. Interviews for another officer have been conducted and maybe reach out with an offer starting at \$55,000 a year.

Public Works: PW Monroe reports on November activities. Received the stump grinder, was able to get some stumps ground before the snow. Possible issue with shipping container on EPS property, letter to be sent. Concerns regarding Stanley mobile home court new trailer placement. Possible request for variance.

Variance Request: Gary Dathe requesting variance for placement of trailers in Stanley Trailer Park. Measurements and possible survey will be done to determine if a variance is needed. Li-

censing 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.

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

Second Reading: Lee moves, Denison seconds to approve Second Reading for Mobile Home/RV Courts ordinance. Roll call: Denison, Medinger, 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.

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, Medinger seconds to approve the new sales tax distribution beginning in 2026 as follows: First \$600K to go to

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, Crabtree, Langeliers- yes. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

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.

Garbage Rate Discussion: Since starting the current garbage contract a few years ago with Recycle ND the city has had to add to their route along with more garbage being picked up because of the rapid growth in our area over the past couple of years that a rate increase was needed for what the city pays to Recycle ND. City hall staff to go through current utility bills as it was discovered there are some errors in billing, mainly commercial. Meidinger moves, Lee seconds to adopt the proposed garbage rate schedule for 2026 that would have an increase from \$21.94 to \$27.00 for a regular residential city garbage user with rural customers going from 1.5 times the city rate to 1.75 times the city rate to be effective January 1, 2026. Roll call: Meidinger, Lee, Langeliers, Crabtree, Denison- yes. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries. Denison moves, Lee 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.

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.

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;

and to move \$30,000 from Surcharge account to Equipment Replacement account to cover cities share of new squad car. Roll call vote: Denison, Meidinger, Lee, Langeliers, Crabtree- yes. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

2026 Wage Increase: Denison moves, Lee seconds to approve a 5% base salary increase, with an additional 4% for auditor, deputy auditor, and public works supervisor to put them at a more equal par with their positions. On call hourly rate to also go up for Public Works employees. Library wage was adjusted in October 2025 and Ambulance to change 3% as changes were made to those in March 2025. Roll call vote: Meidinger, Lee, Langeliers, Crabtree, Denison- yes. Absent: Belgarde. Motion carries.

Special Meeting Compensation: With a very big increase in special meetings for the council it was brought up extra compensation for council members for special meetings. There needs to be an ordinance change to accomplish this. Midwest Inspection Contract Review: Council would like to see a few changes in the contract Midwest sent the city. They are working on those changes and will send back to city for review.

Correspondence: None
Next meeting: Special meeting December 22, 2025, at 6 PM; Regular meeting January 12, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

PAYMENTS	
Matheson Tri-Gas	\$58.68
Interstate Engineering	\$10,265.40
Harold Swaffager	\$150.36
Penguin Management	\$65.70
Central Business Systems	\$164.07
Dakota Electronics	\$1,484.70
Bound Tree Medical	\$1,073.95
Aflac	\$858.38
Verizon	\$288.93
DRN	\$851.31
Jones and Kelly	\$7,854.80
ND One Call	\$34.50
City of Fargo	\$28.00
Ellendale Concrete	\$175.00
SouthEast Water Users	\$15,000.00
Strengthen ND	\$2,000.00
Lorena Lynde	\$240.00
Prairie Printing	\$115.00
Vestis	\$107.82
Ellendale True Value	\$374.31
Naastad Brothers	\$3,365.00
Mendards	\$119.99
Mertz Construction	\$198.00
Ross Merkel	\$25.00
Lexipol LLC	\$895.50
Lucas Van Zee	\$75.00
Jerrold Lematta	\$1,665.00
John Deere Financial	\$91.85
Dickey Co. Leader	\$638.13
Ellendale Com. Amb.	\$70.00
Climate Control	\$346.95
Information Tech Dept.	\$369.59
Recycle ND	\$16,086.58
Bahr Spray Foam	\$7,250.00
The Radar Shop	\$128.00
Farmers Union Oil	\$1,582.99
Visa	\$1,188.22
MDU	\$3,028.28

Comstock Construction	\$124,956.39
Comstock Construction	\$432,024.20
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Secretary of State	\$50.00
Ell. Area. Community Found.	\$1,000.00
Ellendale Arts Council	\$2,500.00
Ell. Chamber of Commerce	\$5,000.00
Ellendale Grocery	\$50,000.00
Blue 360 Media	\$92.95
James Monroe	\$36.49
Sansio, INC	\$1,124.00
Metro-Billing	\$525.00
MDU	\$5,867.37
BCBS of ND	\$12,132.68
NAPA	\$32.31
Interstate Engineering	\$8,195.50
John Deere Financial	\$157.68
Chads Electric	\$679.92
David Heine	\$232.37
Bobcat of Mandan	\$10,219.76
Bowers Tree Service	\$5,100.00
Amazon	\$579.36
Anne Vande Hei	\$10.00
Council	\$692.84
Mayor	\$294.58
City Employees	\$31,043.22
Ambulance Payroll Voided	
James Monroe	\$239.40
Ellendale Park Board	\$2,188.47
Rick Ulmer	\$128.65
Ohnstad Twichell	\$5,500.00
Colliers Securities	\$10,000.00
Arnston Stewart Wegner,PC	\$6,750.00
Comstock Construction	\$566,792.42
IRS Payroll	\$14,900.69
NDPERS	\$427.84
NDPERS	\$4,963.70
Headwaters Development	\$96,830.00
Ambulance Employees	\$23,692.27
PostMaster	\$271.44
Starion Bank	\$20.00
Verizon	\$273.06
Ellendale True Value	\$143.21
Farmers Union	\$1,727.31
DRN	\$995.77
Aflac	\$858.38
SouthEast Water Users	\$15,000.00
Sanitation Products	\$3,429.12
Computer Express	\$694.69
Jones and Kelly	\$5,850.00
Information Tech. Dept	\$369.59
ND Dept of Health	\$367.04
NAPA	\$32.31
ND One Call	\$13.50
Post Board	\$45.00
Recycle ND	\$15,395.39
Strengthen ND	\$2,000.00
Lorena Lynde	\$240.00
City of Fargo	\$28.00
Ferguson Waterworks	\$8,069.84
10-8 Video	\$3,149.00
Amazon	\$272.78
Dickey Co. Hwy Dept	\$75.00
Dickey Co. Sheriff	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$2,202,923.84

Donald Flaherty, Mayor
Nicole Gunn, Auditor
(Minutes subject to corrections and approval at next regular meeting.)

(January 8, 2025)

CITY OF ELLENDALE
Amendment of Chapter 5
Ellendale Revised Ordinances
Amendment by Addition of Article 5.0309

WE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENDALE, NORTH DAKOTA, do hereby amend Chapter 5 of the Ellendale Ordinances by adding to the nuisance ordinances a new article 5.0309 as follows:

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ellendale, Dickey County, North Dakota, that the Ordinances be amended by adding article 5.0309 to read as follows:

5.0309Annexation of Property to the City 2025—East of Ellendale

Pursuant to NDCC 40-51.2-06, the City hereby annexes the following real estate to the City of Ellendale:

See Attached Map Which Includes Lands Easterly of City Limits

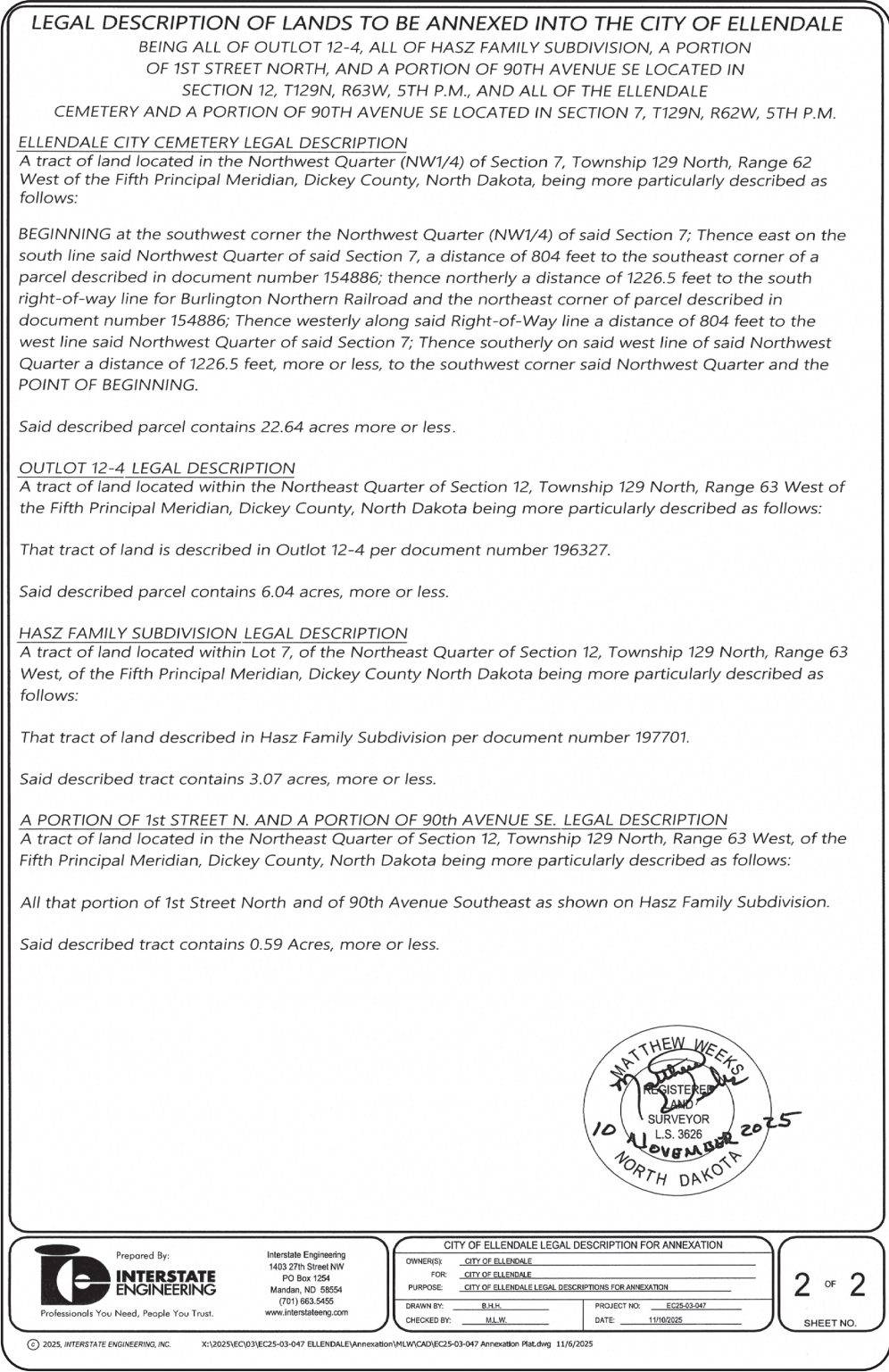
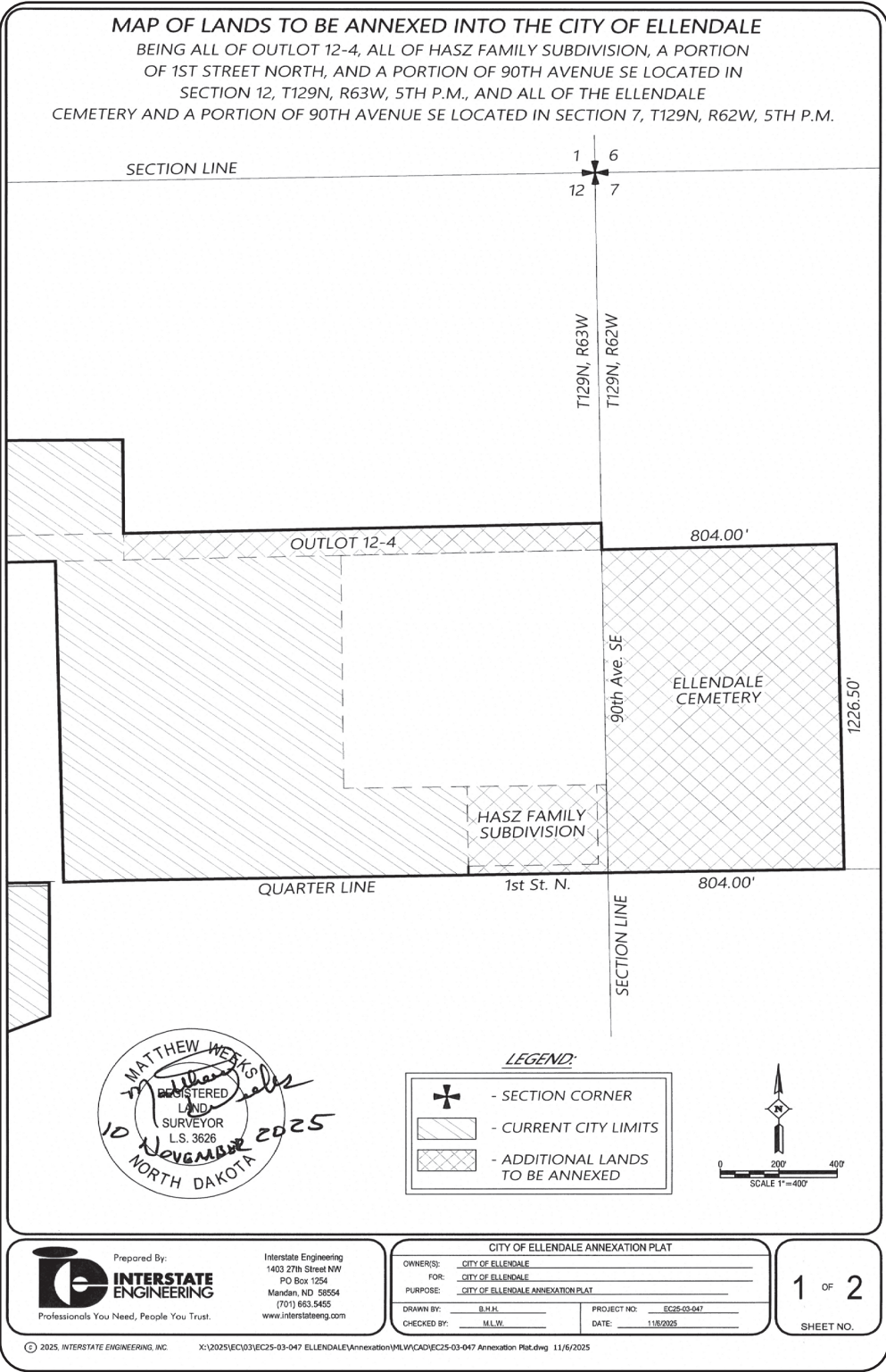
The City Auditor is directed to immediately publish this ordinance upon the second reading and to immediately file this ordinance with the County Recorder's Office as soon as the Second Reading occurs and pursuant to Ellendale Ordinance 5.0307, the moment this ordinance is passed, the newly annexed real estate shall be zoned as "C-1 Commercial."

Be it so ordained this 22nd day of December, 2025.

CITY OF ELLENDALE
By: _____
Donald Flaherty, Mayor
ATTEST:
Nicole Gunn, Auditor
First Reading: December 11, 2025
Second Reading: December 22, 2025
Publication Date: January 8, 2026
File/Record with County Recorder
Date: December 30, 2025

(January 8, 2025)

Landfill Hours
Dec. 1 - March 31
Saturdays:
10 am – 4 pm



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