

Public Notices City of Ellendale

Zoning Board Hearing City Council March 30, 2026

5:50 pm – City Hall and Zoom Virtual
This meeting was held at City Hall and virtual Zoom Meeting option was also available.

Council members in attendance: Lee, Denison, Crabtree, and Meidinger via zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Absent: Belgarde, and Langeliers
City Employees present: Mayor Flaherty; Auditor Gunn; Deputy Auditor Schmidt; and Attorney Kelly via zoom.

Others attending: Separate sign-in sheet available

City Council operating as Zoning Board Hearing called to order at 5:50 PM
Discussed the re-zoning of Hasz Family Subdivision that was annexed into city limits December 2025 from C-1 to R-1. Discussion was held. No comments/concerns were raised. Denison moves, Lee seconds to Resolution of Written Finding Regarding Zoning Changes.

Roll call vote: Denison, Lee, Crabtree, Meidinger-aye. Absent: Langeliers and Belgarde. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM

(Minutes subject to corrections and approval at the next regular meeting.)

(April 9, 2026)

City Council Hearing City Council March 30, 2026

6:04 pm – City Hall and Zoom Virtual
This meeting was held at City Hall and virtual Zoom Meeting option was also available.

Council members in attendance: Lee, Denison, Crabtree, and Meidinger via zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Absent: Belgarde, and Langeliers
City Employees present: Mayor Flaherty; Auditor Gunn; Deputy Auditor Schmidt; and Attorney Kelly via zoom.

Others attending: Separate sign-in sheet available

City Council Public Hearing called to order at 6:04 PM

Hasz Family Subdivision: Public Hearing regarding Zoning Change for Hasz Family Subdivision changing from C-1 to R-1. Denison moves, Crabtree seconds to approve the Resolution of Written Finding Regarding Zoning Changes. Roll call vote: Meidinger, Lee, Crabtree, and Denison-aye. Absent: Langeliers and Belgarde. Motion carries.

Public Hearing on City Wide Street Project: Presentation was given by Wade Senger, Interstate Engineering on the possible city-wide street project planned for 2026. Hearing open from 6-8 PM for anyone from the public who would like to inquire about this street project and everything it entails. Public protest deadline is April 20, 2026, to submit a written protest to City Hall if anyone

objects to this project. Plans and specs for this project at City Hall for the public to review.

Special City Council Meeting directly after Interstate Engineering presentation but were present at City Hall until the hearing period ended for questions/concerns.

Hearing concluded at 8 PM
(Minutes subject to corrections and approval at the next regular meeting.)

(April 9, 2026)

City Council Special Meeting March 30, 2026

6:41 pm – City Hall and Zoom Virtual
This meeting was held at City Hall and virtual Zoom Meeting option was also available.

Council members in attendance: Lee, Denison, Crabtree, and Meidinger via zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Absent: Belgarde and Langeliers.
City Employees present: Mayor Flaherty; Auditor Gunn; Deputy Auditor Schmidt; and Attorney Kelly via zoom.

Others attending: Separate sign-in sheet available

Public Comment: None

Ellendale Chamber Raffle Permit: At previous meeting on March 9, 2026, raffle permits were approved incorrectly. The raffle was one raffle with multiple prizes instead of two different raffle permits. Lee moves, Denison seconds to approve this raffle permit. All in favor, aye. Absent: Langeliers, Belgarde. Motion carries.

Second St. N Traffic Concerns: Concerns brought about regarding loaded trucks along that road hauling material to the new greenhouse being constructed at the end of that road. Matter to be investigated and will be brought to next meeting.

Second Reading Hasz Family Subdivision: Lee moves, Denison seconds to approve the second reading of the Hasz Family Subdivision to change it from C-1 to R-1. Roll call vote: Denison, Lee, Meidinger, Crabtree- yes. Absent: Langeliers, Belgarde. Motion carries.

City Wide Street Project: Denison moves, Crabtree seconds to approve Resolution Directing Engineer To Prepare Plans and Specifications For Street Improvement District 2026-1. All in favor, aye. Absent: Langeliers, Belgarde. Motion carries.

Yearly Equalization Meeting: April 13, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: April 13, 2026, at 6 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM

Donald Flaherty, Mayor
Nicole Gunn, Auditor

(Minutes subject to corrections and approval at the next regular meeting.)

(April 9, 2026)

O.P.E.R.A., Inc.2026 fund drive & dollar- for-dollar match

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If you haven't contributed in the past to O.P.E.R.A. (the non-profit organization that owns and operates the opera house), now is a great time to join the effort to restore the historic landmark and return it to full community use.

Last year's match program resulted in an additional \$30,000 for O.P.E.R.A. This year anonymous supporters are pledging up to a maximum of \$40,000 for the two match programs.

Recently, O.P.E.R.A. began renovation of the Annex and former Coleman store spaces as well as restoration of the storefront façades on Main Street. The project is expected to be completed this summer at a cost of more than \$400,000.

This year's "Stepping Up" campaign seeks to raise \$130,000. As in the past, donors can direct their support for special naming/sponsorship opportunities, such as the restored Annex, upstairs auditorium, stage rehabilitation or Main Street window restoration.

All donors will be recognized by having their names – or the name of someone they wish to honor or memorialize – listed on a permanent plaque mounted in the opera house Lobby & Gallery.

For naming/sponsorship opportunities, contact Justin at 701-535-0347.

Other fund drive options/incentives include: "Acres for O.P.E.R.A." that makes it possible for farm operators to donate a portion of their crop to qualify for tax credits; a custom opera house coffee mug for contributions of more than \$300; and the gifting of appreciated stock (securities) to qualify for charitable tax deductions.

To contribute, mail your donation to O.P.E.R.A. at P.O. Box 334, Ellendale, ND 58436, or donate online at: www.ellendaleoperahouse.com.

O.P.E.R.A. – Organization of People in Ellendale for Restoration of the Arts – was formed in 1992 to save the Main Street landmark from the wrecking ball. Because O.P.E.R.A. is a charitable non-profit organization, all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Visit our Facebook page for restoration photos on additional building updates: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/12266731149139/>

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Family caregivers provide major unseen value across North Dakota

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Kathi Schwan, a caregiver in West Fargo, has aided siblings with medical needs including a brother who needed a kidney transplant.

"It throws you into a whole new realm of caregiving," Schwan said of the transplant situation. "It really kind of immerses you into everything from the financial piece to transportation, going to appointments, taking notes, because that person is so overwhelmed you've got to take notes."

Wider needs

Schwan's position as a member of the West Fargo Planning & Zoning Committee as well as being a caregiver has given her a unique view on planning and zoning issues that impact people needing care.

One of those issues is how restrictions on short-term rental housing can impact those needing care for something like a transplant.

"You have to be able to stay in Fargo for maybe 30, 60 or 90 days, depending on the situation because you've got to be close to the facility if something goes wrong," Schwan said. "I want to bring a voice to that, because there are people who have this need that can't afford to stay in a hotel for three months."

One thing new caregivers struggle with is finding the resources in their area to help them provide care.

Neibel said she is not afraid to ask for help when needed and readily seeks out the abundant and often free resources and classes that are available online or in person for caregivers.

These can be found through senior organizations like AARP, local senior centers and libraries. Locating local institutions with free or discounted meals is also important, she said.

One of the biggest needs she sees is adult day care options, where caregivers can safely take someone under their care for a few hours while caregivers take a break or deal with other aspects of their lives.

"I'd like to see more reasonably priced adult day care. That is a biggie to me," Neibel said. "I'd like to see churches step up and say, maybe once a week, have volunteers come and they can do puzzles or play cards or whatever, in a safe, structured environment."

Schwan said she feels there needs to be more formal peer-to-peer networks for caregivers to share guidance, offer support and fill in knowledge gaps.

"I run into people that say they're caregivers, and we swap stories, and you find yourself saying 'Oh, I didn't know that,' or there's a person you know that is really beneficial or will listen or help," she said. "That's the network we really probably need most of all."

Costs of formal care rise

While many feel a sense of duty when called to be a caregiver, for others, it is often a necessity due to the skyrocketing costs of formal care.

North Dakota ranked second behind Hawaii in the growth of the cost of senior care last year, according to care assessment and planning organization CareScout. On average, a private room in a nursing home costs more than \$147,000 per year, according to CareScout data.

And even for those in formal care, friends and family members have to step up to provide care, particularly in a deteriorating situation or after death.

Pat Conrad of Bismarck was thrust into a similar situation helping care for a 98-year-old member of her church congregation who was in formal care.

While she didn't need to take care of any of her friend's daily needs, the care she provided required her to become something of an investigator, lawyer, accountant, packer, and mover, all at once.

That included helping with her obituary, deciding on a cemetery to be buried at, helping with redoing her will and contacting relatives scattered across the country before she passed in early March.

Those efforts helped the woman reconnect with family before her passing.

"I felt really good about trying to get the family back into communication," Conrad said. "I think when you go into a nursing home or assisted living facility, everybody assumes everything's taken care of and you don't need anyone looking in on you, and that's really wrong. You definitely need people looking in on you."

The North Dakota News Cooperative is a non-profit news organization providing reliable and independent reporting on issues and events that impact the lives of North Dakotans. The organization increases the public's access to quality journalism and advances news literacy across the state. For more information about NDNC or to make a charitable contribution, please visit newscoopnd.org.

OPENING FOR ELLENDALE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

The City of Ellendale is looking to hire a Public Works Employee to oversee the following maintenance to keep the City in good working order and sound condition:

- Streets
- Alleys
- Water system
- Sewer system
- Landfill areas
- General maintenance of equipment
- Mowing
- Cutting and trimming trees
- Cemetery
- Perform a variety of manual labor duties which will include all maintenance, heavy equipment operations, snow removal and other duties as required.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationship with other employees, public officials and the public.
- The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 75 pounds or more.
- This job typically works 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday and will be required to be on call during scheduled evenings and weekends.
- Must be legally authorized to work in the United States. No sponsorships

- considered.
 - A valid ND Driver's License is required and the ability to obtain a Class B CDL.
 - A high school diploma/GED is required; the ability to pass and obtain all required ND State licensing and certification requirements when eligible.
 - Successful applicants will be highly motivated and self-directed.
 - Successful applicant will require a background inquiry.
 - Experience preferred; and essential that the public works employee be service oriented.
 - Must live within 30 minutes of the city limits.
 - Wages DOE
- Applications/Resumes will be accepted until filled, please submit to City Hall (P O Box 267 - 55 3rd Ave S - Ellendale ND 58436).
- Benefits included: BCBS - Health, Vision, Dental, Retirement, Vacation, Sick Leave, On-Call pay, Overtime past 40 hrs, Garbage/Water discount if live in city limits
- For further details, please contact Mayor Don Flaherty; Council Member Justin Meidinger or City Hall -701-349-3252.

A Word from our Health District National Public Health Week

By Abby Gibbs, Health Promotion Coordinator at Dickey County Health District

National Public Health Week is April 6-12, 2026. This year's theme is "Ready, Set, Action!" This annual observance highlights how public health works behind the scenes every day to keep people safe, healthy, and thriving.

Public health is often invisible when it's working well, but its impact is everywhere. It's the clean water that comes from your taps, the safety of the food we eat, the sidewalks and parks that encourage physical activity, and the programs that protect us from disease.

Your local public health professionals work every day to support our community well-being. This includes providing vaccinations, conducting school-based screenings, promoting healthy lifestyles, and partnering with organizations to address emerging health and safety concerns. Our work is rooted in collaboration, bringing together healthcare providers, educators, community leaders, and residents to build a healthier future.

As we celebrate this week, it's important to remember that public health is a shared responsibility. Small actions, like staying up to date on vaccines, practicing good hygiene, supporting local health initiatives, and checking on your neighbors



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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELLENDALE

PASTOR - REV. PAUL O.S. PREUS
DIVINE SERVICE - 9:00 A.M.
BIBLE CLASS - 10:30 A.M.

PRESBYTERIAN UNITED METHODIST, ELLENDALE

PASTOR BECCA HAFNER
SUNDAY WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, FORBES

VACANCY PASTOR, PAUL PREUS
SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY
SATURDAY AT 5:00 PM
WORSHIP SERVICE, SATURDAY 6:00 PM

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PASTOR REINO MAUNU
SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.
SERVICES 2ND & 5TH SUNDAYS

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SERVICES SUNDAY 11:15 A.M

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PASTOR JUSTIN BROTZEL
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL & FELLOWSHIP 11:00 A.M.

St. HELENA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, ELLENDALE

FATHER PATRICK PARKS
CONFESSION - SATURDAY 3:30 P. M.
SATURDAY MASS - 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MASS - 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS AT 8:30 A.M.
2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.

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FATHER PATRICK PARKS
SUNDAY MASS - 1ST, 3RD, & 5TH SUNDAYS @ 10:30 A.M.
2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS AT 8:30 A.M.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH - 400 MAIN

PASTOR MICHAEL GARCIA
SATURDAY SABBATH SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.
SATURDAY WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

PASTOR KEVIN LIBBY
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY KIDS 6:00 P.M. & YOUTH 7:15 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

PASTOR GLENN RAYNOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 A.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, EDGELEY

PASTOR BRANDON WOODRUFF
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