

MINUTES/NEWS

Ashley City Council Minutes

ASHLEY CITY
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday June 8, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
ASHLEY CITY HALL

Schock called to order at 6:30 PM, Kosel, Geiszler, Glaesmann, Dahl, Kroh via Teams. Newhouse absent. Also present Paula Bendewald (newspaper), Steve Thompson, Todd Dockter, Michael Gorder(Moore Engineering) via Teams.

Topic Covered:
Committee of Schock, Newhouse, Dahl will interview candidates for the Water position. Dockter will provide support. Fire Hydrants ordered. Commercial meters installed soon.
Flowers will be removed from city cemetery after June 23th, 2026. Purchase a city pickup and a mosquito sprayer soon.

Unanimous Motions:
Agenda; Geiszler; Dahl 2nd
5-11-26 minutes; Kosel; Glaesmann 2nd
Moore Invoice \$26,244.54; Dahl; Geiszler 2nd
Moore Invoice \$7,099.36; Kosel; Glaesmann 2nd
Resolution 2026-2, A Resolution Setting Auditor Bond Limit For the City of Ashley, North Dakota \$1,414,774; Dahl;

Kroh 2nd
Jenson Rock and Sand bid \$570,000 and Erich's Excavating bid \$129,280 for tear out and repaving 10 blocks this year. Also equal 2nd bid for 10 blocks next year; Kosel; Dahl 2nd
Financials / Vouchers; Dahl; Glaesmann 2nd

CHS	\$1,634.68
MCINTOSH CO. BANK	\$32.45
MDU	\$77.27
MDU	\$89.61
MDU	\$145.96
MDU	\$155.08
MDU	\$180.55
MDU	\$184.19
MDU	\$477.44
MDU	\$1,706.02
Donna Schauer	\$400.00
MOORE ENGINEERING, INC.	\$15,850.00
Triple J Auto Body & Repair	\$3,187.30
TODD DOCKTER	\$169.65
Ashley Park District	\$2,866.86
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS	\$1,500.00
E & H Communications	\$158.94
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	\$2516.00
JDA	\$10,544.00
JDA	\$3,612.33
ND DEQ	\$113.46
ND DOT	\$20.00
SCRWD	\$16,861.55

MCB Insurance	\$7,317.00
THE HOME SHOP	\$369.30
Westside Heating & AC, LLC	\$60.00
Abbey Hoffman	\$1,300.00
KEVIN FORSMAN	\$169.65
TODD LIPPERT	\$269.65
BADGER METER INC.	\$39.44
DSG-Dakota Supply Group	\$24,985.00
EVES FLORAL	\$585.00
TEAM LAB INNOVATIONS	\$1,040.00
Schlabsz, Wanda	\$79.79
Doane, Christopher J.	\$109.20
Forsman, Kevin	\$1,783.55
Dickson, Alexander	\$300.81
Dockter, Todd	\$1,772.76
Lippert, Todd	\$1,497.80
Nies, April	\$857.98
Willis, Isaac	\$1,050.01
Nitschke, Barbara A.	\$387.87
Doane, Christopher J.	\$109.20
Forsman, Kevin	\$1,783.55
Dickson, Alexander	\$285.53
Dockter, Todd	\$1,822.21
Lippert, Todd	\$1,497.79
Nies, April	\$730.54
Willis, Isaac	\$847.90
Total Checks	\$111,018.87

Adjourned 7:45 pm.
Regular meeting July 13, 2026, 6:30 pm.
(June 17, 2026)

Council from front: Street work possible next summer

laboration with regional EDCs, updated marketing materials, website improvements, and work on the Ashley Channel. City and church signs will be updated once funding is finalized.

Concerns about inconsistent city office hours resurfaced. While no action was taken, the council acknowledged public frustration. Flex scheduling was discussed, and Nies' presence in the office three days a week may help cover gaps.

Interviews for the open water department position will begin in June, with hopes to hire by late August. Three applicants are under consideration.

Public Works Director Todd Dockter led discussion on several items. The council approved moving forward with about ten blocks of asphalt replacement near Main Street, the churches, courthouse, and G&G, selecting Jensen Rock & Sand for its reliability and past performance. Erich's Excavating will assist with preparation work, and residents will be notified when the project begins. The council also discussed planning another roughly ten

blocks of street work next summer.

Dockter reported that cemetery mowing continues despite wet conditions. The council set June 30 as the deadline to remove flowers that are not attached to headstones and interfere with mowing. He also noted equipment concerns, including a failing S-10 pickup and an aging mosquito sprayer with parts no longer available. The city will look for a replacement vehicle that Dockter can use to take samples to Bismarck.

Mayor Schock contacted Sheriff Delzer about assisting with ordinance enforcement. While the mayor can issue citations, he hoped the sheriff's office could help with more difficult cases. Delzer declined without a contract due to workload.

The council also reviewed a request from Russell Dobson to place two buildings on the former Delzer gas station site. The existing structures will be removed, with one new unit facing Main Street and the other facing west.

2026 MOTORCOACH TOURS

Yellowstone	May 31 - June 5
Mystery Tour	June 22-25
Medora & Black Hills	August 4-8
Folklorama & Winnipeg	August 12-15
Washington, D.C. 250th	September 2-11
Branson & Memphis	Sept. 29 - Oct. 8
Nashville	October 21-27
Branson Holiday Tour #1	November 5-11
Branson Holiday Tour #2	November 12-18

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Election from front: How McIntosh County shaped the statewide races

terms will be filled by incumbents Eric Piatz with 253 votes and Tyler Welder with 240 votes. Eric Sanders received nine votes and Aaron Muller got four votes as write-ins.

LEHR CITY ELECTION

Lehr is in the unique position of being located in both McIntosh and Logan counties, but only McIntosh County voters turned out to re-elect council members. Mayor Wilbur Zimmerman retained his seat with 14 votes, and Lexi Dallman (13), Dawn Dallman (12) and Kaden Bader (12) were all elected to the council. Only two Lehr residents residing in Logan County requested mail-in ballots, however neither were returned. Logan County residents living in Lehr would have had to drive to Napoleon to cast their ballots, but none did, according to the Logan County Auditor's office.

ASHLEY CITY ELECTION

Mayor Erich Schock (198) was re-elected to another term. There were 4 scattered write-in votes. Steven Thompson (182) and Maggie Newhouse (152) received the most votes for City Council. Write-in votes for City Council went to Steve Delzer (3), Adam Wishek (2), Jim Delzer (2), Larry Meidinger (2), Shawn Goehring (2), Tanner Meidinger (2), and there were 13 scattered. Paula Patterson received 12 votes

for Municipal Judge and there were 14 scattered write-ins. These results will be finalized on June 22, 2026. The positions that required write-ins will then be determined by the city auditor. Official results will be published once the final determination of positions is complete.

For Ashley Park Board, Tanner Meidinger (196) and Gina Ketterling (161) received the most votes. Write-ins for Park Board were Tanner Meidinger (8), Adam Wishek (2), Cody Lippert (2), Jeremy St. Aubin (2), Shawn Goehring (2), Tristan Lippert (2), and there were 7 scattered.

ZEELAND CITY ELECTION

Pius Lacher, Jr. was re-elected mayor of Zeeland with 22 votes against 1 write-in. Todd Dohn (15) and Alfred Schumacher (23) received the most votes for City Council. There were 4 scattered write-ins.

MCINTOSH COUNTY ELECTION

In other countywide elections, current States Attorney Alisha Ankers received 339 votes, while challengers, Wishek attorney Gordon Dexheimer garnered 241 votes and Elise Fischer got 207 votes. Eva Becker was the sole candidate for County Recorder/Clerk of Court and will retain her position after getting 773 votes.

County Auditor Gina Ketterling received 746 votes as the sole candidate for that office. There were no filed candidates for the County Treasurer's office, however 123 write-in votes were cast for the position. Keith Tschetter received 36 votes and Lynette Blumhardt got 24 votes as the top two candidates. If they choose to run for the office, both will advance to the November 3 general election. Others receiving votes were Heather Dahl (19) and Marsha Monson (7), and there were a handful of scattered names written in.

In the race for sheriff, incumbent Steve Delzer received 557 votes. His opponent, Wishek Police Chief Andy Tunheim got 265.

The McIntosh County Star and Tribune received 682 votes and will serve as the county's official newspaper.

In all cases where there were at least two candidates, the top two vote getters will advance to the general election. The lone exception to that is in the county commissioner race. Two positions are open, so the top three candidates will advance. Travis Schnabel received 510 votes, and incumbents Jim Heinrich (481) and Neil Meidinger (455) will round out the November ballot. There were 21 write-in votes, but no one received enough to advance.

Statewide races are shown

here, listing vote totals cast in McIntosh County as well as state totals. Again, results were unofficial as of June 10. Candidates, McIntosh County, Statewide

Representative in Congress
Julie Fedorchak-R, 483, 59,667
Alex Balazs-R, 179, 22,182
Trygve Hammer-D, 108, 34,635

Sec. Of State
Michael Howe-R, 610, 74,039
Ryan Braunberger-D, 108, 34,142

Attorney General
Drew Wrigley-R, 610, 74,423
Tim Lamb-D, 108, 33,877

Ag. Commissioner
Doug Goehring-R, 632, 75,096
Vern Thompson-D, 107, 34,109

PSC-4 year term
Sheri Haugen Hoffart-R, 377, 48,180
Deven Styczynski-R, 251, 26,375

PSC-Unexp. 2 year term
Chris Olson-R, 341, 35,008
Jill Kringstad-R, 292, 41,762

PSC-4 year term
John Pederson-D/NPL, 106, 33,954

PSC-unexp. 2-year term
Scot Kelsh-D, 106, 33,920

Tax Commissioner
Brian Kroshus-R, 612, 73,740
Mark Nelson-D, 106, 33,935

Supt. Of Pub. Inst.-unexp. 2 yr
Levi Bachmaier, 441, 59,268
Tracy Layne Foss, 182, 31,875
Charles Tuttle, 117, 45,342

Supreme Court
Jerod Tuffe, 356, 63,253
Ariston Johnson, 324, 36,045

Supreme Court-unexp. 8 yr term
Douglas Bahr, 691, 97,321

Measure #1 -single subject legislation
Yes 77,072
No 38,955

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