

**Hope City Council Regular
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 11th, 2026**

Meeting Called to Order at
7:00am

Roll Call: Mayor: Darci McCullough, Council members: Scott Erickson, Alek Berg (via phone conference), Aaron Reamer, and Jeff Schuety. Also present was Trevor McCullough and Laurie Tuite.

Meeting Minutes: Council Members reviewed meeting minutes from prior meetings. A motion by Erickson, second by Schuety to Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from July 7, 2026. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried unanimously. A motion by Reamer, second by Schuety to Approve Special Meeting Minutes from July 14th, 2026. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried unanimously. A motion by Schuety, second by Erickson to Approve Special Meeting Minutes from August 6th, 2026. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried unanimously. A motion by Reamer, second by Erickson to Approve Special Meeting Minutes from August 7th, 2026. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried unanimously.

Confirmation of Agenda – A motion to accept the agenda by Erickson, and a second motion by Schuety. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried unanimously.

CD Changes: Discuss was held to make a change to the CD terms from the original proposal that was approved in July. A motion by Schuety to approve the changes, and a second by Erickson. In Favor – All. Opposed-None. carried unanimously.

New Account: Discuss was held to setup a new account for the CD interest to be deposited to. A motion by Erickson to approve the opening of a new savings account with the same account signors as the checking accounts, and a second by Schuety. In Favor – All. Opposed-None. carried unanimously.

Powerline Break: Discussion was held on a line break between Amundson's and Old Hope Glass Building. Hope Electric will get it fixed. With in original budget plan set for the repairs from 8/6/26 meeting.

Dirt Work: Discussion was held on dirt work at the landfill. Motion to approve payment for dirt work by Schuety, seconded by Berg. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried unanimously.

Equipment Trade In: Discussion was held for the proposals for trading in the tractor for a payloader. Quotes were submitted by John Deere, CAT and Titan. Motion to approve trading in the city tractor for the payloader from Titan Machinery by Reamer, seconded by Erickson. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried unanimously.

Cannon Inspection: Discussion was held on canon inspection for this week to maintain proper insurance.

Shelter at Park: Discussion was held on the remaining FEMA funds that are allocated to rebuilding of the park shelter. McCullough will visit with Andrew Kainz about the proposal.

Store Christmas Tree Decorating: Discussion was held on a resident volunteering to light the Christmas tree this year. A motion to table the discussion for a later meeting was made by

Schuety, seconded by Reamer. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried unanimously.

Street Light Project: The company will be here in the next couple weeks to get started.

Unlicensed vehicle and Camper: Discussion was held on the abundance of unlicensed vehicles and a camper that is being lived in. A motion to send letters to all residents outlining the City of Hope Ordinances and procedures was made by Schuety, seconded by Erickson. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Handbook: Discussion was held on the first draft of the Employee handbook.

McCullough suggested to review sections of the handbook and council members to bring suggested changes to each meeting. A motion was made by Reamer to have the council review sections 1-4 for the next Regular Council Meeting on September 8th, 2026, seconded by Erickson. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Concerns:

Street Sweeping -Discussion was held on scheduling the street sweeper for mid-late October. A motion to schedule the street sweeper to come in mid-October was made by Reamer, seconded by Schuety. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Street Crack Fill – Trevor has tested out the machine to fill the street cracks and it is in working order. He plans to start filling street cracks this week and see how much is completed with the supplies he has.

Insurance – Claim on library from June 2025 storm. Claim has been submitted to close as the work is completed. All other insurance claims have been closed and no outstanding premiums are due.

Past Due Accounts: Disconnection letters were mailed out to all residents who were 90 days + on their utility bills. Residents have until August 15th to make arrangements for repayment. A motion was made to remove electric meters and turn water off for utility accounts #185-00 and #176-00 by Schuety and second by Berg. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Pay Bills: A motion to pay all bills was made by Reamer, seconded by Schuety. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

-99292 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	2087.29
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-99289 STEELE COUNTY JDA	500.00
-99288 aflag	221.60
25065 DONNA FLATEN	385.41
25066 MARVIN SPLETTSTOESSER	2150.34
25067 TREVOR MCCULLOUGH	

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 25068 BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE
 4395.00
 25069 NEW CENTURY PRESS 99.00
 25070 ND LEAGUE OF CITIES
 520.00
 25071 VISA 408.00
 25072 MATHSEN SWEEPING, LLC .
 1400.00
 25073 Nodak Electric Cooperative
 140.40
 25074 Nodak Electric Cooperative
 402.60
 25075 Nodak Electric Cooperative
 19658.84
 25077 IHRY INSURANCE... 5470.00
 25078 David Malatterre..... 300.00
 25079 Marci Johnson..... 1108.20
 25080 ALEXANDER EFFERTZ
 1467.48
 25081 ALEXANDER EFFERTZ 76.94
 25082 AMANDA STARR 502.06
 25084 BEK 83.11
 25085 CLIFFORD FARMERS CO-OP
 ELEV 750.00
 25086 DAKOTA RURAL WATER
 DISTRICT 3377.94
 25087 FARMERS UNION OIL
 COMPANY 1447.79
 25088 MIDCONTINENT

COMMUNICATIONS 202.61
 25089 Nodak Electric Cooperative
 1188.90
 25090 BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE
 2214.25
 25092 GRAND FORKS UTILITY
 BILLING..... 26.00
 25093 HOPE ELECTRIC, INC . 46.55

 25094 HOUKUM, DALE..... 778.80
 25095 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL
 78.36
 25096 KEN KROEPLIN..... 750.00
 25097 MARC 1771.14
 25098 Nodak Electric Cooperative
 20491.86
 25099 TREVOR MCCULLOUGH
 2120.67
 25100 ALEXANDER EFFERTZ
 736.56
 25101 Nodak Electric Cooperative
 630.30
 25103 BOOTE SEPTIC SOLUTIONS
 500.00
 25104 CLIFFORD FARMERS CO-OP
 ELEV 306.25
 25105 CORE & MAIN..... 3548.36
 3548.36
 25106 HOPE ELECTRIC, INC.
 1355.63
 25107 MINNKOTA POWER COOP,

INC. 781.00
 25108 Nodak Electric Cooperative
 347.60
 25109 North Dakota Rural Water
 Systems 275.00
 25110 TREVOR MCCULLOUGH
 80.88
 25111 VISA 483.89
 25112 Marci Johnson..... 1108.20
 25113 TREVOR MCCULLOUGH
 2120.67
 25114 IDEAL ENERGY, LLC.....
 19514.00
 Adjournment: With no other
 business to be discussed a motion
 by Reamer, Second by Schuety to
 adjournment the meeting. In Favor
 – All, Opposed – None. Motion
 carried. Meeting adjourned at
 8:25am.
 Next Meeting September 8th at

 7:00am at Hope City Hall.
 Mayor Darci McCullough
 Interim City Auditor:
 Marci Johnson
 SCP August 21, 2026 IO#377545