

PUBLIC NOTICES

Hope City Council Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes 107 Steele Ave, Hope, ND 58046

**Tuesday, September 29th, 2026
Meeting Called to Order at
6:02pm**

Roll Call: Mayor: Darci McCullough, Council members: Jeff Schuety, Alek Berg, Scott Erickson, Aaron Reamer (via teleconference). Also present was Cat Abrego.

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

2027 City of Hope Budget – Discussion was held on different aspects of the budget. A motion to lower the City's Share of Special Assessments to \$24,724 by Schuety, and a second motion by Berg. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried. A motion to accept the budget as presented with the change of the special assessments by Schuety, and a second motion by Erickson. In Favor – All. Opposed – None.

Motion carried.

Adjournment: With no other business to be discussed a motion by Berg, Second by Erickson to adjournment the meeting. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Next Meeting October 13th, at 7:00am at Hope City Hall.

Mayor Darci McCullough
Interim City Auditor:
Marci Johnson

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Hope City Council Special Meeting Minutes 107 Steele Ave, Hope, ND 58046

**Wednesday, October 7th, 2026
Meeting Called to Order at
6:00pm**

Roll Call: Mayor: Darci McCullough, Council members: Jeff Schuety, Alek Berg,

Scott Erickson. Absent Aaron Reamer Also present was Trevor McCullough and Laurie Tuite.

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

Printer Bids – Currently no grants are available to the city for assistance in the purchase of a new copier/printer. Review of Bids from last meeting. A motion was made to go with ABM copier/printer lease option for \$100/month by Erickson. Second by Berg. In Favor – All. Opposed – None.

Building Permit – Application from Pete Schumacher for a cold storage shed 12x14 to be moved on to property in spring 2027. A motion was made to approve the moving permit by Erickson, and a second motion by Berg. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. A letter will be mailed out with the permit fee due notice.

Renaissance Application – Laurie Tuite presented a Renaissance Application submitted by 38 Meats LLC to the city of Hope council members who are acting in its power as the Renaissance Zone Board members. Discussion and review of the application was held. A motion

was made to approve renaissance application by Berg, and a second motion by Erickson. In Favor – All. Opposed – None.

Office Furniture – Bid to add a small buffet table for appliances and storage for a cost of \$85.48 + tax/shipping. A motion was made to purchase item by Erickson, and a second motion by Berg. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. A motion to get rid of outdated and unused items by Erickson, second by Berg. Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion to ask the Steele Co. Museum if they would like the Safe Vault to display by Erickson, second by Berg. Favor – All. Opposed – None.

Utility Meters and Software Updates – Core and Main coming 10/8/26 to address meter and

software setup issues. Meters and software are not coinciding with each other. Auto reading errors continue to occur.

Black Mountain Software – Discussion was held on the annual renewal of the BMS. A motion was made to remove the BMS pay option by Berg, and a second motion by Erickson. In Favor – All. Opposed – None.

Nuisance Vehicles & Property – Discussion was held on list of properties. A motion by Berg to send letters will out with a 30 day deadlines to complied list. Medical exception to a resident was granted extended deadline for 7/31/2027. A second by Erickson. In Favor – All. Opposed – None.

Culvert Project – Bids were presented by Erickson for drainage work needing to be completed for proper drainage to lead water out of town. A motion to accept bids to complete project by Erickson, second by Schuety. In Favor – All. Opposed – None.

Landfill Setup – Discussion was held on the landfill signage, fees, access. Berg has quote for \$40/sign for the bunkers – total of \$160 + tax/shipping. A motion was made by Erickson to purchase the 4 signs from GoPromo and a second by Berg. In Favor – All. Opposed – None.

City of Hope Updated Forms – McCullough presented updated

city forms of Building & Moving Permit Applications, Utility Application, Suggestions & Concerns Form for review and any changes that needed to be made. A motion was made to accept the updated forms, pending research on the penalties if the building application is not followed to plan by Schuety, and a second motion by Berg. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Special Assessment List The City of Hope Special Assessment document was given to council members to review for Tuesday's Meeting.

Adjournment: With no other business to be discussed a motion by Erickson, Second by

Berg to adjournment the meeting. In Favor – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Next Meeting October 13th at 7:00am at Hope City Hall.

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