

City of Lignite Council Proceedings

Regular Meeting
September 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Unofficial Minutes

The September meeting of the City of Lignite was called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 by Mayor N. Schneider at the Lignite City Office, with the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was determined.

Members Present: Mayor Nate Schneider, Council members Whitney Rick, Shelley Bartow, Amanda Arnold, Auditor Kim Jones and City Maintenance Superintendent Jory Ehlke.

Absent: Council member Keith Termine.

Guests Present: Allen Larson and Lance Granrud left meeting at 7:18 pm, Galen Kalmbach left meeting at 7:11 pm, and Robin & Mike Mullen left meeting at 7:17 pm.

- Motion by W. Rick, second by A. Arnold to approve previous months minutes with correction: Regarding BP:2026-003, the motion passed with role call vote W. Rick, abstain, S. Bartow, aye, and A. Arnold, aye, approved. All in favor, motion carried.

- Motion to approve financials as presented by W. Rick, second by S. Bartow. All in favor, motion carried.

- Motion to approve BP#2026-004 to Robin Mullen for a shed by W. Rick, second by A. Arnold. All in favor, motion carried.

- Motion to approve BP#2026-005 to Robin Mullen for a shed (mini barn greenhouse) by W. Rick, second by A. Arnold. All in favor, motion carried.

- Motion to approve BP#2026-006 to John Westenbarger for a shed by S. Bartow, second by W. Rick. All in favor, motion carried.

- Motion to approve S. Bartow as Vice President by A. Arnold, second by W. Rick. All in favor, motion carried.

- Motion to add Shelley Bartow-Schneider to First State Bank & Trust checking account (3528) by W. Rick,

second by A. Arnold. All in favor, motion carried.

- Motion to approve the following bills by W. Rick, second by S. Bartow. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: Galen Kalmbach and Lance Granrud discussion regarding rural water. Concerns of pipe breakage, flow rate with rural water. Public hearing and vote if rural water is proposed. Allen Larson discussion of treatment for manganese. Discussion of replace or repair boiler for the American Legion building. Lance Granrud will get quote from AAA. Robin Mullen concerns of safety from Railroad sign down on King's state highway. Property of Canadian Pacific Railways whom is responsible. Discuss removal of the flag wrapped around flag pole at the park with Burke-Divide. Check gas smell in BC school bathrooms possibly venting.

Maintenance report: Sprayed for leafy spurge at the landfill. Picked up trailer in Mandan and working with North Country for a water tank. Four locates. Curb stop shut off at Marsha Larson. Trimmed trees in the alleys for snow removal. Lagoon inspection with Keith from NWRW. Erosion in cell 3 is bad, keep working on cattails, sludge depth approximately 1 ft in cell 1, other cells are good. Start applying BUGS in town.

Auditor report: Five letters sent for pet license due May 2026. One letter sent for lawn & weed ordinance. One letter sent for complaint from Circle Sanitation regarding oil dumped in garbage. CCR report 2025 and Resolution for City ballot added to Lignite website. Renewal of NDIRF Liberty Insurance for vehicles insured until 9/19/2027. Working with Troy Nelson from NDIRF for insurance claim for repairs to curb stop Lignite Service & Repair.

Old Business: Audit quotes from Eide Bailly \$23,000-\$28,000 single year, Brady Martz \$20,000 single year and Annual Financial Report through ND Office of the State Auditor due every year for free. Last City of Lignite

audit was 2017. Fire hydrants will be completed by end of September with one at Lignite Oil and second at a new location.

New Business: MIDCO Diving & Marine Service for cleaning the Lignite water tower reviewed for service in 2028. City council members are looking for 3-4 volunteers to review and update city ordinances. Discussion for new engineering options for the City of Lignite and Mayor N. Schneider will get at least three proposals will review at next council meeting.

Correspondence: N/A

Long-term planning: Further discussion for a walking/bike path.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:37pm by W. Rick

Next meeting: Monday, October 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm

BILLS FOR AUGUST 2026: Burke County Sheriff \$400.00; Burke Divide Electric 23.00; Burke County 50.00; Burke County Tribune 110.18; City Sales Tax 9,933.81; Dakota Agronomy 671.25; Ehlke, Jory Phone 50.00; Ehlke, Jory Mileage 258.10; Extreme Sales 7,145.00; Farmers Union Hardware 26.44; Gustafson Septic Service 19,353.00; Lignite Volunteer FD 5,000.00; Hawkins 374.07; First District Health 30.00; Jones, Kim Phone 50.00; Jones, Kim Mileage 52.20; Lignite Oil 811.61; NCC 279.71; Normont Equipment 603.75; One Call Concepts 18.00; Payroll 2,131.08, 912.38, 1,567.86, 2,194.94, 480.22, 1,560.13, 480.22, 59.11, 9,385.94; Sewer Passbook 2,460.00; Soltek Inc 360.00; Swanston Equipment 1,075.00; The Computer Store 249.00; USA Tax IRS 1,951.44; VISA 1,113.33.

Kimberly Jones, City Auditor
September 30, 2026