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cious vehicle, welfare check, and periodic checks); Traffic Stops - 13 (verbal warning-6, written warning-5, arrest, citation); Arrests – 2 (driving while license suspended, assault, disorderly conduct, court violation, and interference with a 911 call).

ALLEN – GARBAGE DEPT:
Dept. Head Report: Allen ordered a radiator for the garbage truck that has been having problems. He patched the last one, it held for quite a while, and then another hole formed.

MC GEE – UTILITY AUDITOR:
Vacant Water/Sewer Position: Mc-Gee presented the water/sewer vacant position job description and ad for hiring. Vail wants whomever we hire to be a multitasker that can work with the other departments when needed. It was decided to place the ad in the newspaper in February.

Water Service Rates Resolution #2026-W/S-22: All metered water users will pay \$9.00 per 1,000 gallons of water used, rates are effective January 1, 2026 with the first billing at the end of January 2026. Motion by Shear, second by Schaaf to approve Resolution #2026-W/S-22 Water Rates. RCV= all aye, MC.

Resolution #2026-G-10 Resolution Establishing Refuse Rates: The new dumpster rates are effective January 1, 2026 with the first billing at the end of January. The new dumpster rate sheet will go in minute book as part of the minutes. Motion by Schaaf, second by Shear to approve Resolution #2026-G-10 Establishing Refuse Rates. RCV= all aye, MC.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS DISCUSSION:
Reviewed the Emergency Operations Exercises: The City Commission, Knopp, Headley, Pearson and Welch reviewed a past exercise going over the items that were unresolved. Vail would like to do the tabletop exercise quarterly. Discussion was held regarding doing one that involved the ND High School Rodeo Finals. Pearson said he could get one together and will include Stacy McGee and Teran Doerr along with some other key people with the High School Rodeo.

CLOSE OF MEETING:
Next Meeting: 1/20/26 Regular meeting at 4:00 pm with the Public Input Meeting starting at 5:15 pm.
Motion by Shear, second by Schaaf to approve the bills, and the 12/29/25 City Commission Meeting Minutes. RCV= all aye, MC.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.
Peggy Allen, Financial Auditor
Lyn James, President of City Commission

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Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on January 20, 2026 at City Hall at 4:00 PM.

Present: President Lyn James, Vice-Chair Ryan Shear, Benjamin Schaaf, Sara Bullis (4:15 pm), Chief Headley, Steve Ness, Todd Hofland, Shannon Hewson, Jason Bullis, Camie Janikowski, Mike Snow, Trevor Bergerson, Aaron Allen, Peggy Allen, Brad Mosh-er, Stacy McGee and Josh Nelson.
Absent: Myron Vail.
President James called the meeting order at 4:00 pm. James struck LE Transport off the agenda until another meeting. Motion by Shear, second by Schaaf to approve the amended agenda. RCV= all aye, MC.
Direct Deposit: \$34,299.78; Checks # 14848 – 14870; Voided Checks: 14855; Bills: AT & T \$799.56, Bowman Auto Parts \$270.80, Bowman Park and Rec \$3,203.86, Bronson’s Marketplace \$57.58, Cenex Fleetcard \$4,753.32, Consolidated Telecom \$1,248.39, Cre-ative Product Sourcing \$951.91, Dakota Pump and Control \$105.50, Fallon County Treasurer \$6,726.880, Ferguson Waterworks \$1,167.97, John Deere Financial \$292.53, MFOA \$80.00, Midstate’s Organized Crime \$100.00, ND Information Technology \$92.80, Pomp’s Tire Service \$3,600.00, Randy’s Welding \$973.25, RDO Equipment \$50,000.00, Slope Electric \$1,031.00, Steven Ness \$262.00, SW District Health Unit \$50.00, Dacotah Paper \$87.49, and Coyle Electric \$771.83.
UTILITY AUDITOR- MCGEE:

Water/Sewer Consultant Agreement: Discussion was held regarding having Mason be a consultant and do the water sampling until Ness is fully certified. The water testing takes approximately 1 hour a month and since we still have two large water and sewer projects this year, we may need to access his knowledge, we estimate that he will be under 10 hours a month. In the event he needs to help outside the scope of his water and sewer consulting services, an hourly rate will be agreed upon by the City and the Mason prior to the work being performed. The agreement will be through 1/21/26 – 12/31/26 with either party having the ability to terminate with 30 days’ notice. Motion by Schaaf, second by Shear to approve the consulting agreement between Bill Mason and the City of Bowman. RCV= all aye, MC. We will notify DEQ that we hired Mason back as a consultant.
BROSZ ENGINEERING – HEWSON:
Water Tank Project: We are working on some items with SRF on the tank. They want to review everything before it goes out for bid.
Sewer Rehab Project: Hewson anticipates getting the plans to DEQ in February. Originally, we thought our sewer main totals were 15,000 LF and we are now at 17,000 LF with 32 manholes we are fully replacing due to 6” pipe bursting.

HOFLAND – STREET/VECTOR/ LANDFILL DEPTS.:
Dept. Head Report: Due to the high winds we had to pick up some trees that were in the street and take them to the landfill. Someone’s garage blew down too due to the wind and they had to push it out of the alley.
Street Loader Replacement: The loader is supposed to show up tomorrow depending on the weather.
NESS - WATER AND SEWER DEPT.:
Dept Head Report: Ness has been having problems with the west lift station by the football field and will have to call Dakota Pump to look at it.
CHIEF HEADLEY – POLICE DEPT.:
Activity Report for 1/5/26 – 1/19/26: Incidents – 2 (disobedience of judicial order and harassing phone call/letter); Calls for Service – 54 (extra patrol-25, information report-6, public relations-4, utility problem-3, agency assistance-3, welfare check-2, traffic hazard-2, citizen assist-2, business security check-2, lockout, stray animal, citizen dispute, simple assault); Traffic Citations – 8 (verbal warning-4, citation-3, no action); Arrests- 0.

2025 Review of Police Department Actions: Chief Headley gave a review of 2025 with a 5 year comparison as follows: Incident Reports: 2021=136, 2022=188, 2023=158, 2024=167, 2025=152; State Reportable Accidents: 2021=13, 2022=29, 2023=31, 2024=9, 2025=20; Thefts: 2021= 16, 2022=18, 2023=20, 2024=8, 2025=6; Burglaries: 2021=1, 2022=4, 2023=2, 2024=3, 2025=2, All Assaults: 2021=20, 2022=22, 2023=7, 2024=19, 2025=21; Narcotics: 2021=18, 2022=21, 2023=21, 2024=24, 2025=39 (Drugs that were most found were heroin, cocaine and marijuana.) Arrests: 2021=61, 2022=83, 2023=65, 2024=83, 2025=73; DUI's: 2021=10, 2022=16, 2023=19, 2024=21, 2025=17; Traffic Stops: 2021=397, 2022=514, 2023=669, 2024=1,236, 2025=788 (most common traffic stops were: speeding-251, vehicle defects-159, reckless/careless-132, registration-129, stops signs-62, tint-62, & suspended license-60.)

NIBRS-FBI: Foss reports certain criminal cases to the state as we are mandated to do. They are only interested in certain types of criminal cases, of those cases, we solved 27 out of the 32 crimes reported which is an 84% success rate! Chief Headley checked and we have the highest rate in the state of these types of cases being solved.
DARE Program: 45 Bowman County School and Rhame School District students will be graduating the DARE Program on 2/13/26 at 2:00 pm. James will not be able to attend graduation so Shear will be there.
There will be a DARE school for instructors like Headley in Dickinson for the new material that is being introduced to the program, so Headley will have to attend that to stay certified. School Presence: Headley is still at school as much as he can and he teaches DARE every other Thursday and Friday. He keeps a presence by

walking through the halls and talking to kids when he isn't teaching DARE.
ALLEN – GARBAGE DEPT:
Dept. Head Report: Everything is going well, nothing notable to report.
ALLEN – FINANCIAL AUDITOR:
Park and Rec City Sales Tax Request: Park and Rec is requesting \$3,203.86 for The Edge Unit Heater install out of their City Sales Tax Funds. Motion by Shear, second by Bullis to approve the City Sales Tax Request for Park and Rec in the amount of \$3,203.86. RCV= all aye, MC.
Walking Path Lights Timer: Allen stated the Park and Rec had seen an increase of approximately \$2,000.00 a year for the electricity to run the walking path lights. They decided to install a timer for these lights so they don't run all night to help with the cost. This was a city project and Allen inquired if the Commission would pay the invoice for the timer and installation since it was our project. Motion by Schaaf, second by Shear to approve paying Coyle Electric for the walking path timer in the amount of \$771.83 with the funds coming from the SUR Fund #6040. RCV= all aye, MC.

Gaming Permit #24-77: Allen presented a gaming permit for Bowman Rotary for a sports pool for the Super Bowl. Motion by Shear, second by Schaaf to approve Gaming Permit #24-77 for Bowman Rotary for the Super Bowl. RCV= all aye, MC.
Statement of Interest: New legislation has made the requirement for any elected official to complete a Statement of Interest form and have it on file at City Hall by January 31 of every year they are sitting on the Commission. If they are not turned in by the deadline the City Auditor is to fine them by fees set by the state. All the Commissioners that were present turned in their Statement of Interest before leaving.

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING ON SEWER REHAB PROJECT AT 5:15 PM: President James opened the sewer rehab project public input meeting and then turned it over to Hewson and Nelson from Brosz Engineering. Hewson gave an overview of the project by going over the handout and Power Point. Hewson stated that when the work is being performed on a block, the homeowners will be notified 24 hours in advance by a flyer being on the door and each door will be knocked on to notify them, and we will be posting the schedule. The contractor will be laying out the dates for the sections of work to be done. The biggest thing for residents to take note of is if their line is shut down, sewage could back up their home if they are using water that is going down the drain or flushing a toilet. All comments or concerns by residents need to be in to Brosz Engineering by January 30. There will be some testing done to see if we can go from a 6” main to an 8” main in certain areas. If the contractor says no, they will have to stay at 6”, but the goal is to be at 8”. This project will be bid in the spring of 2026 and have summer of 2026 construction. Once this project is complete, our sewer mains will be 100% slip lined.

Question by Resident Mike Snow: Snow inquired if any property damage was anticipated due to the project. Hewson stated that the contractor will be working in the alleys, and we don't anticipate any work done other than on city property. But the contractor will have a 14’ excavator working in a 20’ alley, there could always be an issue, but don't plan it. If there was damage to a property, that would be under the contractor's insurance.

With no further questions from the public, President James adjourned the public in put meeting.
CLOSE OF MEETING:
Next Meeting: 2/3/26 at 4:00 pm.
Motion by Schaaf, second by Shear to approve the bills and 1/6/26 meeting minutes. RCV= all aye, MC.
President James adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.
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Lyn James, President of City Commission

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UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE RHAME CITY COUNCIL MEETING

@ 6:30 PM
Location: City Hall

I. Rocky called the meeting to order @ 6:30pm
II. Roll Call: Henry Waller, Rocky Wallman, Dave Erickson, Doyle Kruger & Staff
III. Guests:
IV. Minutes: Doyle made a motion to accept January Meeting Minutes, Henry 2nd. Motion Carried.
V. Financial Report:
a) Bank Rec & Cash Report: Motion to approve made by Doyle 2nd by Henry, motion carried.
b) A/R Aging Report #3, 22, #25, #28, #38, #41, #43, #52, #66 Reviewed. Motion To Approve by Henry 1st, Doyle 2nd. Motion Carried. Dave made a motion to contact the City Attorney to draw up a contract between the city & customer #41 for payments towards water. Payments will consist of \$1000/Month, If payments stay current, customer will not be subject to finance fees. Henry 2nd. Motion Carried.
c) A/P Report: Motion to approve payables by Doyle. 2nd by Dave. Motion Carried.
VI. :
a) Streets: No Report
b) Water:
1. 30 Day Average – 7,502.8
2. 225,086 tower total gallons
3. 28,286 gallons tower to town
c) Sewer: No Report
Old Business:
d) Water Meter Cost Share – Tabled to March
e) Café Hood System – Tabled To March
f) Speed Limit Sign – Tabled To March
g) Audit – Doyle made a motion to contact Rath & Mehrer and get on their list. Henry 2nd. Motion Carried.
New Business:
h) Sanitation Fees – Doyle made a motion to adjust our Sanitation Fees to the same as Bowman. Dave 2nd. Motion Carried.
VII. Comments:

VIII. Next Official meeting date Monday, March 9th, 2026. 6:30pm. At City Hall.
IX. Adjournment: Henry made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm. Dave 2nd. Motion carried.
Note: The City of Rhame per ND Century Code 40-01-09.1 is publishing these unofficial minutes subject to the governing body's review and revision at the official March 9th, 2026 Meeting. Respectfully submitted
Jamie Binstock, Auditor
Rocky Wallman, Mayor

Accounts Payable: January	
Southwest Water	1302.40
Montana Dakota Utilities	1561.26
Propoint	186.47
City Of Bowman	2433.50
Aflac	380.64
Clinkerhills Engraving	52.50
Mackoff Kellog	65.00
Consolidated	136.98
Payroll	7423.20
ND PERS	1207.00
EFTPS	1655.74
BCBS	1933.70
MDU	40.53
Clerkbooks	200.00
The Badlands Patriot	68.06
US Postal Service	1137.60
Bank of ND	17779.94
Staples	46.34

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER: The Scranton City Council met at city hall on Monday, December 8th, 2025. Mayor Jason Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Aldermen: Brian Weber, John Pretzer, Ryan Schumacher; Auditor: Kari Ruggles; Visitor: Lucas Doerr.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge was said.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ryan Schumacher moved to approve the November minutes, Brian Weber second, roll call vote, MC.
AGENDA APPROVAL: Brian Weber moved to approve the agenda for December, John Pretzer second, roll call vote, MC.