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**Minutes of the Regular
City Commission Meeting
held on July 21, 2026
at City Hall at 4:00 PM.**

Present: President Lyn James, Vice-Chair Gene Anne Kulseth, Myron Vail, Cole Benz, Tad Lewton, Todd Hofland, Shannon Hewson, Steven Ness, Aaron Allen, Peggy Allen, Emily Bostyan, Teran Doerr, Kevin Buchholz, Debbie Buchholz, Pastor Corey Jenkins, Scott Hardy, Duane Bowman, Darren Lime-sand, Kady York, Sheri Teigen, Jean Nudell, Amelia Walke, Jennifer Jeffers, Mike Snow, Myron Olson, and Brad Mosher. Absent: None

President James called the meeting or-der at 4:00 pm. Motion by Kulseth, sec-ond by Benz to approve the amended agenda. RCV= all aye, MC.

Direct Deposit: \$35,223.42; Checks # 15142-15165; Voided Checks: 15162; Bills: AT & T \$893.03, Bowman Cem-etry Assoc. \$3,653.47; Bowman Park and Rec \$4,669.20, Bowman Vet Clinic \$90.00, CM Services \$15,266.53, Core an Main, LP \$303.92, Display Sales \$469.00, Double EE Services \$9.00, Fallon County Treasurer \$8,406.40, Morgan Foss \$900.00, Hawkins \$945.06, Heinrich Septic, LLC \$240.00, JK Excavation \$3,800.00, John Deere Financial \$666.54, MGM Welding \$1,527.79, ND Information Technol-ogy \$92.80, ND MCA \$275.00, Paxton Jahner \$300.00, Pomp's Tire Service \$1,446.00, Slope Electric \$1,476.00, Stryker Sales LLC \$746.25, Bowman Park and Rec \$6,935.42, and SW Dis-trict Health \$60.00.

BROSZ ENGINEERING – HEWSON
Water Tank Project: DWR requested more information from Brosz Engineer-ing. The invite to bid will come to the Commission for approval at the next meeting.

Sewer Project: The project is approved, we can do notice of award, so we are moving forward. The City will receive a formal letter to start and award.

5th Avenue Water Main: This project is going out for quotes. Once we get quotes, we will decide if we can move forward when we know the costs. Ten-tatively we are planning on doing it this year if funds allow. Quotes should be back by next meeting.

**HOFLAND – STREET/VECTOR/
LANDFILL DEPTS.:**

Dept. Head Report: The street crew is still durapatching the streets, the machine is working well, once the oil is out we are done for the year. They have used approximately 800 gallons so far. They did all the small areas, we can't get large areas done as it doesn't work well on them. Hofland was asked about an area by the Catholic Church, Hofland said he would get to it when it was cooler.

NESS -WATER AND SEWER DEPT.:

Dept Head Report: Ness reported the bulk water station has been busy.

OFFICER SNOW – POLICE DEPT.:

Activity Report for 6/3/26 – 7/19/26: In-cidents: 4 (vehicle accident-2, alcohol offense, and accident property dam-age); Calls for Service: 35 (suspicious vehicle or circumstance-3, information reprot-3, public relations-3, lockout-2, scam-2, traffic control for fire-2, cat or dog running at larbe-2, vicious ani-mal, child abuse or neglect, citizen as-sists, motorist assist, injured animal, fire, lost property, agency assistance, disturbance, mental health/protective custody, illegal burning, intoxicated per-son, fireworks, traffic hazard, medical emergency, reckless driver, suspicious person, and disorderly conduct); Traffic Stops: 33 (verbal warning-16, written warning-7, citation-7, and arrests-3); Arrests: 3 (other criminal offence-3, alcohol/liquor law violation and flight to avoid arrest.)

Officer Snow was present for the po-lice department as Chief Headley is at training.

ALLEN – GARBAGE DEPT.:

Dept. Head Report: They are down to two employees in the garbage depart-ment due to an injured employee. On Monday the new employee will start.

ALLEN – FINANCIAL AUDITOR:

Gaming Permit #24-81
SWHC Auxiliary: Allen presented a gaming permit for SWHC Auxiliary for

12/5/26, it's their annual quilt and cash raffle. Motion by Vail, second by Lew-ton to approve Gaming Permit #24-81 for SWHC Auxiliary. RCV= all aye, MC.

Gaming Permit #24-82 Bowman Lions Club: Allen presented the annual Bow-man Lions Gaming Permit for the home games at Bowman County High School and Monday night football. Motion by Vail, second by Benz to approve Gam-ing Permit #24-82 for Bowman Lions Club. RCV= all aye, MC.

Park and Rec City Sales Tax Request: Allen presented a Park and Rec city sales tax request for water slide repairs in the amount of \$6,935.42 to Bowman Park and Rec. Motion by Benz, second by Kulseth to approve the city sales tax request in the amount of \$6,935.42. RCV= all aye, MC.

Bowman Chamber of Commerce Spe-cial Event Request-Fair Parade: They are requesting to block off the street for the Annual Fair Parade that will start at City Hall and go to the south end of Main Street, line up will start at 11:15 and event should be done by 1:30 pm. Motion by Lewton, second by Vail to ap-prove the Chamber Special Event Re-quest for the Bowman County Fair Pa-rade on August 9th. RCV= all aye, MC. Library and Museum Special Event Request-Messtival Festival: The library and museum staff are requesting to barricade off the street in front of the two buildings and do messy science and art projects. Motion by Vail, sec-ond by Lewton to approve the Special Event Permit Request for Pioneer Trials Regional Museum and Bowman Re-gional Public Library special event for the Messtival Festival. RCV= all aye, MC.

Transfers: Allen requested to do the budgeted transfer for the City Hall roof. Originally the budgeted amount was \$200,000 but the bids came in at \$280,000, so Allen is requesting to transfer \$280,000 from the general

fund #1000 to Fund 3090, City Maintenance Fund. Motion by Benz, second by Vail to approve the transfers as presented. RCV= all aye, MC.

8512, LLC Special Event Permit: Kuls-eth is requesting a Special Event Permit for on-sale liquor, wine and beer at the Dakota Territory Car Club Show on Main Street on July 25 from 8:00 am to midnight. Motion by Vail, second by Lewton to approve the special event permit for on-sale liquor wine and beer for 8512, LLC at the Dakota Territory Car Club car show on 7/25/26. RCV= all aye except Kulseth abstained, MC. Cyber Security Information from City IT: Allen presented information on cyber security from our own IT person and the Commission was in favor of it and asked for a formal quote. Allen will inform Peterson from Park and Rec that we won't be joining in their contract, and Allen will give Peterson the info we received so he can decide if he would like it for Park and Rec.

#2026-2 An Ordinance to Amend the Consolidated Franchise Agreement, Chapter 14, Article 1, Franchise #2: James gave the formal second reading of the ordinance to extend Consolidated Franchise Ordinance. This Ordinance is for them to collect franchise fees to give the City of Bowman. Motion by Vail, second by Benz to approve and adopt the second reading of #2026-2 an Ordinance to Amend the Consolidated Franchise Agreement,

Chapter 14, Article 1, Franchise #2 for 20 years. RCV= all aye, MC.

BCDC – DOERR:

2027 Budget Request: Doerr introduced Jennifer Jeffers as their new employee. Doerr reviewed all their programs and operations with the City Commission and asked for 2027 budget consideration of: Operating Funds \$56,160.00, benefits \$6,480.00, SBDC Services \$3,000.00, Fixed Cost Childcare Reimbursement \$10,000.00 (carry over unused funds), Workforce Recruitment and Retention Program \$25,000.00 (carryover unused 2026 funds), Façade Program \$5,000.00 (Carryover unused funds), Commercial Signage Grant \$1,000.00, and Flex PACE Interest Buydown Program \$10,000.00. Doerr is requesting to carry over the \$80,000 for the Housing Initiative allocation that was previously budgeted while they complete the housing study and finalize program design, and the previously approved \$8,000.00 is expected to be utilized this year as a local match for the ND Hous-

ing and Comprehensive Study Grant.

BOWMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – BOSTYAN:

2027 Budget Request: They requested \$2,000.00 in budgeted funds for 2027.

PIONEER TRAILS MUSEUM – NUDELL:

2027 Budget Request: They are re-

questing \$35,000 in budgeted funds for 2027. Nudell reviewed operations at the museum and talked about her Messtival Festival.

BOWMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT – LIMESAND:

2027 Budget Request: Limesand requested \$18,661 in operating funds and \$14,914 for insurance.

New Fire Department: Limesand gave an update on their new building project, the building is on site, they poured the pillars and foundation, electricity is to the lot, plan on finishing cement this week, and then they can put the building up when it cures. They plan to move in the new building in the spring.

MEOWSERS CAT RESCUE – YORK:

2027 Budget Request: York is requesting \$2,000.00 in funding for 2027 within the police department animal control budget for TNR. They are planning on opening a smaller rescue building for now before school starts.

CLOSE OF MEETING:

Next Meeting: 2027 Budget Prep Meeting is 7/27/26 at 10:00 am.

Motion by Vail, second by Lewton to approve the bills and the 7/7/26 meeting minutes. RCV= all aye, MC.

President James adjourned the meeting at 5:15 pm.

Peggy Allen, Financial Auditor
Lyn James, President of City Commission