

**MINUTES OF REGULAR
MEETING NEW ROCKFORD
CITY COMMISSION
NEW ROCKFORD,
NORTH DAKOTA
NEW ROCKFORD CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026**

President Richter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. Commissioners Fleming and Belquist were present, along with City Attorney Peterson, City Auditor Presnell and Public Works Superintendent Hirschert.

Belquist made a motion to approve the agenda. Fleming seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Belquist made a motion to approve the August 3, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Richter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Richter made a motion to approve the financial report. Fleming seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Richter made a motion to approve the August bills. Belquist seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Richter, Belquist, and Fleming voted "aye." No nay votes. Motion carried.

4th Corporation	130.00
Alan's Furnace Service	6,100.00
Aqua-Pure	7,000.00
Bank of ND	15,900.00
BNSF Railway Co.	146.86
Cash & Carry Lumber	914.95
Charles Hahn	145.99
Dakota Dust-Tex.	47.40
Dakota Fence	15,900.00
Duchscherer Supply	180.29
Eddy Co. Auditor	16,895.81
Ferguson Waterworks	288.99
Ian Coenen	50.16
Insure Forward	1,578.00
Ironhide	6,500.00
Joseph Concrete	3,900.00
Korey Anderson	125.00
Mid-Amer. Res. Chem	2,581.21
Miller's Fresh Foods	51.71
NRG Tech. Services	200.00
NR Park District	7,839.41
ND One Call	19.80
NRABC	10,331.12
Overdrive	800.00
Rocky Mtn Print Sol	2,410.35
Share Corporation	1,190.68
ND Chem Lab	363.88

Transcript Publishing	172.50
Warren Implement	10,700.00
Yri Electric	4,932.82
CCU	363.36
CenDak Cooperative	2,531.66
NR Napa	78.96
US Postmaster	280.00
BCBS	8,618.90
ND Child Support	614.00
Peterson Law Office	2,000.00
Peterson Law Office	4,537.33
AT&T	267.68
MDU	439.41
NDTC	570.34
Bank Forward	4.00
Otter Tail Power Co	6,435.75
Grand Forks Utility Billing	25.00
Waste Management	17,387.43
IRS	5,917.88
Bank Forward	48.10
NDPERS	3,542.59
Bruce Hirschert	4,227.94
Andrew Presnell	4,151.98

Ian Coenen	2,699.02
Jason Munson	3,081.43
Susie Sharp	1,557.02
Kendal Swantek	498.69
Taylor Anderson	1,351.86
Richard Swenson	1,477.60
Stuart Richter	1,108.20
James Belquist	692.62
Zachary Fleming	692.62

Public Comment Period:

Justin Stanton was present to discuss the city auditor. Stanton read a letter to the commission that he prepared.

Gaylin Borth was present to discuss the new city hall construction and his concerns.

Richter recessed the regular meeting at 9:10 a.m. for the 2027 budget public hearing.

Richter called the regular meeting back to order at 9:12 a.m.

City Division Reports:

Public Works Superintendent Hirschert presented his report and the water plant report to the commission. Public Works will flush hydrants, and the water tower fence is up. The state inspector completed inspections of the water plant and lagoon, and the landfill inspector also conducted an inspection. The library air conditioner has been replaced and the sewer cleaning is delayed.

Fleming made a motion to accept the report. Belquist seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

City Auditor Presnell presented his report to the commission. Presnell updated the commission on the lead service line inventory and a plan to identify the remaining unknown lead service lines. An individual reached out to the city regarding use of the airport for remote-controlled airplanes. Commissioners instructed Presnell to reach out to the ND Aeronautics Association for guidance. Presnell received a quote for cybersecurity at the water treatment plant for \$50, which is the basic service, while the company researches options for more security for the water plant. Belquist made a motion to accept the report. Fleming seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Representatives from Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU) were present to discuss the current staffing in the New Rockford Area due to concerns from the Fire Department regarding responses to emergencies. Scott Volk with MDU assured commissioners that the New Rockford area has good coverage and crews are coming through New Rockford regularly. Volk also stated there is training and grants opportunities available for the fire department.

Old Business:

GIS mapping was discussed. It is approximately 60% complete, with Interstate Engineering stating the remainder is able to be completed in their office using existing maps.

Discussion regarding the vacant houses was tabled.

The purchase agreement between the City and the Eddy County Soil Conservation for

the purchase of property was reviewed. Attorney Peterson reviewed key sections of the agreement with the Commissioners. Fleming made a motion to approve the purchase agreement. Richter seconded the motion. In

a roll call vote, Richter, Belquist, and Fleming voted "aye." No nay votes. Motion carried.

Richter made a motion to set the effective date for the street-light rate increase for December 1, 2026. Belquist seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The PRC Wind office lease was discussed. Peterson and Presnell will review the current lease agreement and follow up with PRC.

Nuisance vehicles/yards were discussed. Belquist requested a report on the status of the current letters that have been sent out. Discussion was held regarding the enforcement and removal of the nuisances.

New Business:

Fleming made a motion to approve building permits for Mike & Carol Risovi, Jeremy Kaul, Vorland Land Company, Mike & Jackie Williams, Michelle Pfeiffer, Todd Allmaras, Glenda Collier,

and Steve Weisenburger. Belquist seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Richter made a motion to approve the application to harbor more than two dogs for Travis Peterson. Fleming seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Richter made a motion to approve the second reading of Chapter 13 – Traffic – Article 12.1 – Regulation for Motorized Scooters. Belquist seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Belquist made a motion to approve the first reading of Chapter 14 – Zoning and Planning – Amendment to Section 1 of Article 2 and enactment of Article 5.1 – Shipping Containers. Richter seconded the motion. Discussion was held on fees and whether the ordinance would apply retroactively. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Fleming made a motion to

renew CD 1031933621 at the best available rate upon maturity. Richter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Belquist made a motion to approve the 2027 Police Contract. Fleming seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of the 2027 budget was tabled until the October meeting.

A citizen comment was reviewed. No action was taken.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be on October 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Stuart Richter,
President
Andrew Presnell,
Auditor

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