Public Notice

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NEW ROCKFORD CITY COMMISSION NEW ROCKFORD, NORTH DAKOTA NEW ROCKFORD CITY HALL NOVEMBER 2, 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 Hirchert.

Fleming made a motion to appoint Cherry Heinz to the City Commission. Belquist seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Heinz was administered the oath of office and assumed her position on the City Commission.

Fleming made a motion to approve the agenda with the adjustment of moving Pipe Detectives up from New Business. Belquist seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Belquist made a motion to approve the October 5, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Fleming 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 October bills. Fleming seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Richter, Belquist, Fleming, and Heinz voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

4th Corporation 165.00
Aqua-Pure 9,892.00
Banyon Data Systems.....595.00
Bismarck Sign Co.....396.04
Cash & Carry Lumber.....37.47
Duchscherer Supply.....121.15
Hach Company 176.09
Hawkins.....994.93

Interstate Engineering 873.00
Interstate Power Sys 2,063.37
Land Surveying Services.....
.....1,150.00
Michael Nicolai 235.60
Miller s Fresh Foods 15.05
NRG Technology Service..316.67
NR Napa.....75.55
ND One Call.....16.50
Peterson Law Office 14,479.04
Susie Sharp 174.80
Transcript Publishing.....361.50
Yri Electric 2,271.12
CenDak Cooperative 1,329.91
CCU.....2,150.03
NRABC 9,107.41
NR Park District.....6,979.76
Eddy Co. Auditor.....14,639.00
US Postmaster 280.00
BCBS.....8,618.90
ND Child Support 614.00
AT&T 271.68
NewVision Security.....4,155.20
MDU 402.53
NDTC.....573.63
Grand Forks Utility.....24.53
Otter Tail Power Co 5,514.58
Waste Management 17,387.43
ND Child Support 614.00
IRS.....5,255.56
ND Tax Commissioner.....104.00
Bruce Hirchert 4,227.94
Andrew Presnell.....4,151.98
Ian Coenen 2,610.60
Richard Swenson 1,466.06
Susie Sharp 1,927.12
Jason Munson 3,044.72
NDPERS 3,619.01

City Division Reports:

Public Works Superintendent Hirchert presented his report and the water plant report to the Commission. Fire hydrants have been flushed, prefilters have been changed on the ROs, and Aqua Pure is looking at replacing membranes on the ROs. Richter made a motion to accept the report. Belquist seconded the motion. Discussion was held regarding Pipe Detectives. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

City Auditor Presnell presented his report to the Commission. Presnell has been working on the Lead Service Line Inventory with Hirchert. Special assessments and liens have been certified to the Eddy County Auditor's Office. Richter made a motion to accept the report. Fleming seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Andrew Bangsund from Pipe Detectives was present to provide an update to the City Commission. Bangsund reported that more heavy cleaning was required than originally anticipated. Commissioners asked questions regarding the timeline for completing the remaining sewer cleaning. Richter made a motion to approve the additional heavy cleaning with televising on 3rd Ave N from 12th St N to 13th St N and heavy cleaning without televising on 3rd Ave N from 8th St N to Highway 281. Belquist seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

GIS mapping was discussed. Interstate is sending an employee to New Rockford every Friday to complete the mapping. Discussion was held on the contract. Hirchert will get an update from Jed Hastings.

There was no update on vacant houses.

City Hall construction was discussed. Discussion was held on starting the bidding process. Presnell will request an estimate from Interstate Engineering for assistance with the bidding process.

The PRC Wind office lease was discussed. Auditor Presnell informed the Commission that PRC Wind is still reviewing and will advise the city once a decision has been made.

Nuisance vehicles/yards were discussed. An update was provided by Public Works Superintendent Hirchert and Auditor Presnell. Discussion was held regarding obtaining court orders for nuisance vehicles. Attorney Peterson provided an update on the process.

New Business:

Fleming made a motion to approve the building permits for Cash & Carry Lumber and Don Olds. Belquist seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Fleming made a motion to approve the gaming permit for

the Sheyenne Rodeo Club. Richter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Belquist made a motion to renew CD #94974 at Bank Forward for a 14-month term at an interest rate of 4.05%. Richter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Presnell reminded the City Commissioners to complete the employee evaluations for the December meeting.

The City Commissioners reviewed the list of properties included in the nonpayment property sale.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be on December 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Stuart Richter,
President
Andrew Presnell,
Auditor

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