

CITY OF NEW LEIPZIG

Council Proceedings

April 6th, 2026

Tax Equalization meeting

The City of New Leipzig met on Monday April 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the office of the city auditor for the annual tax equalization meeting. Members present: Ryan Roth, McKiley Millim, Andrew Roth, Emery Gaugler. Guests present: Jordan Roth, Sheila Ferderer, Jim Ferderer, Kathleen Friesz, Mark Stelter and Jackie Steinmetz. The meeting was called to order by mayor Kelly Roth.

The minutes from April 8, 2025 tax equalization meeting were reviewed and had been accepted at the May 5, 2025 meeting.

Motion by Andrew Roth to accept the ag values as presented in the 2-year assessment book, second by Ryan Roth. Motion carried.

Motion by Ryan Roth to lower the value of parcel 62091900 for Jim and Sheila Ferderer to \$2,000.00, second by Emery Gaugler. Motion carried.

Motion by Andrew Roth to adjourn, second by McKiley Millim. Motion carried.

April 6, 2026 Regular session

The city of New Leipzig met in regular session on Monday April 6, 2026. Members present: Andrew Roth, Ryan Roth, McKiley Millim, Emery Gaugler. Guests present: Jordan Roth, Mark Stelter and Nathan Boyd and Kent Roehl. The meeting was called to order by mayor Kelly Roth.

Motion by Emery Gaugler to approve the agenda with additions, second by Andrew Roth. Motion carried.

Motion by Ryan Roth to approve the March 2, 2026 minutes, second by McKiley Millim. Motion carried.

Motion by Andrew Roth to approve the bills, second by McKiley Millim. Motion carried.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Employee wages \$6,691.05, Lince Sanitation 3,540.62, NL Park 649.53,

NL Park 316.66, NLEDC 1082.56, NL Meals 433.02, NL Ambulance 433.02, SW Water Authority 1,982.61, MDU 485.51, WRT 90.63, Frieze Auto Parts 31.99, Starion Bond Services 101,605.00, ND Dept of Health 27.00, Jordon Roth 126.88, MDU 1,619.51, Marc 906.25, Mor Gran Sou 126.96, NL Grain 421.99, Grant County 1,625.04, Stelter Repair 228.86, ND Dept of Health 54.00, One Call Concept 7.50, ND Child Support 240.00, SW Grain 59.16, Ferguson Waterworks 1,350.00

Motion by McKiley Millim to approve the auditors reports as presented, second by Emery Gaugler. Motion carried.

Motion by Andrew Roth to approve building permit #511 for Jaden Moser to install a shop door at 21 Tiger trail road, Blk 2 lot 1 school house addition, second by Emery Gaugler. Motion carried.

Motion by Ryan Roth to approve building permit #512 for Mark Stelter to pour concrete at 419 3rd Ave East, Blk 29 lots 6-8, second by McKiley Millim. Motion carried.

Motion by Emery Gaugler to approve building permit #513 for the New Leipzig rural fire protection district to replace and expand their sidewalk at 34 1st St. East, Blk 3 E80' lots 6&7 NI original, second by McKiley Millim. Motion carried.

Motion by Andrew Roth to approve building permit #514 for Jessica Beck to build a fence at 116 3rd Avenue, Blk 8 lot 3 NI Original, second by Ryan Roth. Motion carried.

City wide clean-up will be on Monday May 11, 2026. Please have your items on the curb by 6:00 a.m. A list of prohibited items is available at city hall.

Rabies clinic will be Saturday May 16 from 10:00 a.m.-Noon at the city shop.

Motion by Andrew Roth to adjourn, second by Ryan Roth. Motion carried.

/s/Kelly Roth
Kelly Roth, Mayor
/s/Jennifer Morgan
Jennifer Morgan, Auditor
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A TRACTOR PULLS ANHYDROUS AMMONIA TANKS to fertilize a farm field.

Farm group seeks policy change to help build fertilizer storage

By Jeff Beach

ND Monitor

Farmers have been hit by spiking fertilizer and fuel prices as the U.S.-Israeli war with Iran disrupts global trade and supplies, but a North Dakota ag group is trying to work on a long-term solution to fertilizer shortages.

The North Dakota Grain Growers Association is urging federal policymakers to change the rules of a loan program that helps farmers with grain storage. The group wants to expand the program to cover on-farm fertilizer storage.

Ed Kessel, past president of the group, said it's important to have access to fertilizer when it is really needed. More on-farm storage would help guarantee that fertilizer is applied when the crop can use it most efficiently, he said.

Kessel said global demand for fertilizer is outpacing supply, but simply increasing production doesn't necessarily solve the problem, he said.

He said fertilizer producers and retailers have some storage capacity,

but not enough.

"If we did produce more fertilizer, where would we put it?" Kessel said. "So our feeling was it doesn't do a lot of good to have an increase in production if we can't store it."

The program change would help farmers pay for on-farm storage through low-interest loans.

The Farm Storage Facility Loan program is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency.

Kessel said he would like to see the program expanded for fertilizer as part of the next farm bill rather than a separate legislation. But, "the farm bill is not moving anywhere fast," he said.

Kessel was part of a delegation to Washington, D.C., in February lobbying for the change, which will require congressional approval, he said.

North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring said the idea makes sense, especially given that fertilizer requires some specialized storage features that also add expense. He said the potential costs saved on fertilizer would likely justify the cost of the storage and the interest on the loan.

"You're going to be paying more, but what a value that would be," Goehring said. "You have the ability to lay some (fertilizer) in when the price is reasonable."

Global demand for fertilizer has increased, but farm equipment and operations also have gotten more efficient. With farmers covering more acres at a faster pace, fertilizer supplies need to be replaced more quickly, Kessel said.

Kessel, who farms near Belfield, west of Dickinson, said he fertilizes as he plants. He said it used to take him all day to plant about 90 acres. Now he can plant 90 acres in a couple of hours.

If the fertilizer runs out, he will park the planter, he said.

North Dakota, with the nation's only state-owned bank, has developed its own ag loan programs in the last year as farmers have had to deal with natural disasters and a weak farm economy.

Kessel said he has considered a North Dakota program, but said it is really a national issue.

"So it would be one thing to get it done here, but I think ideally something that would be put into place for all farmers," he said.

It takes a lot of energy to produce chemical fertilizers. Basin Electric Power Cooperative produces fertilizer at its Dakota Gasification Plant near Beulah, but North Dakota is an importer of fertilizer.

The energy-rich Middle East is a prime area of production. But the U.S.-Israeli war with Iran and the disruption in shipping with closing the

Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf has helped drive up the cost of fuel and fertilizer.

Josh Linville is the vice president and fertilizer expert for the StoneX Group, a financial services company.

Linville, in a report issued Monday, a day before a two-week cease-fire in the war was announced, said that even if the war ended quickly, it may be too late to help U.S. farmers this year. It takes a month for a ship to go from the Persian Gulf to North America and weeks more to get the fertilizer supplies to the farmers.

"It will take weeks or months to get back to normal," Linville said.

Those same shipping disruptions also have affected fuel prices.

Kessel said he has already paid for about 90% of the fertilizer he will need this year but only about half the fuel he will need.

Tractors and trucks burn diesel fuel, which is even more expensive than gasoline. Diesel was at \$4.84 a gallon in North Dakota on Wednesday, according to AAA.

He said he is already seeing shipping costs increase for supplies he needs at the farm, such as equipment parts. He said high fuel prices will make it more expensive to get his crops to market, too.

"That's a bigger concern, actually," Kessel said. "Fuel has a trickle-down effect on it."



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Recipe: Hash Brown Patty Casserole

From the kitchen of: Joy Zimmerman

Ingredients:

- 6 frozen hash brown patties
- 2 Tbsp. oil, divided
- 1 small onion, peeled and minced
- 1 bell pepper, seeded and diced
- ½ lb. breakfast sausage, ham or fried bacon
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- ½ tsp. onion powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 1 C. milk
- 5 large eggs
- ¾ C. cheddar cheese, shredded

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375°. In a nonstick electric frying pan, add one Tbsp. oil in the pan. When hot, lay patties in a single layer. Fry on both sides until golden brown and crispy.

In a glass 9x9 or 9x10 baking pan, spray with cooking spray, lay the hash browns in a single layer, cut to fit. If you have some left, just put up the sides of the pan. In the same pan, add another Tbsp. of oil. Add in the meat, onions and pepper and stir in the seasonings. If using breakfast sausage, fry first, then add veggies. Put the mixture on top of the potatoes. Sprinkle one cup of cheese on top.

In a bowl, mix the eggs and milk - whisk together. Pour over the cheese. If you want you can add a little more cheese on top.

Bake for 20-25 minutes.

To submit a recipe, email to: djzimm@westriv.com or mail: Joy Zimmerman, 7670 57th St. SW, New Leipzig, ND 58562

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