

CITY OF ELGIN

Council Proceedings

Regular Meeting April 2, 2026

Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:49 p.m. April 2, 2026, by Mayor Ronald Bartz.

Pledge was recited. Public in Attendance: Luann Dart and Aristotle Walters In Attendance: Ronald Bartz, Brian Richardson, Ron Fischer, Kristian Roth and Leslie Bartz.

Absent: Robert Mead and Brianna Ricks.

Public: Aristotle Walters approached the council regarding property lines on his lot.

The board reviewed the Sheriff's report for last month. Report: Council reviewed the report as presented. Moved by L. Bartz second by Richardson to approve the Certification Form all present aye motion carried. Construction schedule was also reviewed.

Maintenance Report: Wayne Iszler updated the council on recent maintenance. Discussion was held regarding the urgency on crack sealing. The hole by Gooseneck needs to be repaired. Dump grounds

is set to open April 11. Drainage ditch on Dakota ST S was discussed. Clean Up week schedule was reviewed. The street sign for Minnesota street needs to be put in place. Moved by Roth second by Richardson to approve the use of the ARPA funds for street repair materials, all present aye motion carried.

Additions to Agenda: None Moved by Roth second by Richardson to approve the Regular City Council minutes dated March 5, 2026, all present aye motion carried.

Moved by Richardson and second by Roth to approve the financial statement as presented for March; all present aye; motion carried. FEMA funds deposited in to HWY Fund was \$18,043.44.

Moved by L. Bartz second by Roth to approve the following bills for March and April: US Treasury 1,399.90, NDPERS 2,377.10, NDPERS Pension 976.33, Elgin True Value 382.90, SW District Health 30.00, Stelter Repair 29.96, WRT 291.35, Fitterer Oil 3,308.06, GS Publishing 312.40, Integrity Enterprises 8,050.00, Wild West Heating 631.50, WRT 62.78, City of Elgin 110.25,

CAPFIRST 19,679.28, Elgin True Value 64.19, Gas & Gears 118.54, Grant County 5,416.67, Lexis Nexis 79.93, Lince Sanitation 8,672.41, Team Lab 3,216.00 and Employee Wages = \$5,599.88; all present aye motion carried.

Past Due Water bill list was reviewed: The following accounts are past due: Steve Bleick, Jake Haskett, Leland Adams, Jayme Joyce, Ron Olsen, Angel Nordling, Rebecca Biebert, Sean Marshall, Anthony Couch, Heather Moberly and Corinna Diehl.

Old Business: Council reviewed the Attorney's Opinion dated 3.14.26 regarding the properties owned by Delaus Hadley.

Moved by L. Bartz second by Roth to approve the quote from Rough Riders Industries for a new council table and chairs, all present aye motion carried.

New Business: A notification system for the City will be discussed next month.

Moved by Roth second by Richardson to approve the following building permits; #853 Paul Hillius, #890 JMHCC, #891 Aristotle Walters, #892 Cross Roads Inn, #893 Brian Bleick all present aye motion carried.

Discussion was made regarding the building permit procedures. The permit will be

updated as discussed. Moved by Richardson second by L. Bartz to approve the Agreement for Performance of City Assessing for 2026 in the amount of \$7,529.75 all present aye motion carried.

Moved by Richardson second by Roth to approve the following grants as recommended by the sales tax committee; City of Elgin Community Center \$10,000 and JMHCC \$28,000 all present aye motion carried.

Council was informed Richard Michels will be retiring from the City Judge position as of July 1.

Discussion was held regarding the opening of commercial business on West ST. The property will need to be rezoned and the variance procedures will need to be followed.

Moved by L. Bartz second by Roth to approve the following gaming permits; #417 JMHCC Foundation, #426 American Legion, #427 JMHCC, #428 Gr Co HS all present aye motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:26 p.m. /s/Ronald Bartz Mayor /s/Reva Weekes Reva Weekes, Auditor
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School News



Schedule of Events

Fri., May 1: Golf at Mott, 7:30 a.m.; JH track at Watford City Invite, 7:30 a.m.

Sat., May 2: HS track at Shiloh Christian, 9:00 a.m.; State Music at BSC.

Sun., May 3: Open swimming 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.; Adult Water Aerobics 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Mon., May 4: JH track at DSU, Noon; Golf at Beulah/Hazen.

Tues., May 5: HS track at Hazen, 1:00 p.m.; Open swimming, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wed., May 6: Storm football meeting at Carson, 1:30 p.m.; Adult Water Aerobics 3:40 - 4:30 and 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., May 7: Open swimming 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Breakfast Menu

Fri., May 1: Caramel rolls, juice, fruit, cereal, toast and milk.

Mon., May 4: Eggs, toast, juice, fruit, cereal, toast, and milk.

Tues., May 5: Pancakes, juice, fruit, cereal, toast, and milk.

Wed., May 6: Breakfast wrap, juice, fruit, cereal, toast and milk.

Thurs., May 7: Combas, juice, fruit, cereal, toast, and milk.

Fri., May 8: Doughnuts, juice, fruit, cereal, toast, and milk.

Lunch Menu

Fri., May 1: Nachos, whole wheat products, fruit and vegetables, salad bar, milk.

Mon., May 4: Beef stroganoff, whole wheat products, fruit and vegetables, salad bar, milk.

Tues., May 5: Pulled pork on a bun, whole wheat products, fruit and vegetables, salad bar, milk.

Wed., May 6: Chicken quesadilla, whole wheat products, fruit and vegetables, salad bar, milk.

Thurs., May 7: Spaghetti, whole wheat products, fruit and vegetables, salad bar, milk.

Fri., May 8: Soup and sandwich, whole wheat products, fruit and vegetables, salad bar, milk.

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Proceedings Of

City of Elgin Board of Equalization

The Board met at the Elgin City Council Board room at 7:30 p.m. on April 2, 2026.

Public Present: Wayne Iszler, Luann Dart, Joel Klein, Aristotle Walters and County Tax Director: Jackie Steinmetz.

Council Present: Mayor Ron Bartz, Brian Richardson, Ron Fischer, Kristian Roth,

Leslie Bartz and Reva Weekes, City Auditor/Clerk.

Absent: Brianna Ricks and Robert Mead.

Mayor Bartz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Last year's tax minutes were reviewed and had been approved at the May 1, 2025 regular city council meeting.

Meeting turned over to Tax Director/Assessor Jackie Steinmetz.

Joel Klein had some ques-

tion regarding the taxable classification of Parcel #61081309. Ms. Steinmetz clarified the reason for the commercial classification on the garage is because of the size and height of the side walls. This does not affect the zoning classification and it will remain residential. Steinmetz will make sure to review similar properties to make sure they are equal and comparable.

Council reviewed the list of building permits submitted in 2025.

Changes in True and Full value sheet was reviewed.

Moved by L. Bartz second by Roth to approve the assessment book as presented all

present aye motion carried.

Steinmetz informed the council that 35 Homestead credits were returned and 15 Veteran's credits were returned.

AG values were reduced this year by 4.25%. Tolerance level for residential is 93% and 98.3% for commercial.

Meeting was turned back over to the Mayor Bartz.

Tax Equalization meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

/s/Ronald Bartz Mayor /s/Reva Weekes Reva Weekes, Auditor
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E-NL hires elementary teachers

By Luann Dart

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The Elgin-New Leipzig School District board of education held a special meeting

April 23, approving contracts with two new elementary teachers, work agreements for noncertified staff and contracts with administration and the

counselor.

Jolene Erasmus, who has five years of teaching experience, will be coming from South Africa to teach first grade. She replaces Rita Fischer, who is retiring after 45 years.

Chaine Sinagtulo will be teaching third grade, replacing Deb Michels, who is retiring after 13 years with the district. Sinagtulo has 12 years of teaching experience, including one year in the United States and 11 years in the Philippines. She is currently living in Hawaii.

During its regular meeting in April, the board tabled motions to approve and possibly negotiate agreements with noncertified staff and administrative and counselor contracts after board member Amanda Petrick asked that N.D. Century Code be cited on the agenda to clarify legal authority to go into executive session.

During the special meeting last week, no executive session was held, and the board approved contracts for K-12 counselor Shelley Ackerman for \$72,275, Elementary Principal Joe Kolosky for \$77,440 and Superintendent Dr. Sherlock Hirning for \$142,000. The increases equate to 3.25% for the counselor and principal and 3.1% for the superintendent.

Petrick voted against approval of Hirning's contract.

The board also approved work agreements for the noncertified staff with a \$1 an hour increase in salary for each and increasing the starting wage to \$17 an hour from \$16 an hour.

The district has now filled four of its vacated positions, and was expecting a reply from an ag teacher Monday.

City of Elgin
Community Clean-up Week
May 6, 8, 9

The City of Elgin has scheduled the City-wide Clean-up for

Wednesday, May 6 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 8 - 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 9 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The dump grounds will be open during the above-listed dates and times.

CURBSIDE PICKUP for those unable to get to the dump will be available on **Wednesday, May 6 ONLY** items must be curbside by 8:00 a.m.

Please call city office, **584-3001** to schedule a pickup time.

Note: If you have a delinquent/past due water/sewer/garbage account, you will not be permitted to take advantage of this free service.

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Shingles and siding will be subject to regular fees.

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ELGIN & NEW LEIPZIG SENIOR meals menu

Fri., May 1: Chicken alfredo, fettucine noodles, broccoli, fruit salad, milk, coffee.

Mon., May 4: Ground beef stew, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetable salad, lemon dessert, milk, coffee.

Tues., May 5: Hot pork sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, stewed tomatoes, Neiman marcus dessert, milk, coffee.

Wed., May 6: Taco salad, garlic toast, fresh fruit, healthy cereal cookie, milk, coffee.

Thurs., May 7: Elgin - Sausage, knoephla, sauerkraut, fruit cup, milk, coffee. **NO MEAL** in New Leipzig.

Fri., May 8: Salisbury steak, baked potato, green beans, banana bar, milk, coffee.

For meal reservations in Elgin, call Our Place Café, 584-3150. In New Leipzig call Nancy Grade at 584-2351 by 9:00 p.m. the day prior to the meal.

All menus subject to change due to availability of foods.

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