

Close game for the Bucs

By Gary Howard
The Hettinger/Scranton Night Hawks flew into Beach Jan. 16 and pecked away at the Buccaneers until they wore them down enough to nab a 53-46 win.

Beach started the game with a disadvantage. Several players were out due to injury or the illness that has been running rampant through the school. Colt Ambo, Nash Oech and Braxon Heckaman may have had to sit this one out,

but their teammates stepped up and gave it their all to keep pace with the opposition.

The end of the first quarter showed the Buccaneers in the lead, 11-8, with Bennett Braden putting in six points and Lucas Brown adding five.

In the second quarter, the Night Hawks started pecking away at the Bucs and took the lead by one point, 23-22, going into halftime.

Neither team had a clear advantage over the other in the third

quarter with each putting up 13 points. The Night Hawks clung to a 36-35 lead when the buzzer sounded.

The fourth quarter saw the Nigh Hawks getting past the Buccaneer defense to increase their lead. Aidyn Fisher sank a couple three-pointers and Robert Morris tallied eight points. Buccaneer Bennett Braden put in nine points and Lucas Brown got two, but it wasn't enough to reclaim the lead. The Night Hawks kept the

lead and got the win, 53-46.

Surprisingly, the Buccaneers never got to the free throw stripe, but the Night Hawks lined up 11 times and only missed two.

Leading scorers for Beach were Bennett Braden with 23 points and Lucas Brown with 11.

The Night Hawks were led by Aidyn Fisher with 20, followed closely by Robert Morris with 17 points.



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KIRBY DIETZ moves into position for a Bucs offensive play against the Night Hawks.

BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

BEACH CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
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January 5, 2026

A regular meeting of the Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Walter Losinski on January 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Present when the meeting was called to order were City Council Tom Marman, Sarah Ross, John Stonehocker, Bev Wolff, Andy Zachmann. Others present include Public Works Superintendent Randy Dietz, City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, Administrative Assistant Lea Massado, Engineer Zac Ranisate, guests Corlene Olson, Cheryl Planert and Jordanna Garland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. City Council Lynn Swanson-Puckett was absent.

Public Participation

Cheryl Planert presented information on a program called The Village. Cheryl will be holding informational sessions on January 27th and 29th in the community center. All are encouraged to attend.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda and Approval

Mayor Losinski called for any additions or corrections to the agenda. Zachmann moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on December 15, 2025, were presented. Zachmann moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers

Vouchers were reviewed for payment. Stonehocker moved to approve the following vouchers, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

USPS.....	\$710.34
Carpenter Decorating ...	229.62
Cooperative Legal Services	
.....	522.50
East End Auto & Truck Parts	
.....	962.50
First State Bank of Golva	
.....	325.38
G&G Garbage.....	2,700.00
Jandt Plumbing & Heating, LLC	
.....	2,425.58
John Deere Financial.....	72.99
MDU	7,654.04
North Central	
International, LLC	910.02
One Call Concepts	1.50
Rohan's Hardware.....	715.10
Runnings	753.48
Southwest Water Authority	
.....	11,055.56
Verizon Wireless.....	255.61
Beach Area Chamber of Commerce.....	100.00
Beach Park Board	4,884.32
Golden Valley County	
.....	9,853.46
Greyson Stedman.....	45.00
Jill Schatz	45.00
Municipal Finance Officers Association	80.00
North Dakota League of Cities	1,383.00
ND Water Users Association	

.....	125.00
Point CPA	6,000.00
RTC Networks	503.00
Stockwell Cleaning	218.75
Thomas Littlecreek	45.00
December payroll	36,400.93
City of Beach	413.59
First State Bank of Golva	
.....	3,467.14
Unum Life Insurance	73.05
City of Beach	508.88
First State Bank of Golva	
.....	4,177.64
ND PERS.....	5,258.92
Office of State Tax	
Commissioner.....	259.99
First State Bank.....	133.08
ND PERS.....	122.76
Blue Cross Blue Shield ND	
.....	11,725.90

Engineer's Report

Engineer Ranisate reviewed his written report. 2026 Main and Central Street Reconstruction - Ranisate mentioned the City Attorney is preparing the Resolutions Approving Final Plans and Specs & Resolutions Approving the Insufficiency of Protest for Both Street Improvement District and Drainage Improvement District. Stonehocker moved to approve advertising for bids, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Report

PWS Dietz reviewed his written report. Dietz mentioned all Public Works and Sanitation employee evaluations have been completed. Dietz reviewed areas of concern for snow removal along the safe routes to school. Dietz mentioned repairs needing to be done on valves at the lagoon.

Auditor's Report

Gaugler reviewed her written report. As of December 31st, expenses for the year are \$7,643,122.55 and revenues are \$7,948,868.90. A financial statement for the preceding year will be published in the *Golden Valley News* by March 1st.

Committee Reports

No committee reports were given.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2026-01
Public Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meeting Dates to be held at City Hall, Beach, ND, and the Hour Beginning of Meetings

WHEREAS, under provisions of Chapter 40-04.1-05 of NDCC, and City Ordinance 1.0201 the city council has determined dates for regular meetings in the year 2026,

AND WHEREAS, the city council shall observe Daylight Savings Time during those months Daylight Savings Time is observed and Mountain Time during those months Mountain Time is observed,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the city council meetings shall begin at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates and may adjourn from time to time if necessary:

January 5 & 20
February 3 & 18
March 3 & 17

April 7 & 21
May 5 & 19
June 2 & 16
July 7 & 21
August 4 & 18
September 2 & 15
October 6 & 20
November 3 & 17
December 1 & 15

Ross moved to adopt Resolution 2026-01, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-02
Establishment of Days That City Hall is Closed Due to Holidays

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Chapter 1-03-01 of NDCC and by the actions of the City Council to declare days that City Hall will be closed,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Hall will be closed in observance of the following:

January 1 - New Years Day
January 20 - Martin Luther King Day
February 17 - Presidents Day
April 18 - Good Friday
May 26 - Memorial Day
June 19 - Juneteenth
July 4 - Independence Day
September 1 - Labor Day
October 13 - Columbus Day
November 11 - Veterans Day
November 27 - Thanksgiving
November 28 - Day after Thanksgiving
December 24 - Christmas Eve
December 25 - Christmas Day

City Hall closing will also be observed upon action of the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of North Dakota.

Ross moved to adopt Resolution 2026-2, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-03
Business Hours at City Hall

WHEREAS, the City Council will determine the hours City Hall will be open,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Hall will be open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with the exceptions of holidays.

Ross moved to adopt Resolution 2026-03, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-04
Reimbursement for Mileage, Meals and Lodging

WHEREAS, City Employees may incur expenses for mileage, meals, and lodging in the performance of carrying out the duties required by the City,

AND WHEREAS, the City Auditor, upon being presented with documented evidence and is satisfied with audit of expenses, may approve payment between regularly scheduled council meeting,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City allow reimbursement for expenses incurred according to Chapter 54-06-09 of NDCC as follows:

Personal Vehicle, Mileage:

72.5¢ per mile
Per Diem for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner: \$45.00
Lodging: \$110.00 (Actual lodging not to exceed \$99.00 plus any applicable taxes)

Ross moved to adopt Resolution 2026-04, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-05
Expedition of Business

WHEREAS, it appears the business of the City will be expedited by authorizing the City Auditor to pay certain miscellaneous items, such as postage, freight, utilities, refund orders, regular employee payroll and apportionments,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Auditor be allowed to pay such claims.

Ross moved to adopt Resolution 2026-05, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-06
Listing of Depository Banks

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Auditor to deposit monies from time to time,

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Auditor to draw upon the deposits,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following banks be named for depository funds;

First State Bank of Golva, Golva & Beach, ND: Checking Account
BNY Mellon, BMO, Beach, ND: Treasury Savings
Western Cooperative Credit Union: Savings Account

Ross moved to adopt Resolution 2026-06, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-07
Pledge of Securities

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have Pledge of Securities,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the following Pledges be accepted:

BMO, Beach, ND
\$49,641.43 PLUS

\$250,000.00 FDIC
First State Bank of Golva, Golva & Beach, ND
\$1,913,287.00 PLUS
\$250,000.00 FDIC

Ross moved to adopt Resolution 2026-07, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-08
City Auditor to Invest and Reinvest Funds

WHEREAS, City Funds may be invested in Certificates of Deposit or US Treasury Notes to draw interest,

AND WHEREAS, these funds mature from time to time,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Auditor be authorized to invest funds and reinvest upon maturity of Certificates of Deposits. All Certificates of Deposits that are redeemed or reinvested shall require the signature of both the City Auditor and the Mayor.

Ross moved to adopt Resolution 2026-08, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-09
Salaries of Hired and Appointed Officials

WHEREAS, the City Council shall set forth salaries of City Officials and Employees,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following salaries has been set either on a yearly, monthly or hourly basis:

MAYOR

- Walter Losinski \$5,400.00 YR

CITY COUNCIL

- Andy Zachmann \$3,600.00 YR
- Tom Marman \$3,600.00 YR
- Lynn Swanson-Puckett \$3,600.00 YR
- Sarah Ross \$3,600.00 YR
- Beverly Wolff \$3,600.00 YR
- John Stonehocker \$3,600.00 YR

ZONING BOARD

- Al Begger \$1,200.00 YR
- Leann Allen \$1,200.00 YR
- Michelle Marman \$1,200.00 YR
- Tracey Trask \$1,200.00 YR
- Tony Wanner \$1,200.00 YR

PUBLIC WORKS SUPT.

- Randy Dietz \$34.68/HR

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

- Bart Bishop \$31.07/HR
- Tom Littlecreek \$27.58/HR

SANITATION EMPLOYEE

- Greyson Stedman \$20.60/HR

CITY AUDITOR

- Kimberly Gaugler \$74,905.54/YR

DEPUTY AUDITOR

- Lea Massado \$20.60/HR

DIGITAL SPECIALIST

- Jill Schatz \$21.23/HR

Ross moved to adopt Resolution 2026-09, second by Marman. Roll call vote: Marman-Yes, Ross-Yes, Wolff-Yes, Zachmann-Yes, Stonehocker-No. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read from ND Department of Environmental Quality regarding failure to submit a water sample during the month of November. All customers are to be mailed written notice and legal publication in the newspaper by January 17th.

Correspondence was read from ND Department of Transportation stating the Driver and Vehicle Services Kiosk located in City Hall will be retired on January 24th due to increasing costs and limited use.

No other business was brought forward. Zachmann moved to adjourn, second by Wolff. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:
Walter Losinski, Mayor
Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor
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ATTENTION

BARLEY GROWERS

The North Dakota Barley Council election for Golden Valley County will take place on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. (MT) at the Golva Bar, 407 Terrell Ave. in Golva, ND.

ELECTION

Each person, landlord, tenant, husband and/or wife who planted Barley in 2025 or intends to plant Barley in 2026 and who has not claimed any barley tax refund within the past year (except for duplicate payments), are eligible electors and can be candidates.

For more information contact the North Dakota Barley Council at 701-929-0123.

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO NORTH DAKOTA GAMES OF CHANCE, ARTICLE 99-01.3 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota State Gaming Commission will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, February 18th, 2026 at The North Dakota State Capitol, Brynhild Haugland Room.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by emailing agogaming@nd.gov, writing the North Dakota Attorney General's Office Gaming Division at North Dakota Attorney General's Office Gaming Division, 600 E. Blvd Ave Dept. 125, Bismarck, ND 58505-0040 or calling 701-328-4848. Also, written comments may be submitted to the above email or physical address until March 7, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Attorney General's Office Gaming Division at the above telephone number or address at least 7 days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2026.

Aaron Hummel
Gaming Division Director,
Office of the Attorney General