

CITY OF STANTON MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2026

Mayor Sayler called the city regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall with the following members present: Neumiller, Cole, Garrett and Kelly. Present were Auditor Braithwaite, Public Works Supervisor, Chapman, and guests J. Summers, L. Beyer and S. Solem with Solem Law Office.

Moved by Cole, seconded by Kelly approving the minutes of July 13th, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.

Moved by Cole, seconded by Kelly approving the July 2026 Financial Reports presented by Auditor Braithwaite. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.

Moved by Kelly, seconded by Cole approving the signatures of Mayor Sayler and Auditor Braithwaite for the survey permission form from ND Department of Water Resources as the council had approved the water intake survey request from NDDWR for from the previous meeting. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.

The council reviewed a Notice of Studies to Determine Potential for Designation as a National Historic Landmark letter from United States Department of the Interior (National Park Service). The notice entailed that the National Park Service is conducting studies on properties to determine their potential for designation as National Historic Landmarks which listed Knife River Indian Village as one of the properties. No further action is needed at this.

Council discussed and waived the Civic Center kitchen fee for L Bee's (L. Beyer) for Saturday, August 15th as she will be donating the proceeds from the breakfast to the Civic Club. The council requested L. Beyer to return the civic center key to the office once the event was over.

Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Garrett approving the second quarter 2026 Security Pledges with Union State Bank. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.

Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Cole approving the building permit #26-10 submitted by Ridl to relocate a propane tank from the East side of the shop to the West side, and

to install a car port in driveway that will be 20 feet from the curb. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.

Councilman Neumiller requested another council member to take over his Planning & Zoning portfolio. Moved by Garrett, seconded by Cole to reassign the Planning & Zoning portfolio to Council member, Kelly. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.

A discussion was held regarding the prohibit glass containers on the streets during Knife River days. Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Garrett. Roll call vote: All members voted, carried.

Moved by Kelly, seconded by Neumiller approving the 2027 preliminary city budget. Auditor Braithwaite informed the council that the general fund was at 94 mills and currently about the same as last year's, but dollar amount had increased for the 2027 Budget. The 2027 Final Budget hearing is set for Monday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Call members voted aye, carried. Chapman requested a time off request for the end of August. Council granted their permission.

Council asked about the invoice from Frontier. Chapman explained that a contractor had hit the electric line, so he contacted Frontier Electric for service. Chapman will provide Auditor Braithwaite the contractor's contact information and would try to get a reimbursement or something from them.

Mayor Sayler asked Chapman to mow a property on Harmon Avenue without charges to get the town ready for Knife River Days celebration. He also requested Chapman to purchase paint for the transformers. Council reviewed the disconnection list for August 17th if the payment is not made and directed Chapman to disconnect the electric meter and turn off the curb stop at following properties due to non-payment:

200 South Avenue.
312 Van Slyck Avenue.
923 Main Street.
117 Main Street.

Each service will be charged \$125.00 for a disconnection fee per updated ordinance 26-01.

Council held a discussion regarding the Summit Counseling building and the speculation on what the new owners may have planned to do. Council requested Attorney Solem to see if the city could have something in place before it becomes an issue.

J. Summers asked if the city did any spray to help with mosquitoes. Council informed her that she could spray it or call someone to spray her yard, but not city's responsibility. She also mentioned that the streetlight on Selmes Avenue was still not working correctly. Chapman will do a follow-up on that again. Council member, Kelly, asked if there was any update on Main Street. Council stated that they would like to send letters to the owners for updates on when the street will be fixed. Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Cole approving the payment of the following bills submitted:

Frontier Electric \$830.10, Wages \$10908.85, WRT \$487.33, Hazen Star \$158.95, Dakota Dust-Tex \$140.35, Central Dakota Frontier Cooperation \$670.00, One Call Concepts \$9.00, Black Water Bandit LLC \$500.00, Mercer County Sheriff's Department \$ 9480.00, Donovan & Kaffar \$150.00, Beulah ND Hardware \$207.85, City of Stanton \$172.04, Legend-Air LLC \$1185.00, Banyon \$984.00, Railroad Management Co. \$458.76, Fitterer Oil, LLC \$1041.60, ND Dept of Health \$27.00, NAPA \$656.42, PV Business Solutions \$298.50, Krause's \$12.75, Franklin Templeton \$1048.22, OPP Well Drilling & Supplies \$1283.00, Wages \$11446.98, US Treasury \$2886.27, WAPA \$2256.40, City of Stanton \$1957.03, BCBS of North Dakota \$7120.00, Cardmember Services \$3208.81, US Treasury \$2771.88, Union State Bank \$11097.67, Mutual of Omaha \$25.20, BCBS of North Dakota \$7120.00, Bank of North Dakota \$20450.00, Southwest Water Authority \$5823.51, Aflac \$1074.49. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.

Being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Auditor: Chonny Braithwaite

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