CITY OF STANTON MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2026
Vice President, Cole, called the city regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall with the following members present: Garrett and Kelly. Present were Auditor Braithwaite, Public Works Supervisor, Chapman, and guests J. Summers, J. Grannis, S. Cole, S. Jensen, Dahl, and S. Solem with Solem Law Office.
Moved by Kelly, seconded by Garrett approving the minutes of August 10th, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
Chapman gave an update that the Welcome to Stanton had been ordered. He will contact them when they might be done.
S. & B. Dahl with Dahl Investments discussed their plans for the old Summit building. They are currently working on renovations to get the building up to code for a hotel which would be called Knife River Inn. They plan to have a gym, open a restaurant and possibly a convenient store as well. They also would like to submit a liquor license to sell to their guests. They also stated that there would be roughly 8 to 12 positions open for both full time and part time. They are hoping to open their doors by mid-October.
Moved by Kelly, seconded by Garrett approving the building permit #26-11 submitted by Lighthouse Assembly of God to remove existing deck and build a new one on Block 38, Lot 10, W 25' of Lot 11. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
Moved by Garrett, seconded by Kelly approving the building permit #26-12 submitted by M. Roth to build a deck in front on Block 41, Lot 7-9. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
Moved by Garrett, seconded by Kelly approving the Local Raffle ticket #2601 submitted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.

Vice President Cole opened the 2027 Final Budget hearing.
J. Grannis questioned if the city had a recorded log on the miles and hours on the loader. He suggested that the loader shouldn't be used to mow the ditches because it would cause more wear and tear on the loader. The mowing should be done with the little mowers. He also asked why the city hired 3 Summer helpers. Auditor Braithwaite stated that using the big loader to mow cut down on time. Summer helpers were hired and all worked part time. Majority of the work was mowing. When they were done with the whole town, they had to start the loop back up again. Mowing was not a hard job but very time consuming. With the Summer helpers, our 2 main employees could work on other tasks. The city had never logged hours on the miles and hours for the equipment. No other questions or further discussion.
Moved by Kelly, seconded by Garrett approving the 2027 Final Budget. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
Vice President Cole closed the 2027 Final Budget hearing.
Council reviewed the disconnection list for September 16th 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
Each service will be charged $125.00 for a disconnection fee per updated ordinance 26-01.
Attorney Solem stated that he had an individual who could visit the council at the October 12th meeting to discuss some ordinances and rules.
Chapman informed the council that he would be ordering for enzyme for the lagoon.
Moved by Garrett, seconded by Kelly approving the payment of the following bills submitted:
WRT $487.33, Aflac $1074.49, Circle Sanitation $4935.75, City of Stanton $1851.24, Donovan & Kaffar $150.00, US Treasury $2461.26, Dakota Pump & Control $1512.00, Krause's $301.99, Franklin Templeton $1053.20, Rud Oil & Gas $367.91, NAPA $48.86, Hazen Welding $443.00, Coal Conversion Counties $297.00, Wages $8349.64, Center Machine Inc $134.99, Solem Law Office $359.25, Sherri Wolf $393.34, ND Dept of Health $27.00, One Call Concepts $6.00, Hazen Ace Hardware $1498.23, Dakota Dust-Tex $133.87, The River Run $11.00, City of Stanton $181.23, Railroad Management Co. $866.67, Wages $8676.55, Solem Law Office $336.25, REC $26569.27, John Deere Financial $565.90, REC $108.00, Cardmember Services $1809.54, WAPA $2445.80Aflac $1074.49, Southwest Water Authority $6681.91, Mutual of Omaha $25.20, U.S. Treasury $2422.33, BCBS $7120.00. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
Being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.
Mayor: Tom Sayler
Auditor: Chonny Braithwaite

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