MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
ANETA CITY COUNCIL
November 2, 2026

The Aneta City Council met on Nov. 2, 2026 at 5 p.m. at the Aneta Community Center. Present at the meeting were Jaima Curry, Myron Ham, Kelly Kueber, Todd Whitman and Danny Hamlin.

Brad from Moore Engineering was at the meeting to give an update on the water/sewer project and discussed the items that need to be corrected and will keep on KPH to get the items finished as soon as possible. The water meter replacement project is pretty much completed; there is just one meter that still needs to be replaced due to it leaking. Michelle is still waiting to receive training between Black Mountain Software and Ferguson Waterworks.

Todd called the regular council meeting to order.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Financials were discussed and approved. A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Jaima to approve the financials. A vote was taken and all approved.

Old business was discussed.

Water meter replacement -- As stated in the meeting by Moore Engineering, the project is nearing completion with just a few items that need to be completed.

Michelle stated she received an email back from NDDOT regarding help paying for the speed detection sign. There is a program the city can apply for: 2028-2031 Highway Safety. Michelle will get this information to the council before the next meeting.

Lon pushed the tree pile up. It was also inspected back in June and we passed. Todd said they are coming around more often to inspect tree piles to make sure there are only trees in the pile and no other garbage. Jaima is still working on the sign.

Myron stated the tree he discussed at October's meeting has fallen down. There is no need to pull it down anymore, just to cut it up and get to the tree pile sometime.

New business was discussed.

We received the contract for 2027-2029 from the Nelson County Sheriff Department. Michelle has mailed this off for Todd to review and sign. The contract will also be discussed at the December meeting. The rate will be going up Jan. 1, 2027 from $1,170 to $1,287. Michelle went over the list that was emailed to her for the October calls for service and this will be included each month going forward in the council packets.

The lots that were going back for back taxes were incorrectly advertised for sale. The lots that were listed were current on their taxes and no lots were for sale for back taxes.

A community member asked about cleaning up the duplex house in town. The mayor had told them that we have talked about this at the last couple meetings and we have stated we can't do anything as their taxes are paid. It was then brought up by Jaima that we don't understand why other houses in town in comparison aren't being brought up, and there is a house across town that doesn't have water, sewer and is not livable and belongs to Donovan Fougner no one mentions. Jaima also stated when Donovan purchased the house and he bought it from the town, he stated he would take the house down and he hasn't.

Melissa Kueber joined the meeting for the Aneta Park Board and gave some updates. She stated the park will be having a free-will community meal on November 22 and there will be a raffle as well. She stated that there are raffle tickets being sold right now for 25 pounds of hamburger, a quilt, Tahitian black pearl and seven local gift certificates for Aneta businesses, and the nursing home helped get the permit for the park district for this. The planters for the light poles have arrived and are stored in the pavilion. Melissa has reopened the insurance claim for the door on the pavilion. She has received one quote back from Troy Brandvold for $3,500 and is still waiting for quotes back from Billy Baker and Syverson Construction. Valerie Ashdown and Paige West attended a State of the Region meeting in Minto last week and received a lot of valuable information. They stated that state legislators were there and stated the importance of telling our story and stating projects we have going on in our community.

Bills were discussed:

Otter Tail Power	$1,889.47
Nelson Co. Sheriff	1,170.00
Brager Disposal	1,500.00
GF Utility Billing	26.00
Todd Whitman	401.25
Michelle Middlestead	321.00
Karen Retzlaff	220.68
Moore Engineering	21,943.25
Aneta Park District	303.90
Kelly Kueber	204.10
Farmers Union	203.01
Polar Communications	279.71
Dakota Rural Water District	6,715.60
One Call	4.50
Rural Development Finance Corp.	8,620.92

Delinquent bills were discussed. Todd will talk to them.

Motion to adjourn was made by Myron, seconded by Jaima.

Next meeting will be Dec. 7, 2026 at 5 p.m. at the Aneta Community Center.

Submitted by
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City of Aneta Auditor