LARIMORE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Larimore City Council
Regular Council Meeting
November 2, 2026 @ 7pm

The city council met on Monday, November 2, 2026 @ 7:00pm located at 119 Booth Ave., City Hall Council Chambers for the regular monthly city council meeting. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, December 7, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call/Welcome: Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dean Elfman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Dean Hoover, Tim Tuma, Joey Voelker, John Suchor, Wade Hursman, David Garton, Mayor Elfman. Also present: JJ Nesdahl, Lynette VanInwegen, Mikki Behm, Deputy Prudhomme, Attorney Joe Quinn. Guests present: Candy Porter, Ryan Graf, Alex Lehman, William Schroeder, Sandra Brelie, Katie Mayer, Stephen Hemington, Ron Swanson, Steve Sather, Matthew Golz.

II. Consent agenda: M/S/C (DG/JS) Motion to approve Consent Agenda which includes meeting minutes from October 5, 2026, and auditor's report for September 2026

III. Approval for payment of Bills:

a. #70963-

b. M/S/C(DG/WH) Motion to approve payment of monthly bills. Roll Call: D. Hoover-yay, T. Tuma-yay, J. Voelker-yay, J. Suchor-yay, W. Hursman-yay, D. Garton-yay. Motion Carried.

c. M/S/C (JV/TT) Motion to approve payment to H& H Coatings for Invoice #1(Final) Contract #C00923-1-26 and annual inspection report of water tower. Roll Call: T. Tuma-yay, J. Voelker-yay, J. Suchor-yay, W. Hursman-yay, D. Garton-yay, D. Hoover-yay. Motion Carried.

d. M/S/C(TT/JV) Motion to approve ND Water Users Association Annual Membership of $500.00.

IV. M/S/C(TT/JV) Motion to approve building permits for the following: Rose Burgess, Wayne May, Stephen & Tracy Hemington, Matt & Robin Salander.

a. Steve Sather building permit discussion: building permit submitted to build a pole shed on 520 Towner Avenue. Building has been staked out. Mr. Sather has been in contact with the DOT for right-of-way setbacks. Mr. Sather brought up concerns of water line that is on his 520 Towner Avenue property that feeds the neighboring house. J. Nesdahl pulled up GIS mapping and based on pictures from city-wide project, Mr. Sather's building and where current stakes are, is not close to the service line. Mr. Sather also requested amendment to building permit, notifying the Council that he will be putting concrete in front of the doors for an addition estimate of $1800.00.

b. M/S/C(TT/JV) Motion to approve Steve & Shauna Sather building permit.

V. Public Comments/Guests:

a. GF Children's Museum-Ryan Graf & Katie Mayer. Presented information and progress reporting about the Grand Forks Children's Museum. Currently, the Children's Museum is looking for financing through Alerus, and to get a better rate, they are hoping to have some qualified bank bonds and are reaching out to cities in the County, which will help reduce the overall cost to the museum and come with no obligations to the city. City Council wanted more information and asked for a revenue projection. The City from a legal standpoint is worried about potential liability or how it would affect the City if something were to come up in the near future where the city would need to apply for a bond. Ryan and Katie will follow up with answers to the questions and concerns.

b. Tree/Beautification Committee President, Rosemary Hoover- Rosemary presented information on the finalization and inspection of the RCI grant that the city received. The RCI grant awarded the city of Larimore $10,000 to restore tree canopy in the city of Larimore. The RCI grant from the NDFS helped the city of Larimore plant, stake, and mulch 20 trees along Terry Avenue, Booth Avenue, and Towner Avenue.

i. RCI-Rural Canopy Improvement Grant, ND Forestry Service: Discussion about how the grant process was handled, concerns and frustrations that were brought up by a couple of homeowners who received trees in their yards that didn't want them, and how we as the City need to be more involved with the overall process. The city council will ask the Beautification Committee to present their grant requests to the council before submitting to NDFS for approval, so the city council has an opportunity to review species of trees, locations of planting, etc. and ensure there is communication between the city and homeowners out of courtesy. The City Council wanted to reiterate that the trees that were planted were in the easement of the city and therefore do not have to ask for permission. The city will maintain the trees for the three-year maintenance program. For details on the maintenance program, please reach out to city hall.

c. Candy Porter-Upset with the tree that was planted in her yard without notice even if it's in the city easement. Mrs. Porter would like the council to consider notification to residents before planting happens. Mrs. Porter didn't even know what tree was planted on her property.

d. Matthew Golz-gravel pad in his back yard by alley is lower than the alley. Work was done on leaking well that is located in the alley behind Golz property. Mr. Golz claims issues with drainage and his gravel pad becoming a mud hole arose after equipment worked in the alley.

e. Sarah Steffen- Mrs. Steffen was not present but asked that her letter regarding the planting of trees in the easement of residential yards be presented to the council and requests that the tree that was planted in her yard be removed and replanted in someone else's yard that would like a tree. Mrs. Steffen was upset with the lack of communication but still thanked the Beautification Committee for their efforts to restore trees in the city of Larimore. Mrs. Steffen asks for a follow up written response from the city council and asks that they consider removal of the tree. After a long discussion, the city council

determined that communication was the overall opportunity with the tree plantings, even though they were placed in the city easement. The city council deemed that they will not remove any of the planted trees and discussed the three-year maintenance program that lines out the city being responsible for inspecting for disease, insect infestations, mulch replacement, removing of stakes after first year, and pruning.

VI. Report from Law Enforcement: Deputy Prudhomme. Stats will be emailed out to the council later this week once he receives them. Halloween in Larimore was a success; there were no issues. Deputy Prudhomme mentioned that the deputy that was training to become the third contracted Deputy for the city of Larimore & Northwood is no longer training and the County is in the process of hiring to fill the position.

a. M/S/C (DG/TT) Motion to approve the monthly Law Enforcement Report

VII. Report from Public Works Supervisor: JJ Nesdahl. Street cleaning has been happening more frequently with the number of leaves that have fallen and covering storm sewer drains. This week the city crew will be out cleaning out the storm sewer catch basins as their annual maintenance with a vac truck. J. Nesdahl confirmed storage space rent with Mr. Bakke for the pump, batwing mower, street sweeper. J. Nesdahl requests that the city reach out to Xcel Energy to see what the deal is with the old substation parcel located next to the City Shop. The pond pump over in Eastview will need to be shut down at the 1st cold snap. It's been flowing great since the ditch cleanout happened.

a. M/S/C(TT/JV) Motion to approve monthly Public Works Report

VIII. Reports and Comments from TASK/ASSIGNMENTS:

a. Budget/Finance/Audit:

i. The city of Larimore is under contract with waste hauler Waste Management. Every year, there is contractual annual increases. The city of Larimore has not raised refuse rates since January 2025 even though there was an increase by Waste Management to the city.

1. M/S/C(TT/JV) Motion to increase garbage rates as follows to take effect January 15, 2027, billing:

a. 96gal residential & commercial tote to include recycle $31.50

b. 2yd Dumpster $97.75

c. 4yd Dumpster $195.50

d. 6yd Dumpster $249.00

e. 2yd Recycle/Cardboard Dumpster $74.75

f. 4yd Recycle/Cardboard Dumpster $118.75

g. 6yd Recycle/Cardboard Dumpster $162.75

h. Commercial Recycle Tote $6.25

i. Apartment Recycle $8.00/ea. tote

ii. M/S/C(TT/JV) Motion to increase water usage rate from $8.25 per 1,000 gallons to $9.25 per 1,000 gallons to take effect January 15, 2027, billing.

iii. Meeting to wrap up end of year transfer recommendations and look through funds will be scheduled in November with City Auditor and Accountant Harold. Budget will bring recommendations back to the city council for the December council meeting.

b. Public Safety-Fire Dept., Ambulance Disaster Readiness: NA

c. Infrastructure-Streets/Sewer/Water/Alley/Lights:

i. Asphalt Patches Highway 18/Concrete Patches for sidewalks-DOT was to reach out to J. Nesdahl, has not received a phone call. D. Hoover will reach out to DOT.

ii. Lead & Copper Rule-Replacement Plan Kickoff Meeting needs to be scheduled; Mikki will reach out to Savana to schedule a meeting.

iii. Lewis Avenue Apartment building that had a leak, concrete pad was poured and completed by TAG Construction. Last thing that needs to be done is planting grass which the public works crew will take care of.

d. Employee/Personnel-Chr.: NA

e. Health-Sanitation/Health/Landfill-Chr.: Landfill Closing Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2026. Hours will be earlier, 3pm-Dark. Mikki will put out a post to the public notifying them of the earlier opening. Winter Landfill Dates: 3rd Saturday of Winter Months beginning in January 2027. No reschedule date if inclement weather

f. Planning and Vision-Bldg & Ground, Forestry, Ordinances, Planning, Vision-Joint Committee meeting was held at the school on Tuesday, October 27th, 2026. The discussion at the joint meeting was based around how the City of Larimore and the Larimore Public Schools can work together to attract and retain families and support long-term growth. Housing was most of the discussion. 16 houses have sold since November of 2025. Out of the 16 houses, only 3 houses had families with kids. All lots that the city platted in the new Eastview Second Addition have sold. The city has had developers reach out to them about certain parcels. Since houses have sold so quickly in Larimore, developers have noticed. Question was asked if the STAR Fund could be utilized to purchase lots. The answer is no. The school asked the city if we had considered annexing land. The city has not looked into annexing land as there is property already in city limits that can be developed, but it's owned by entities other than the city so the entities would need to be the ones that are approached.

IX. Attorney's Report- Joe Quinn

a. AT&T Site Lease from M7 was presented to the council. They are asking that the city accept a decrease in monthly rent beginning in June of 2028 from $1331 to $1000. The city council at this time decided that they will continue with the current contract.

X. Unfinished Business/New Business:

a. General Comments

b. City Hall closed:

i. November 11, 2026-Veteran's Day

ii. November 26, 2026-Thanksgiving Day

iii. November 27, 2026-Day after Thanksgiving

c. Holiday Extravaganza & Light the Night Parade- Saturday, November 28, 2026. Parade lineup is at 5:30, with parade beginning at 6 p.m. Lots of fun, free events scheduled for that day, so get out and participate! The city would like to thank the Larimore Events Committee for all they do for our community!

XI. M/S/C(DG/TT) Motion to adjourn.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Larimore City Council.

Mikki Behm, Auditor