

**MILNOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026**

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, July 13, 2026, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Alan Boyer, Denise Ferderer, Michelle Odegard and Jodi Ost. Also present: Mike Bassingthwaite, Travis Paeper, Scott Johnson, Paige Benda, Terry Dusek, Deb Boyer, Robert Lotzer, Ryan Smith, Glen Koeppe and Jennie Hanna. Barb Koeppe and Dennis Odegard joined the meeting later.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Glen Koeppe.

Motion to approve meeting agenda (Anderson/Ost, unanimous).

Motion to approve June meeting minutes (Ost/Ferderer, unanimous).

Sheriff Travis Paeper reviewed the Sheriff's Report. He reported June had been busy, but with nothing too out of the ordinary. Both Bob Lotzer and Dennis Odegard informed Paeper about dog issues. Paeper also informed council about instances with raccoons in town and stated residents should call the Sheriff's department if they come into contact with a raccoon, before trying to handle it themselves.

Mike Bassingthwaite reviewed the Engineer's Report and informed council he hadn't yet received a quote from the seal coat company for the walking path repair. Bassingthwaite stated the sidewalk project was pretty much completed, with just grass seeding and sign replacement left.

Ryan Smith presented quotes from Crossroads Electric for cooling systems for the shop, one for a new unit and one for a 12-year old used unit. The new unit would cost \$6300.

Motion to approve purchase of a new cooling unit from Crossroads Electric for \$6300 (Anderson/Odegard, unanimous).

Paige Benda reviewed the Attorney's Report and informed council the junk car letters had gone out on July 1. The residents who had received letters have 30 days to have the cars removed or respond to the city with a plan, otherwise the next step would be taken.

Motion to approve building permits for Lynn & Michelle Odegard – window

replacements, Bret Nunn – deck replacement, Alexis Nadler – new siding & windows and Cassidy Erickson – new siding & windows (Anderson/Ost, unanimous with Odegard abstaining).

Motion to approve gaming permit for VFW Post 9069 – raffle (Ost/Odegard, unanimous).

Motion to approve the 2025 Drinking Water Quality Report as completed and accepted by the NDDEQ Drinking Water Program (Ost/Boyer, unanimous).

Council discussed the dead tree list compiled last fall. Terry Dusek recommended the tree committee contact Noah Schaeffer, from the Forestry Service. He could help compile a new list, and letters will be sent out.

A bill from Swede's Plumbing for Jose Romero was presented. Romero had to have his sewer cleaned out and had asked if the city could pay for it, due to his sewer line being connected to his neighbor's, which was causing the issue. The bill totaled \$390.

Motion to approve the city paying the Swede's Plumbing bill (Ferderer/Boyer, with 4 members voting aye, 1 member voting nay). Motion carried.

Motion to approve Stock Grower's Bank Pledge of Securities Ended June 30, 2026 (Ferderer/Boyer, unanimous).

The following bills were presented and approved (Anderson/Odegard, unanimous).

Bills:	
Sargent County Auditor	\$3058.63
Carol Peterson	1445.00
Auto Value Wahpeton	289.95
Computer Express	264.97
Curtis Anderson	150.00
Dakota Plains Ag	377.52
Dickey Rural Networks	462.39
Heritage Insurance	13,656.48
Interstate Engineering Inc	7121.75
John Deere Financial	874.02
Lee's Service Station	316.50
Jeffrey Clayton Halmrast	1080.00
Midwest Pest Control Inc	85.00
Milnor Market	4.99
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	109.32
Otter Tail Power Company	3473.32
Smith & Strege Ltd	522.50
Team Laboratory Chemical Corp	1964.00
The Sargent County Teller	187.56

Waste Management of WI-MN

1551.44	
Swede's Plumbing	390.00
Payroll Account 61-639	7562.76
Verizon Wireless	119.09
Storbakken Sanitation Inc	4920.00
Milnor Park Board	1207.29
Library Fund	359.74
Airport Authority	622.84
Debt Service Fund	5168.97
Debt Service Fund	995.24
Payroll Account 61-639	12,358.54
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	3856.66
Southeast Water Users	3753.75
Dakota Valley Electric Coop	547.00
City of Fargo	14.00
ND Dept Environmental Quality	82.18
North Dakota One Call	12.00
Red River Valley & Western RR	100.00
Riteway	162.77
Swede's Plumbing	78.00
Payroll Account 61-639	1391.25
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Milnor Postmaster	215.15
Jeremy M. Bixby	1177.78
Terry J. Dusek	166.23
Jennie M. Hanna	1753.56
Ryan J. Smith	2583.79
ND Child Support Division	522.50
Curtis E. Anderson	748.03
Jeremy M. Bixby	1177.78
Terry J. Dusek	36.94
Denise L. Ferderer	784.97
Jennie M. Hanna	1733.95
Glen D. Koeppe	748.03
Michelle D. Odegard	748.03
Jodi C. Ost	812.68
Jasmine A. Smith	683.39
Ryan J. Smith	2332.51
ND Child Support Division	522.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	562.89
Unum Life Insurance Company	12.34
Nationwide Retirement Solution	475.86
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Internal Revenue Service	4547.03
Dickey Rural Networks	128.66
Heritage Insurance	742.74
Midwest Pest Control	85.00

The regular August and Preliminary Budget meeting will be held on Monday,

August 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/
Ferderer, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Glen Koeppel, Mayor

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