

**RUTLAND CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 3, 2026**

The August Council meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Mahrer. Council members Erickson, Hoflen, Lysne, and McLaen were present. Also present: City Auditor Banish; Scott Haan, Public Works; City Engineer Bassingthwaite. Rutland residents and Fire Department: Larry Christensen, Bryce Carlson, Chris Joachim, Jessie Maly. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Erickson/McLaen moved approval of the agenda and the July 6, 2026, minutes. Motion carried.

Larry Christensen, Park Board President, shared the map of the Rutland disc golf course. The Mayor stated that the municipal waste site gate and fence will be moved further back by the trees.

Members of the Rutland-Cayuga

Rural Fire Dept. discussed Bagley Street and the alley at the fire hall. The north side can be fixed and the alley cleaned up before winter; possibly some street patching done.

Erickson/Lysne moved to concur with and keep the Mayor appointments the same through June 2028: City Attorney LeeAnn Even, City Auditor Deborah Banish, and City Engineer Interstate Engineering. Motion carried.

Lysne said that letters will be sent to nuisance yard owners.

City Engineer Bassingthwaite said the sidewalk installation is scheduled to start on Monday, August 17.

The Council discussed the sewer and water lines in the Christensen addition.

The council discussed the proposed chicken ordinance and application forms.

Erickson/Lysne moved approval of the 2027 preliminary budget as presented and to schedule the required

public hearing on the budget for Monday, October 5, at 5 p.m. Motion carried.

McLaen/Hoflen moved approval of the July financials as presented. Motion carried.

Lysne/McLaen moved approval of the payment of bills from the General and Sewer & Lagoon Funds: Grzadzieleski Utility Services \$900, C. Wampler \$245.65 & \$254.43, OTP \$1272.46, SE Water \$1205.03, Southside Auto \$293.70, Team Lab \$1,085, Van Diest Supply \$626.25, Bank of ND \$6870. Motion carried.

McLaen/Hofstede moved approval of the mowing special assessment for PID 29-9125000, 403 Cooper Street, in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried.

Minutes subject to City Council approval Aug. 31, 2026.

Deborah Banish, City Auditor.
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