

**MILNOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026**

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, September 14, 2026, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Alan Boyer, Denise Ferderer, Michelle Odegard and Jodi Ost. Also present: Carol Peterson, Mike Bassingthwaite, Travis Paeper, Paige Benda, Ryan Smith, Glen Koeppe and Jennie Hanna.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Glen Koeppe.

Motion to approve the adoption of the 2027 final budget (Ost/Boyer, unanimous).

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

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

Sheriff Travis Paeper reviewed the Sheriff's Report. He reported July had been busy, with a number of traffic stops. Paeper requested the city work on an ordinance with restrictions regarding e-bikes and electric scooters.

Mike Bassingthwaite reviewed the Engineer's Report and stated grass seeding still need to be done for the sidewalk project.

Mayor Koeppe stated IB&BG, LLC had contacted him about the letter they had received regarding the dead tree on their lot in Park Lane, next to the lift station. IB&BG contend the tree sits on city property. Bassingthwaite stated a survey would cost about \$1200. Council argued that IB&BG should have to pay for half of the survey to determine where the tree sits. If they refuse to pay half, they should be obligated to remove the tree, at their own cost.

Motion to approve Interstate Engineering to conduct a survey, with IB&BG paying for half of the survey. If IB&BG refuse to pay half of the survey they will need to remove the tree at their own cost (Ost/Boyer, unanimous).

Ryan Smith reviewed the Maintenance Report and informed council the equipment is ready for winter. Smith stated there is still jetting to be done this fall, and the city needs to

find someone to lay down the culvert in Northview and cover with dirt.

Paige Benda reviewed the Attorney's Report and went over the DRN Franchise Agreement Ordinance. Benda expressed some concerns with the wording of the agreement and informed council she'd like to speak with Fallon Kelly before the official first reading. Benda also discussed the wording in the city's current dog ordinance and stated she wanted to research other city's ordinances regarding dogs. Benda questioned whether the other residents had responded to the tree letters. Benda agreed to send a follow-up letter to the resident who had failed to respond.

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development Report and presented the finalized RZ project application for Mark Hudson.

Motion to approve the finalized RZ project from Mark Hudson for purchase of a lot from the City of Milnor and building a new home, located at 50% Sebens Drive, Milnor, North Dakota legally known as Lot 1 Block 2, Petersor Addition, City of Milnor, Sargent County, North Dakota (Parcel # 25 7954000). Property is located in Renaissance Zone Block 25. (Ost Odegard, unanimous). Motion carried.

Peterson discussed the current funds the city has for the senior center parking lot and reviewed the 2 bids the city had received for building the lot from Rick Kaufmann - \$38,500 and Kodiak Concrete - \$54,420. Council questioned some possible missing work items from Kaufmann's bid. Mayor Koeppe stated he would talk with Kaufmann regarding the missing items and request an updated bid.

Motion to approve the bid from Rick Kaufmann of \$38,500 on the work listed to build the parking lot behind the senior center, contingent on Kaufmann adding saw cutting to the bid, pouring the cement to prevent standing water and whether pump trucks will be used (Anderson/Ost, unanimous).

Peterson discussed the city's current tree ordinance regarding tree planting on city boulevards. Peterson stated there are 3 currently approved trees that should be removed from the ordinance. Peterson stated she would

review the ordinance and advise council regarding updating the ordinance.

There was a discussion regarding the building permit from David Caldwell, to expand his shop. Council was concerned about the structural integrity of the current shop. Mayor Koeppe and Member Boyer agreed to talk to Caldwell regarding the shop.

Motion to approve building permits for Casey Feigum - Rehab home in Park Lane, David & Deb Wagner - porch reshingling and TJ Johnson - Move in manufactured home. Building permit for David Caldwell - tabled until October meeting. (Ost/Ferderer unanimous).

Motion to approve gaming permit - Milnor Lutheran WELCA - raffle (Ferderer/Ost, unanimous).

Council also discussed Elector Official Training and the airport drive way.

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

Sargent County Auditor	\$3058.63
Carol Peterson	1445.00
Auto Value Wahpeton	27.99
Crossroads Electric Inc	7426.53
Dakota Plains Ag	79.30
Dickey Rural Networks	463.29
Jennie Hanna	28.33
John Deere Financial	166.92
Lee's Service Station	125.00
Midwest Pest Control Inc	375.00
Milnor Market	8.38
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	104.04
Otter Tail Power Company	3235.96
Smith & Strege Ltd	1630.28
Swede's Plumbing	339.72
The Sargent County Teller	272.38
Verizon Wireless	127.04
Waste Management of WI-MN	1536.38
Payroll Account 61-639	7209.71
Storbakken Sanitation Inc	4890.00
Milnor Park Board	4143.54
Library Fund	118.23
Airport Authority	97.68
Debt Service Fund	25,387.97
Debt Service Fund	1507.76
Payroll Account 61-639	6627.34
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	3856.66
Southeast Water Users	6100.25
Dakota Valley Electric Coop	548.00
City of Fargo	14.00

Butler Machinery Co	2394.51
Payroll Account 61-639	1280.20
Milnor Postmaster	82.00
Payroll Account 61-639	1255.20
Milnor Postmaster	216.45
Jeremy M. Bixby	1177.78
Jennie M. Hanna	1772.82
Glen D. Koeppe	166.23
Ryan J. Smith	2290.11
ND Child Support Division	522.50
Jeremy M. Bixby	1177.78

Jennie M. Hanna	1551.98
Ryan J. Smith	2212.37
ND Child Support Division	522.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	562.89
Nationwide Retirement Solution	450.68
Nationwide Retirement Solution	428.26
ND State Tax Commissioner	61.58
Internal Revenue Service	3506.78
Milnor Public School	611.32
Dickey Rural Networks	128.66
Midwest Pest Control	85.00

The regular October meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/Odegard, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Glen Koeppe, Mayor

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