**MILNOR CITY COUNCIL**
**REGULAR MEETING**
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026**

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, October 12, 2026, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Denise Ferderer, Michelle Odegard and Jodi Ost. Absent: Alan Boyer. Also present: Carol Peterson, Rick Bryant, Paige Benda, Cassie Setter, Robert Lotzer, Ryan Smith, Glen Koeppe and Jennie Hanna.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Glen Koeppe.

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

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

Cassie Setter from Waste Management was in attendance to review the 5-year recycling contract renewal and to answer questions. The new contract would begin on January 1 and increase the recycling cost by 3% with each year following to increase by a fixed 5% or by the variable CPI-WST increase.

Motion to approve renewing the recycling contract with Waste Management with a 3% increase in the first year and to increase by the variable CPI-WST rate the following four years (Anderson/Ost, unanimous).

Deputy Rick Bryant reviewed the Sheriff's Report and reported a big county case had wrapped up and resulted in a conviction involving 5 felonies. Also a juvenile, who has been involved in numerous issues within the city, was now in a long-term facility for treatment. An ongoing dog issue involving a vicious dog was discussed. Paige Benda informed council the city had to follow state law in dealing with the dog and its owners, and the city's ordinance may need to be updated.

Ryan Smith reviewed the Maintenance Report and stated the street potholes had been filled. Smith stated the snow equipment is ready for winter, but he wanted to wait to get sand from the county. Mayor Koeppe questioned if the sand the city currently has can be returned to the county to be remixed with salt.

Paige Benda reviewed the Attorney's Report and presented the updated DRN franchise ordinance for review and first reading.

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #34 – An ordinance granting a franchise to Dickey Rural Services, Inc. to operate and maintain a telecommunications system in the City of Milnor (Ost/Ferderer, unanimous).

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development Report and informed council the spec housing paperwork would be finalized the next day. Peterson asked council for ideas about parking spaces for the senior center lot and possible parking barriers and a new windbreak. Peterson stated she would like to conduct a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the parking lot as a thank-you to those who donated to the project.

Motion to approve HUD settlement statement for spec house in Northview (Ost/Odegard, unanimous).

Motion to approve gaming permit – St. Arnold's Christian Mothers - raffle (Ferderer/Ost, unanimous).

There was a discussion regarding township building permits and expanding the extra-territorial zoning to a mile radius from the city. Paige Benda stated she would do 3 hours of research into it and contact LeeAnn Even for information.

Motion to approve building permit – Lake Agassiz – spec home in Northview (Anderson/Odegard, unanimous).

Carol Peterson asked council to pre-approve a RZ project application for the spec house.

Motion to approve the RZ Project application from Lake Agassiz Housing Corp., for the construction of a new 1,700 sq ft. home with two stall garage, located at 1201 Peterson Circle, Milnor, North Dakota, legally known as Block 1 Lot 1, Peterson Addition of the City of Milnor, Sargent County, North Dakota (Parcel # 257938000). Property is located in Renaissance Zone 26 (Ferderer/Ost, with Ferderer, Ost and Odegard voting aye, Anderson voting nay) Motion carried.

Motion to approve Pledge of Securities dated September 30, 2026 from Stock Growers Bank (Anderson/Ost, unanimous).

Council held a discussion of junk cars and how to get residents to remove them from the city. Paige Benda stated the city needed to follow the correct process and share info on resources for removal. Member Ost stated targeting just one resident isn't fair and stated there is a complaint process that residents can use.

A discussion was held regarding dead trees on private property. Paige Benda stated there are restrictions to the city removing trees from private property, and if the tree is not a dead or infected elm or a hazard to the city, the city needs resident consent for them to remove it.

Mayor Koeppe stated he and Member Boyer had talked with David Caldwell about his building permit for a garage expansion. Caldwell agreed to following the building codes and to update his current structure to code. Bringing in a building inspector was discussed, and the permit will stay tabled until building codes are provided to Caldwell.

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

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| Sargent County Auditor | $3058.63 |
| Carol Peterson | 1445.00 |
| Dakota Plains Ag | 82.01 |
| Dickey Rural Networks | 464.90 |
| Enderson Construction Inc. | 400.00 |
| In Control Inc | 4684.00 |
| Interstate Engineering Inc | 26,993.30 |
| Jennie Hanna | 67.98 |
| Lee's Service Station | 92.00 |
| Midwest Pest Control Inc | 85.00 |
| Milnor Market | 16.14 |
| Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. | 111.08 |
| Newman Traffic Signs | 192.46 |
| Office Depot | 92.76 |
| Otter Tail Power Company | 3331.43 |
| Red River Valley & Western RR | 100.00 |
| Richard A. Kaufmann | 9000.00 |
| Smith & Strege Ltd | 2968.50 |
| The Sargent County Teller | 154.12 |
| Waste Management of WI-MN | 1581.56 |
| Leadbetter Trust | 986.06 |
| Verizon Wireless | 127.08 |
| Payroll Account 61-639 | 7315.64 |
| Storbakken Sanitation Inc | 4875.00 |

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| Milnor Park Board | 871.15 |
| Debt Service Fund | 1452.11 |
| Payroll Account 61-639 | 6323.26 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND | 3856.66 |
| Southeast Water Users | 4592.25 |
| Dakota Valley Electric Coop | 561.00 |
| City of Fargo | 14.00 |
| J&M Printing Inc | 307.43 |
| ND Dept Environmental Quality | 183.55 |
| Spee-Dee Delivery Service Inc | 27.82 |
| Zions Bank | 400.00 |
| Payroll Account 61-639 | 1307.12 |
| Payroll Account 61-639 | 1174.43 |
| Milnor Postmaster | 215.15 |
| Jeremy M. Bixby | 1177.78 |
| Jennie M. Hanna | 1782.44 |
| Glen D. Koeppe | 166.23 |
| Ryan J. Smith | 2361.31 |
| ND Child Support Division | 522.50 |
| Jeremy M. Bixby | 989.48 |
| Jennie M. Hanna | 1532.74 |
| Ryan J. Smith | 2158.97 |
| ND Child Support Division | 522.50 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND | 562.89 |
| Unum Life Insurance Company | 12.34 |
| Nationwide Retirement Solution | 457.88 |
| Nationwide Retirement Solution | 407.40 |
| Unum Life Insurance Company | 12.34 |
| Internal Revenue Service | 3448.06 |
| Dickey Rural Networks | 129.13 |

The regular November meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/ Odegard, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor
Glen Koeppe, Mayor

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