

**July 2026 City Council Meeting
Minutes of the City Council of
Steele, North Dakota
Held on July 13, 2026
In the Steele Community Building**

*Mayor Jon Harter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

*Roll Call:

Present: Jon Harter, Phillip Porter, Luke Reski, Bob Anderson, Stuart Blotter, Jorey Kartes, Jason Rutledge
Also Present: April Rutledge, Leigh Nolan, Josh Nelson, Wendlin Rohrich, Norm Fries

*Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Bob Anderson to approve the agenda – Motion Carried

*Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Jorey Kartes to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2026 regular meeting – Motion Carried

*Visitors: Betty Smokov, Steve Rohrich, Andrew Bornemann, Robert Bornemann, Bill Pfaff, Dale Dockter, and Greg Little

*Motion by Luke Reski, seconded

by Jorey Kartes to nominate Bob Anderson as President and motion by Jason Rutledge, seconded by Bob Anderson to nominate Jorey Kartes as Vice-President of the Steele City Council – Motion Carried

*Mayor Jon Harter made the following appointments: April Rutledge – Auditor, Hetland Law Office - City Attorney, Moore Engineering – City Engineer, Jason Rutledge – Garbage Department, Luke Reski and Stuart Blotter – Water and Sewer Department, Phillip Porter – Police Department, Bob Anderson and Jorey Kartes – Street Department, Jorey Kartes and Stuart Blotter – City Employee Performance Review. Motion by Luke Reski, seconded by Jason Rutledge to approve the appointments – Motion Carried

*Betty Smokov met with the Council to discuss placing a better handrail on the east side steps of the museum

and providing signage at the museum to direct people to the correct doors.

*Steve Rohrich, Andrew Bornemann, Robert Bornemann, Bill Pfaff, Dale Dockter, and Greg Little met with the Council to discuss proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 178 regarding the use of portable storage containers within the City of Steele. The proposed amendments will be presented for a first reading at the August City Council meeting.

*Leigh Nolan reported on water and sewer, including an update on the application for CBDG funding for sewer lining, pump maintenance issues, and meter leak detection software.

*Wendlin Rohrich presented the police report, including updates on TextMyGov and arrival of the recording equipment for court.

*Motion by Luke Reski, seconded by Jorey Kartes to approve the second reading of amendments to Ordinance No. 74 regarding the treatment and control of animals. Roll call vote: Luke Reski yes, Bob Anderson yes, Stuart Blotter yes, Jorey Kartes yes, Jason Rutledge yes – Motion Carried

*Mary Rohrich presented the Community Coordinator report, including requesting new letters for the sign in Veterans Park.

*Jon Harter provided an update on the Community Building bathroom renovation project. He reported that the North Dakota Community Foundation granted a one-month extension to complete the project. The project cost is \$6,700. The grant covers \$5,000, leaving an additional \$1,700 to be funded by the City. Motion by Stuart Blotter, seconded by Jorey Kartes to approve the additional \$1,700 needed to complete the project – Motion Carried

*Jon Harter reported on building permits.

*Motion by Stuart Blotter, seconded by Jason Rutledge to approve building permit requests for Matt Irish and Leona Nelson – Motion Carried

*Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Bob Anderson to approve the financial report – Motion Carried

*Next meeting is on August 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

*Motion by Jason Rutledge, seconded by Luke Reski to adjourn – Motion Carried

General Fund

KEM.....	\$ 206.29
MDU	1,893.07
Salaries Less Deductions.....	14,907.27
Verizon.....	84.55
Hetland Law Office	387.00
CB&T	899.03
Farmers & Merchants.....	1,152.49
Rough Rider Industries.....	8,377.39
BEK	196.26
City Water Dept.	344.48
ND Information Technology	18.50
Choice Insurance.....	7,024.00
Steele Ozone.....	56.00
Kidder County.....	100.00
Midwest Pest Control.....	145.00
ND League of Cities	1,042.00
Steele Pharmacy	\$31.12

Water Department

MDU	\$ 2,020.93
Dakota Supply Group.....	55,738.66
ND Dept of Env. Quality.....	531.46
Hawkins, Inc.	7,092.25
Water Smith, Inc.	6,794.24
BEK	206.95
ND Dept. of Health	81.00
Sewer Department	
MDU	\$120.15

Garbage Department

Myron Strom	\$16,878.56
Gary Magstadt.....	\$333.33

Street Department

Salaries Less Deductions.....	\$9,873.05
Visa/Northland.....	1,791.16
CB&T	679.48
Farmers & Merchants.....	1,573.88
Aflac.....	229.49
Sayler Excavating.....	1,870.89
Northern Improvement Co.....	349.59
Sales Tax Department	
MDU	8.83
Steele Housing	\$25,000.00

/s/ Jon Harter,
Mayor
/s/ April Rutledge,
City Auditor