

Public Notice

Meeting Minutes of the City Council of Steele, North Dakota Held on Sept. 14, 2026 In the Steele Community Building

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

*Roll Call:

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

*Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Jason Rutledge to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2026 regular meeting with the correction of Phillip Porter's last name from Anderson to Porter – Motion Carried

*Visitors: Chris Heinz, Greg Little and Bill Pfaff.

*Chris Heinz came before the Council to present his concerns with garbage issues at the Coffee Cup and expressed his desire to end the Coffee Cup's contract with Strom Sanitation, which goes through the end of 2027.

*Motion by Jason Rutledge, seconded by Jorey Kartes to update the City's contract with Strom Sanitation and to split the \$41,000 cost to terminate Strom Sanitation's contract with the Coffee Cup, with the City paying \$20,500 and the Coffee Cup paying \$20,500. Roll call vote: Phillip Porter yes, Luke Reski no, Bob Anderson no, Stuart Blotter yes, Jorey Kartes yes, Jason Rutledge yes – Motion Carried

*Line 13 in the City's contract with Strom Sanitation was updated to state "The Contractor shall be the exclusive provider of garbage services within the city limits of the City of Steele. H&H Enterprises (Coffee Cup) will be excluded." Line 18 was updated to state "Strom Sanitation is the exclusive Contractor for the City of Steele with the exception of H&H Enterprises (Coffee Cup) and H&H Enterprises (Coffee Cup) will establish their own provider."

*Leigh Nolan reported on water and sewer, including an update on

manhole cover installation and repair.

*Motion by Stuart Blotter, seconded by Phillip Porter to continue repairing manholes - Motion Carried

*Motion by Phillip Porter, seconded by Luke Reski to approve the spending of \$6,000-10,000 for supplies for the West Broadway project for next spring – Motion Carried

*Wendlin Rohrich presented the police report.

*Mary Rohrich presented the Community Coordinator report.

*Motion by Stuart Blotter, seconded by Jason Rutledge to approve building permits for Brett Falk and Karun Manand – Motion Carried

*April Rutledge presented the financial report.

*Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Luke Reski to approve the financial report – Motion Carried

*Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Bob Anderson to approve the 2027 final budget with a levy amount of \$191,984.00 – Motion Carried

*Motion by Stuart Blotter, seconded by Jorey Kartes to approve special alcohol permits for the Corner Depot for an event October 10, 2026 at Pifer's and for AmVets for a wedding reception on October 24, 2026 at Pifer's – Motion Carried

*Motion by Stuart Blotter, seconded by Jason Rutledge to approve a gaming permit for Kidder County Ducks Unlimited for an event to be held on October 12, 2026 at Pifer's – Motion Carried

*Motion by Stuart Blotter, seconded by Phillip Porter to approve the second and final reading of amendments to Ordinance No. 178 regarding portable storage containers. Roll call vote: Phillip Porter yes, Luke Reski yes, Bob Anderson yes, Stuart Blotter yes, Jorey Kartes yes, Jason Rutledge yes – Motion Carried

*The next regular meeting will be held on October 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

*Motion by Phillip Porter, seconded by Jason Rutledge to adjourn – Motion Carried.

Checks 16839-16892

General Fund

KEM..... \$ 208.33

MDU 2,097.32
Salaries Less Deductions 14,523.19
Verizon..... 84.56
Hetland Law Office 387.00
CB&T 818.80
Rough Rider Industries..... 5,251.88
BEK 481.25
City Water Dept. 172.74
ND Information Technology 18.50
Steele Ozone..... 53.55
Midwest Pest Control..... 220.00
Wendlin Rohrich

..... 260.97
Farmers & Merchants 1,138.30

Water Department

MDU 2,121.26
Salaries Less Deductions 7,006.45
Dakota Supply Group 1,391.34
ND Dept of Env. Quality..... 343.55
Hawkins, Inc. 8,582.70
BEK 474.34
ND Dept. of Health

27.00
ND One Call 30.90
DB Plumbing..... 600.00
Water Smith, Inc. 2,316.00
Membrane Treatment Serv. 6,096.31
Saylor Excavating..... 1,886.40

Sewer Department

MDU 131.47
Key Contracting..... 22,650.00
ND Sewage Pump & Lift St. 675.00

Garbage Department

Myron Strom..... 16,590.08
Gary Magstadt..... 333.33

Street Department

Salaries Less Deductions 8,330.03
Visa/Northland 6,157.90
CB&T 573.03
Aflac..... 458.98
Cashman Nursery..... 5,090.00
Farmers & Merchants 1,368.39
Zimmerman's Manufac. 185.00
Josh Nelson..... 65.25
Powerplan..... 130.69

Sales Tax Department

MDU 8.43
Steele Housing 15,213.28

/s/ Jon Harter

Mayor

/s/ April Rutledge

City Auditor