

City of Steele garbage street pickup will begin the week of November 1st

Per N.D.C.C. 10-06.1-15(3),

Dewitz Land Holding LLC is a single member LLC owned by Chase C. Dewitz. Dewitz Land Holding LLC owns farmland in Kidder County, and a description of the land is available for inspection at the office of the Secretary of State.

October 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes of the City Council of Steele, North Dakota Held on October 12, 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, Jorey Kartes, Jason Rutledge

Absent: Stuart Blotter

Also Present: April Rutledge, Leigh Nolan, Wendlin Rohrich, Norm Fries, Josh Nelson

*Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Jason Rutledge to approve the agenda – Motion Carried

*Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Luke Reski to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2026 regular meeting – Motion Carried

*Visitors: Paul Erdelt, Milissa Knight, and AJ Tuck

*Garbage street pickup will start November 1, 2026.

*Myron Strom of Strom Sanitation addressed the Council regarding a discussion with Chris Heinz and Tom Heinz of the Coffee Cup following the previous meeting. Strom stated that he understood the Coffee Cup would make a one-time payment of \$20,500 to Strom Sanitation to terminate the existing contract. However, the Heinzes requested that the amount be divided into monthly payments. Motion by Jason Rutledge, seconded by Luke Reski, to require the Coffee Cup to pay the full amount of \$20,500 to Strom Sanitation by November 1, 2026 – Motion Carried

*Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Jason Rutledge, to approve the Sales Tax Committee's recommendation to provide \$75,000 to Milissa Knight for improvements to the grocery store. The funds are contingent upon her ability to secure financing and will be disbursed as needed. They may be used at her discretion for grocery store improvements – Motion Carried

*Paul Erdelt addressed the Council regarding concerns about nonresidents using city parks for overnight camping. He stated that the practice may negatively affect local businesses that provide camping accommodations and requested that signs prohibiting overnight camping be posted in the parks. Wendlin Rohrich stated that

he would consult City Attorney Eric Hetland regarding the City's available options. The City will work with the Park Board to address the matter.

*Paul Erdelt also addressed the Council regarding the elevated sidewalks near the clinic. He requested that steps be installed at one or more locations to improve sidewalk accessibility for elderly residents.

*AJ Tuck of Moore Engineering addressed the Council regarding the City of Steele's recent award of pre-construction funding from the Department of Water Resources for the Phase 1 Water Main Replacement project. Moore Engineering's total fee for the project will be \$227,000. The DWR awarded \$124,200 toward the project, leaving the City responsible for \$102,800. Motion by Luke Reski, seconded by Jorey Kartes, to proceed with the project and approve funding for the City's \$102,800 cost-share obligation – Motion Carried

*Leigh Nolan reported on water and sewer.

*Wendlin Rohrich presented the police report.

*The Council discussed potential utility rate increases beginning in January 2027. Further discussion was tabled until the November Council meeting.

*Luke Reski reminded the Council that the City's website must comply with ADA requirements by April 2028. He recommended hiring a qualified professional to ensure the necessary updates are completed correctly.

*Motion by Phillip Porter, seconded by Luke Reski, to approve the storage container permit requests from Steve Rohrich, Chris Heinz of the Coffee Cup, and Dale Dockter of Farmers & Merchants. The permits will remain valid through December 31, 2027. Heinz was approved for two storage containers, provided that the second container is removed upon completion of the building project for which it is being used – Motion Carried

*Motion by Jason Rutledge, seconded by Jorey Kartes, to send letters to the remaining storage container owners who have not submitted the required permits. The permits must be submitted by November 4, 2026, to avoid being in violation of City Ordinance No. 178 – Motion Carried

*Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Phillip Porter, to approve the financial report – Motion Carried

*Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Luke Reski, to approve two gaming permits for the Kidder County Baseball Club: one for raffles to be held on November 18 and December 12, 2026, and a second for a raffle to be held on December 18, 2026. All raffles will be held at the AmVets in Steele – Motion Carried

*Next meeting is on November 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

*Motion by Phillip Porter, seconded by Bob Anderson to adjourn – Motion

Carried Checks 16893-16933

General Fund

KEM.....	\$ 199.57
MDU	1,946.25
Salaries Less Deductions.....	9,338.70
Verizon.....	84.56
Hetland Law Office	387.00
CB&T	778.92
BEK	200.96
City Water Dept.	172.74
ND Information Technology	18.50
Steele Ozone.....	68.69
Midwest Pest Control.....	75.00

Jon Harter.....	630.09
Luke Reski.....	579.77
ND League of Cities	550.00
Strom Sanitation	4,750.00
Water Department	
MDU	\$ 1,963.50
Salaries Less Deductions	5,672.18
ND Dept of Env. Quality.....	224.33
Hawkins, Inc.	8,353.56
BEK	207.56
ND Dept. of Health	27.00
ND One Call	15.00
Shipley Electric	3,722.54
Choice Bank	30,000.00
Cole Papers.....	104.24
Central Square	684.93
Sewer Department	
MDU	\$ 130.95
ND Sewage Pump & Lift St.	1,975.00
Triple P Rentals	1,750.00
Garbage Department	
Myron Strom	\$16,594.45
Gary Magstadt	333.33
Street Department	
Salaries Less Deductions....	\$ 7,312.55
Visa/Northland	1,338.15
CB&T	493.27
Sanitation Products, Inc.....	714.79
Starion Bond Services	4,202.50
Sales Tax Department	
MDU	\$ 8.90
Steele Housing	8,365.94

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