Public Notice

November 2026
City Council Meeting
Minutes of the City Council of
Steele, North Dakota
Held on November 9, 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 Jorey Kartes, seconded by Phillip Porter to approve the agenda – Motion Carried

*Motion by Jason Rutledge, seconded by Jorey Kartes to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2026 regular meeting – Motion Carried

*Visitors: Bill Pfaff *Bill Pfaff addressed the Council regarding Ordinance No. 178 and will not submit a permit application at this time.

*Leigh Nolan reported on water and sewer. He noted that surveying has begun for the water main replacement project. He also requested permission for the Winterfest Committee to store its Christmas lights on City property when not in use. The Council approved the request.

* Motion by Luke Reski, seconded by Jason Rutledge, to approve the following activities for Winterfest, scheduled for December 4-6, 2026: street closure in front of the Community Building, fire pits, fireworks, parade, and use of the parking lot between the Community Building and the library for the live nativity – Motion Carried

*Wendlin Rohrich presented the police report, including discussion on increasing fines for some traffic violations. He will do some additional research and report back.

*Motion by Luke Reski, seconded by Bob Anderson, to approve the storage container permit request submitted by Mid Dakota Grain Processing. The permit will remain valid through December 31, 2027, contingent upon the containers being painted or the container labeled "China" being relocated so the word is not visible – Motion Carried

*Luke Reski discussed establishing a fund for future tree removal and replacement due to the Emerald Ash Borer and suggested allocating approximately $20,000 annually. The Council suggested depositing the grant reimbursement for previously incurred tree expenses into an account designated for this purpose.

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

*Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Jorey Kartes, to approve the pledge pool notification from Choice Bank – Motion Carried

*Motion by Phillip Porter, seconded by Jorey Kartes, to require the Coffee Cup to repay the $18,500 owed to the City following the termination of the Coffee Cup's contract with Strom Sanitation in monthly increments of $3,000 until it is paid in full – Motion Carried

*Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Jason Rutledge, to approve three alcohol permits for the Depot: two for Winterfest events to be held at Pifer's on December 2, 2026, and at the Steele Community Building on December 5, 2026, and one for a wedding dance to be held at Pifer's on December 12, 2026 – Motion Carried

*Motion by Luke Reski, seconded by Phillip Porter, to approve a gaming permit for North Dakota Legend Derby for a raffle to be held at Pifer's on November 21, 2026 – Motion Carried

*Next meeting is on December 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

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

Checks 16934-16977

General Fund

KEM	$ 195.73
MDU	1,917.87
Salaries Less Deductions	8,612.78
Verizon	84.58
CB&T	1,021.05
City Water Dept.	172.74
Midwest Pest Control	75.00
Farmers & Merchants	498.74
Choice Insurance	9,711.00
Countryside Designs	333.96
ND State Tax	441.00
Advanced Business Methods	205.81

Water Department

MDU	1,924.09
Salaries Less Deductions	6,232.57
ND Dept of Env. Quality	279.51
Hawkins, Inc.	3,495.76
ND Dept. of Health	27.00
ND One Call	15.00
Cole Papers	75.17
Dakota Supply Group	10,370.60
Membrane Treatment Svcs.	553.43
CB&T	483.38
Moore Engineering	18,421.25

Sewer Department

MDU	153.69
Rinker Materials	1,842.00
Triple P Rentals	175.00
Key Contracting	16,000.00

Garbage Department

Myron Strom	12,783.62
Gary Magstadt	333.33
Myron Strom	41,000.00

Street Department

Salaries Less Deductions	7,640.35
Visa/Northland	3,971.16
CB&T	494.15
Farmers & Merchants	641.48
Aflac	229.49
Josh Nelson	205.20
Streeter Ready Mix	1,248.50
Fire Equipment Company	199.86
Phillip Porter	517.79
Zimmermans Manufacturing	250.00

Sales Tax Department

MDU	11.45
Bank of North Dakota	$4,639.25

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