

Public Notice

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NEW ROCKFORD CITY COMMISSION, NEW ROCKFORD, NORTH DAKOTA NEW ROCKFORD CITY HALL OCTOBER 3, 2022, REGULAR MEETING

President Richter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall with Commissioner McKnight, Commissioner Belquist, PWS Hirschert and Attorney Peterson present. Commissioner Ystaas absent.

McKnight made a motion to approve the PWS report as presented. Hewitt seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Richter made a motion to approve the September 7, 2022, Meeting Minutes as presented. Belquist seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

McKnight made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Belquist seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Richter made a motion to approve the September bills. McKnight seconded. In a roll call vote, it was Richter, McKnight and Belquist voting "aye". No nay votes. Ystaas absent. Motion carried.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes Street Project, Peterson Law Office, Bituminous Paving, Ardyce Synder, Jerome Seibold, Roger Longnecker, etc.

Richter made a motion to appoint Dillon Hewitt to the empty commission seat. Belquist seconded the motion. All were in favor. Hewitt affirmed the Oath of Office. Hewitt being sworn in, entered meeting as a New Rockford City Commissioner at 7:08pm.

Richter provided information on the water plant project. Well 2 is not set up for use at this time. This is a requirement before the project can be considered complete. PW is planning a significant city wide flush; however this process will not be completed until the street project is done.

A pay estimate from Bituminous Paving was presented in the amount of \$957,704.03.

Richter made a motion to approve the presented bill to Bituminous in the amount of \$957,704.03. Belquist seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, it was Richter, McKnight, Hewitt, and Belquist voting "aye". No nay votes. Ystaas absent. Motion carried.

Belquist made a motion to approve the 2023 City of New Rockford Budget. McKnight seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, it was Richter, McKnight, Hewitt, and Belquist voting "aye". No nay votes. Ystaas absent. Motion carried.

Lisa Thompson with Eddy County Emergency Services spoke to the Commission on the potential use of the Brown Memorial for an emergency shelter. Thompson reported that the Brown currently has 16 cots, pillows, and blankets for emergency use. Hirschert has a generator for possible use but was not certain it would provide substantial service. Hirschert will work with Thompson to determine if generator will be sufficient, or if a new one will need to be purchased.

Access to Wi-fi was also discussed. Thompson would like to facilitate a meeting with all parties that are currently using the Brown to discuss the needs of each party and collaborate with each other to find a solution that is mutually beneficial. The Commission supported the use of the Brown Memorial to be used and listed as an emergency shelter for New Rockford.

Thompson will work with Schumacher to update the City's Alert and Warning Plan. At 7:31 p.m. Richter recessed the Regular City Meeting to open the Public Hearing on Special Assessment District 2021-1 and Special Assessment District 2022-1.

6 objection letters were submitted to auditor and reviewed by the Commission. The Commission reviewed each objection and determined if any action would be taken for adjustments. The Commission did adjust parcels that were erroneous.

The Commission decided that they would recess the Public Hearings until Monday, October 10, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. where they will reconvene to determine

approval and certification of the Special Assessments.

At 7:53 p.m. the Regular Meeting resumed. PWS Hirschert reported that the department has been busy with one call locates, checking manholes and gate valves.

Hirschert is keeping a punch list for the street project as he sees necessary. Hirschert reported that the school street will be milled and paved over teacher's convention.

McKnight made a motion to approve the PWS report as presented. Hewitt seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

McKnight made a motion to approve the gaming permits for Bailey Jacobson Fundraiser - meat raffle and the Community Foundation for the Family Feud Raffles. Hewitt seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

McKnight made a motion to approve a savings account for the Street Project, with Stuart Richter and Becki Schumacher listed on the account. Hewitt seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, it was Richter, McKnight, Hewitt, and Belquist voting "aye". No nay votes. Ystaas absent. Motion carried.

Richter made a motion to approve the Excavating Permit for Hager Excavating. Belquist seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Schumacher reported that DED tree letters were sent out to residents that have dead elm trees on their property or boulevards.

Bill Ziegler submitted a letter to the Commission asking for assistance dealing with the large amount of trash that ends up on his property. The Commission directed Schumacher write a letter to the property owners explaining the concern and requesting a solution.

Attorney Peterson presented the Commission with a Commercial Lease between NRABC and the City of NR regarding the Brown Memorial usage for a daycare. The Commission reviewed the lease and requested a few changes. Peterson will update and present for signature. The annual lease will start on November 1, 2022 and expire on October 31, 2023.

McKnight made a motion to approve the Commercial Lease with the discussed changes. Belquist seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next regular meeting will be November 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The Commission will resume their recessed Public Hearing for Street Improvement District 2021-1 and for Street Improvement District 2022-1 on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 8 a.m. at City Hall.

Minutes are subject to approval at the next commission meeting.

Stuart Richter
President
Becki Schumacher,
Auditor
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MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Glenda Collier, Chairperson. Also present were Commissioner Dave Gehrtz, Auditor Patty Williams, States Attorney Ashley Lies, and Nathan Price, New Rockford Transcript.

Commissioner Neal Rud joined by telephone. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Glenda Collier. The motion carried.

The Commissioners joined the Lake Region District Health Unit Joint Board meeting by telephone conference, where the 2023 final budget was approved.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2 and August 9, 2022, meetings.

Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion, and the motion carried. After review of the financials and expenditure and revenue budgets for the month of August 2022, a motion was made by Dave Gehrtz to approve both the financials and budgets. The motion was seconded by Neal Rud, and the motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the following bills, and it was seconded by Neal Rud. Roll call vote: Rud, Gehrtz, and Collier voted aye.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Kathy Anderson, Ashley Lies Law, AT&T Mobility, Butler Machinery, etc.

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Lisa Thompson, Emergency Manager, gave an update that included her EMPG grant approval, storm ready communities renewal, emergency sheltering, and fire safety concerns in the Courthouse.

Todd Weber, Road Superintendent, gave an update that included an estimate to repair the plow truck and the purchase of a second plow truck. The Commissioners granted approval for both.

The Eddy County meeting with the ND Department of Transportation at the NDACo Convention in Bismarck will be at 7:45 A.M. on Monday, October 3, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS: NDACo and NDCCA will be visiting Eddy County at 8:00 A.M., Thursday, October 13, 2022. The purpose of the County tour is to hear any concerns and answer any questions the County has about the services and programs they provide.

The cost and payment options of the County's special assessments for the New Rockford street project were discussed. More information will be gathered, and all options be reviewed again at the next meeting.

The Court Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee grant for court facilities improvements was discussed. Estimates will be requested for new shingles on the Courthouse, including labor and materials, and will be submitted under this grant.

The NDDOT letter requesting assistance to identify locations where highway/rail crossing safety could be improved was reviewed. A location on a township road was discussed, and an inquiry will be made to see if the County can apply for a crossing on a township road.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to appoint Glenda Collier and Tiffany Munson as delegates to the ND State Fair Association. Neal Rud seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Lynn Homelvig attended the meeting to express concerns regarding the elevator road and asked what assistance the County can provide in making repairs. Since the road is not a County road, he was informed to have a meeting with the city and railroad to see what could be done. The Commissioners offered the assistance of Todd Weber, Road Superintendent, in determining the materials needed and how to make the repairs.

Doug Skadberg attended the meeting to inquire about the culverts on County Road 16. He was informed that it will be discussed and added to the Federal Aid Program sheet at the NDDOT meeting in Bismarck on Monday, October 3, 2022.

Glenda Collier, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 10:09 A.M.

The next regular meeting will be October 6, 2022, at 8:30 A.M. Glenda Collier,

Chairperson
Patty Williams,
Auditor
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SHEYENNE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2022

Mayor Hanson called the regular meeting to order with Elvis absent. Minutes of September 5, 2022 meeting were read and approved. Motion Ames, second Hoffner, motion carried. Minutes of special meeting were read for purchase of 4 lots north of bar. Motion Hoffner, second Ames, motion carried.

B. Rieger, Facilities Operator-hydrants were flushed on September 10th & 11th. Curb stop will be located at apartment on Main Street. Well house heater is purchased and installed. Most water main valves have been exercised. Bryan will clean basket at lift station.

Chuck Fine will be contacted about getting the lot from Community Development for \$1.00. Joint Powers Agreement was tabled until a County Commissioner will meet with City of Sheyenne commission.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept Treasurer's Report Hoffner, second Ames, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Next regular meeting to be held Monday, November 7th at 6:00 pm.

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ANALYSES OF THE STATE-WIDE MEASURES APPEARING ON THE ELECTION BALLOT NOVEMBER 8, 2022

The following analyses are for the two measures appearing on the statewide general election ballot on November 8, 2022. This publication is required by section 16.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code to enable voters to become familiar with the effect of proposed measures. The full text of each measure is available on the Secretary of State's website at vote.nd.gov or by requesting a copy from the Elections Division, Secretary of State's office at (800) 352-0867, ext. 328-4146, or from the office of any County Auditor.

In addition, as required by section 16.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, a copy of the Legislative Council's report on the estimated fiscal impact of initiated Measures No. 1 and No. 2 is available on the Secretary of State's website at vote.nd.gov, by calling (800) 352-0867, ext. 328-

4146, or by writing to Secretary of State, 600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 108, Bismarck ND 58505-0500.

Analysis of Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1

Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1 was placed on the ballot by petitions circulated by a sponsoring committee. If approved, it would add a new article to the North Dakota Constitution. Under the measure, an individual could not serve as a state legislator for a total of more than eight years in either the North Dakota House of Representatives or the North Dakota Senate, separately. It also would prohibit an individual from being elected as Governor more than twice. Service as a member of the legislature or election to the office of governor before the effective date of this measure would not count towards an individual's eight-year or two-election limit. An individual would not be allowed to serve a full or remaining term as a member of the legislature if serving the term would cause the individual to serve a total of more than eight years in that particular house. Any amendment to this article could not be proposed by the legislature, but only by citizen initiative. The article would become effective on January 1, 2023 if approved by the voters. If the measure conflicts with any other provision of the constitution, the measure states it would prevail over the other constitutional provision.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is \$0 per biennium. Voting "YES" means you approve the measure summarized above. Voting "NO" means you reject the measure summarized above.

Analysis of Initiated Statutory Measure No. 2

Initiated Statutory Measure No. 2 was placed on the ballot by petitions circulated by a sponsoring committee. If approved, it would create a new chapter of the North Dakota Century Code. It would legalize the production, processing, and sale of cannabis and the possession and use of various forms of cannabis by individuals who are 21 years of age or older, within limitations as to location; direct a state entity to regulate and register businesses that produce or dispense cannabis for use by individuals aged 21 years or older,

and the businesses' agents; permit an individual aged 21 years or older to possess a limited amount of cannabis product; provide protections, limitations, penalties, and employer rights relating to use of cannabis products; and specify that fees are to be appropriated for administration of the chapter.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure beginning in 2023 through the 2025-2027 Biennium is Revenue of \$3,145,000 and Expenses of \$4,985,000. Voting "YES" means you approve the measure summarized above. Voting "NO" means you reject the measure summarized above.

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SHEYENNE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Special meeting regarding sale of city lots north of existing bar to Justin McDonald before committing to buying existing bar.

All members were present in person or via phone. Others present were Chuck Fine, Pete and Patty Larson.

Labrenz made a motion to offer the three city lots to Justin for \$2,500 each. Motion approved.

McDonald was contacted regarding selling price and disapproved the offer of \$2,500/lot. He agreed to previous offer of \$2,000/lot, which is the maximum he would pay.

Labrenz rescinded his previous motion of \$2,500/lot and changed to \$2,000/lot as offered by McDonald with the stipulation of requiring a new bar to be built in two years on property and that it is his responsibility of what is buried under ground. Motion approved.

Fine stated that Community Development boards needs to discuss and approve this for their one lot they own. He recommends selling their lot to the city for \$1.00 via a quit claim deed. The city could then sell it to McDonald with the three lots the city currently owns for \$2,000/lot. Fine will have a final answer from board on September 20, 2022.

Robert Hanson, Mayor
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NOTICE TO MOW WEEDS

All right-of-ways on township and county roads in Wells County shall be mowed by October 22, 2022. Renters of State and School Lands are responsible for removal of weeds. No swathing of weeds is permitted. If the landowner or operator fails to cut the weeds and grasses along the designated highways or roads as provided in this notice, the Board of Township Supervisors may cause such weeds and grasses to be cut, and the actual expense of cutting shall be certified to the County Auditor, and all such expense shall be charged against the land of the landowner and shall become a part of the taxes to be levied against the land for the ensuing year and shall be collected and placed to the credit of the respective sub-division entitled thereto. It is required that a minimum of 14' be cut with a maximum 4" stubble height. There will be no snow removal on roads left uncut unless authorized and paid for by the township.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF WELLS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Dakota Gardener by Esther E. McGinnis, horticulturist NDSU Extension

Putting the garden to bed

As a North Dakotan, I appreciate the end of the gardening season. By fall, I am weary of weeding gardens, watering container plantings and mowing the lawn.

Having just visited Georgia, I was reminded that southern gardeners don't get the reprieve that we do. We have the luxury of taking an extended break from garden and lawn chores. By spring, our enthusiasm is renewed and we can't wait to dig in the soil.

With our autumn freezes, it is time to put the garden and lawn to bed for the long winter. Here are some tips to make gardening in spring easier.

Pull up spent vegetable plants. Plants that were healthy during summer can be composted. Plants showing signs of disease should not be integrated into the compost pile because fungal spores can persist. For example, tomato plants showing leaf spots or cucumbers with powdery mildew should be disposed to minimize future disease issues.

Leave perennial flower stems in the garden until spring. We used to cut these plants back in the fall but leaving them over the winter may have numerous advantages. Seedheads from con-flowers, sedum, bee balm and asters provide food for the birds. Many wild bees lay their eggs in the stems of perennials. Preserving the

stems until spring allows native pollinators a chance to hatch.

Tall ornamental grasses should not be trimmed in the fall. The attractive seed-heads provide winter interest in the garden. Furthermore, studies have shown that their stems will trap snow which helps insulate the plants and ensures their survival over the winter.

If tree leaves are not too thick, they can be mowed into the lawn. Tree leaves contain nitrogen that can be beneficial for the lawn.

Thick layers of leaves should not be allowed to persist on the lawn. The leaves will mat down the grass and make the lawn more susceptible to snow mold and to voles. In that case, rake up the valuable leaves. The leaves can be composted. Alternatively, the leaves can be shredded in a wood chipper and used as mulch to protect perennials and roses that are borderline hardy for the region. The mulch can be applied after a hard freeze.

What about pruning trees and shrubs? This is one task where it is better to be lazy in the fall. Postpone pruning trees and shrubs until March or early April before budbreak. Fall pruning can sometimes result in desiccation of the pruning wounds over the winter.

If it has been a number of years since your last soil test, consider sending a sample

from your garden to a local soil testing lab. We are seeing more and more vegetable gardens that have an excess of phosphorus which can lead to stunting of vegetable plants and a general failure to thrive.

Finally, make a list of your favorite vegetables or annual flowers that you tried this year. Trust me, you won't remember the names by next spring.

Happy fall!

Text-A-Tip Line (701) 341-0534. The text-a-tip line provides Eddy County residents an opportunity to anonymously pass information on to the sheriff's department. If citizens have information about weapons, violence, drugs and alcohol, domestic concerns or safety issues, they are encouraged to text (701)341-0534.