

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, January 12, 2026, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Denise Ferderer, Glen Koeppe, Michelle Odegard, Jodi Ost and Jasmine Smith. Absent: Curtis Anderson. Also present: Carol Peterson, LeeAnn Even, Mike Bassingthwaite, Rick Bryant, Travis Paeper, Olivia Case, Scott Johnson, Jerry Waswick, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

Motion to approve meeting agenda (Koeppe/Ferderer, unanimous).

Motion to approve December meeting minutes (Ferderer/Koeppe, unanimous).

Sheriff Travis Paeper reviewed the Sheriff's Report and introduced council to Olivia Case, the new deputy to the department. Paeper informed council of different cases and warrants that occurred in December.

Ryan Smith reviewed the Maintenance Report. Mayor Dusek asked Ryan to research pricing for an ice bucket for the Bobcat to break up ice. Smith stated he would look into it and would also research a blower for the Bobcat to replace the broom for the snow removal.

LeeAnn Even reviewed the Attorney's Report and informed council she had researched information regarding the floodplain ordinance. Even had talked with Tyler Spomer, the state's NFIP coordinator. He told Even the city can repeal the 1986 floodplain ordinance, but that would remove the city from the NFIP flood insurance. Even stated the city is not in the floodplain but can adopt the basic ordinance and have the county manage. A city decision will be tabled until the county comes up with their plan.

Even informed council about a house in Park Lane she had been contacted about regarding its poor conditions. Even stated the fire chief had been contacted to inspect and turn off the LP. Even requested the water be turned off, too.

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development Report. She discussed RZ projects and tax credits. Peterson presented an RZ project for final approval.

Motion to approve the finalized RZ project application from Scott Goolsbey for the rehab of his home and building a garage, located at 322 6th Street, Milnor, North Dakota, legally known as Lots 14-15, Block 26, City of Milnor, Sargent County, North Dakota (Parcel # 25-7615000). Property is located in Renaissance Zone Block 17A. (Ost/Smith, unanimous). Motion carried.

Motion to approve 2026 yearly alcohol and Sunday opening permit – Milnor Market and off-site permit – The Schoolhouse/Weston Gregor Benefit – 2/8 at the MACC (Ferderer/Odegard, unanimous).

Motion to approve gaming permits – Milnor Satellite Club – Super Bowl boards & Milnor Scholarship Association - raffle (Ost/Smith, unanimous).

Mayor Dusek discussed employee reviews he and Member Anderson had conducted, and they recommended to council a 3.5% wage increase for the 3 city employees and to increase the Economic Development Coordinator's salary to \$1445/month.

Motion to approve Employee Reviews and 2026 Wage & Benefit Recommendations (Ost/Ferderer, unanimous. Abstain: Smith.). Motion carried.

Motion to approve Stock Grower's Bank as the City Depository for 2026 (Ferderer/Koepp, unanimous).

Motion to approve Pledge of Securities ended December 31, 2025 – Stock Growers Bank (Ost/Ferderer, unanimous).

The following bills were presented and approved (Koepp/Smith, unanimous).

<u>Check #:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>To Whom:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
20565	General	Stock Growers Bank	480.00
20566	General	Sargent County Auditor	3058.63
20567	General	Carol Peterson	1396.00
20568	General	Auto Value Wahpeton	147.93
20569	General	Dakota Plains Ag	180.17
20570	General	Dickey Rural Networks	465.53
20571	General	Lee's Service Station	65.00
20572	General	Midwest Pest Control	85.00
20573	General	Milnor Market	17.45
20574	General	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	421.69
20575	General	Office Depot	214.06
20576	General	Otter Tail Power Company	3349.45
20577	General	The Sargent County Teller	321.70
20578	General	Waste Management of WI-MN	1443.63
20579	General	Workforce Safety & Insurance	1033.72
20580	General	Verizon Wireless	166.94
20581	General	Payroll Account 61-639	7016.59
20582	General	Storbakken Sanitation Inc	4890.00
20583	General	Milnor Park Board	892.68
20584	General	Library Fund	106.21
20585	General	Airport Authority	225.18
20586	General	Debt Service Fund	1452.76
20587	General	Debt Service Fund	845.86
20588	General	Milnor Postmaster	78.00
20589	General	Payroll Account 61-639	5983.91
85E	General	Stock Growers Bank	22.00
3747	Debt Service	Southeast Water Users	3426.25
3748	Debt Service	Dakota Valley Electric Coop	780.00
3749	Debt Service	City of Fargo	14.00
3750	Debt Service	Spee-Dee Delivery Service Inc	18.69
3751	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1239.82
3752	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1063.38
92E	Debt Service	Milnor Postmaster	197.64
6296	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	1177.78
6297	Payroll	Terry J. Dusek	166.23
6298	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1734.32
6299	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	2183.31

6300	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	522.50
6301	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	989.48
6302	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1561.61
6303	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1846.91
6304	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	522.50
6305	Payroll	Unum Life Insurance Company	12.34
289E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	438.04
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EFTPS 1	Payroll	Internal Revenue Service	3196.70
1061	Airport	Midwest Pest Control	85.00

The regular February meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn (Ost/Ferderer, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor