

New Salem City Proceedings

NEW SALEM CITY PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 15th, 2025,
6:30 p.m.
City Auditorium

These minutes are being published subject to review and revision by the New Salem City Council.

Gaebe called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Attendance

Council Mayor: Josh Gaebe
Council members present: Chad Goetzfridt, Delton Kautzman, Sheppard Olson, Corey Lausch, Perrin Goetzfridt, Bryan Moen

Others present: City Works Raymond Kazandjian, Robert Boehm, City Auditor Melissa Davis, City Engineer Todd Norton, Scott Austin, Tax Assessor Donald LaFleur, Lori Dirk, Johnathan Achtenberg, Matthew Fischer, Garisson Risner, Jim Kadrmars, Raymond Morrell, Nathan Boehm

Minutes

Kautzman moved and C. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the March 10th, 2025 city council minutes as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Gaebe called the 2025 Board of Equalization meeting to order. LaFleur invited Matthew Fischer from the Public Service Com-

mission, Abandoned Mine Land Division to visit with the council about the findings of the 2024-2025 drilling project on the west side of town. Fischer stated that the mines are much larger than originally thought and more exploratory drilling would be done in the future. LaFleur stated that underground mines can have an effect on the selling price of homes built on existing mines; therefore the value of the property at 1100 Ash Ave was reduced by 10%. LaFleur presented the 2025 annual assessment report. LaFleur stated there are 2 pending property tax exemptions for improvements to residential building for the council to consider. One is for 300 S 4th Street and the other for 312 N 7th Street. The recommended true and full value for residential property came in at \$58,797,100, commercial property at \$12,614,300, and agricultural property was recommended at \$195,300.

Lausch moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the 2 exemptions for 2025-2029. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Hearing no appeals, Kautzman moved and Lausch seconded to approve the presented property values as presented by LaFleur. All voting aye, the motion carried. The 2025 Board

of Equalization Meeting was adjourned.

Scott Austin came to discuss a social host ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to discourage underage possession and consumption of alcohol, even if done within a private residence, the ordinance will hold persons criminally responsible when hosting events or gatherings where persons under 21 years of age possess or consume alcohol regardless of whether the person hosting the event supplied the alcohol. The council was in agreement to discuss the ordinance with the League of Cities and see if any other ND communities have an ordinance like this.

Garrison Risner from Pegasus Illumination stated he received permission from Fire Chief, Barry Schulz, to put on a fireworks display at ND Country Fest as long as Schulz would have the final call the day of the event whether the conditions are favorable for such an event. The council is not opposed to such an event, but they still have several concerns including the shortage of emergency personnel, landowners, fire conditions, possible damage to Salem Sue, etc. A tabletop has been planned for May 10th to address the safety concerns that come along with the ND County Fest. The council encouraged Risner to attend the tabletop, and to seek permission from all emergency departments, land owners, and The New Salem Lion's Club. The council recommends working closely with the New Salem City Emergency Director, Amy Kruger, through this process. The council would like Risner to come back with a final plan once he has contacted all emergency service departments, effected landowners, the emergency director, and the Lion's Club.

Water & Sewer Committee
Norton suggested that the council consider using some of its sales tax revenue to pay for some of its debts, instead of adding another utility bill adder to the city water bills. Kautzman would like to know how much of the funds Norton would like to use.

The council was in agreement to move forward with planning for the next project and for a chip seal project for this summer as well.

Norton stated that the lagoon project has started and work should be completed after 7-10

days of dredging.

Norton presented an estimate for a new hatch for the water reservoir in the amount of \$2805.00. Norton stated that if we would want a 24" height on the hatch it would cost \$400-\$500 more. Kautzman moved and Moen seconded to approve the purchase of a new 24" hatch. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Gaebe presented the estimate from Northern Lights Digital for the security system by the water tank in the amount of \$2675.00. The council was in agreement that a monitor would not be needed. Gaebe stated that he would be able to get a pole to mount the cameras and that we could get Hoesel Construction to install the pole. P. Goetzfridt stated he would like to table this until next month to see what it will cost to complete the electrical work. Boehm will get an estimate.

Davis asked for permission to seize the water bill at 1201 Ash Ave. The owner of the property had water service connected to water trees on the property where they planned to build a future home, but the owners have now decided to sell the property. Davis stated that the water is turned off and the meter is removed and has been since last year. Lausch moved and Kautzman seconded to discontinue billing. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Auditorium Committee
The council reviewed 3 estimates for hooking up the heat in the shop. P. Goetzfridt moved and Kautzman seconded to approve option 1 in the amount of \$6658.00 from West Dakota Heating and Air. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Police Committee
The council reviewed the March police reports.
Sanitation and Garbage Committee
Transfer station attendant, Tyler Haff has requested Spring Cleanup Week to be held May 19th-24. The hours will be Monday-Thursday 4-8pm, Friday 9am-12pm and 4-8pm, and Saturday 10am-4pm. The council was in agreement that there will be no curbside service, residents will need to haul their items themselves. All transfer station fees will be half price during Spring Cleanup Week.

Building Committee
Gaebe stated that no paper-work has been received from the attorney to move forward with the removal of the mobile homes at Arrowhead Inn. The council was in agreement that the Planning and Zoning will work toward having the mobile homes removed and have Davis send a letter.

Personnel Committee
The council reviewed the March city works report. Kazandjian plans to visit with Carter

Becker to see if he would like to help again this summer.

Lausch moved and Kautzman seconded for city works to purchase a finishing mower up to \$2500. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Old Business

The council reviewed the siren sound article from Emergency Director, Amy Kruger. Moen asked if we could come up with an abbreviated version, laminate them and post them around town. Davis will contact Kruger.

New Business

Davis stated that the renewal fee for the NDIRF Insurance is \$6899 for the same insurance we had last year. The council was in agreement to continue going forward with the same coverage. Davis will add the storage room addition to the ND Fire and Tornado property insurance.

Davis stated that the state grant that paid for community apps was not fully funded for this year, therefore to continue with our app it will cost \$750/year. Davis presented the council with the analytics of use. Lausch moved and P. Goetzfridt seconded to discontinue the app due to lack of use. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Kautzman moved and Lausch seconded to approve the consent agenda. All voting aye, the motion carried.

1. Pledge of Securities
Moen moved and Lausch seconded to approve the bills as presented. All voting aye the motion carried.
WEB.COM (\$24.99) hosting
MDU \$3,936.44 street lights
OFFICE DEPOT Business Credit \$62.15 paper
ZIONS BANK \$40,613.75
2007-08 Lagoon Project Loan Payment
BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA \$36,386.26 Priority 1 Street Loan #0001
BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA \$13,347.07 Priority 2 Street Loan #1001
BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA \$33,010.80 Priority 3 Street Loan #2001
MDU \$4,149.64 street lights
ND State Tax Commissioner \$115.37 state taxes-quarterly
NDPERS \$2,242.65 retirement payment
941 PAYMENT \$4,459.85
MOR- GRAN- SOU ELEC- TRIC \$154.67 street lighting
Becker, Carter \$84.09
Bennett, Shane \$27.70
Boehm, Robert \$2,031.86
Davis, Melissa \$1,569.99
Gaebe, Joshua \$692.62
Goetzfridt, Chad \$277.05
Goetzfridt, Perrin \$277.05
Haff, Tyler \$291.73
Kautzman, Delton \$271.67
Kazandjian, Raymond \$2,203.16
Lausch, Corey \$277.05

Moen, Bryan \$184.70
Olson, Sheppard \$277.05
Yellow Bird, Miranda \$967.18
Bennett, Shane \$225.69
Boehm, Robert \$1,795.61
Davis, Melissa \$1,391.02
Haff, Tyler \$222.00

Kazandjian, Raymond \$1,807.51

Kruger, Amy \$92.35
Yellow Bird, Miranda \$1,079.18

AE2S \$2,724.50 Lagoon Project 2024-25

ATCO INTERNATIONAL

\$147.05 spray paint

BRAUN ELECTRIC INC

\$6,850.00 Bathroom Remodel

CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER

\$594.50 gas and oil

COFER SANITATION \$94.61

garbage service

COLONIAL RESEARCH

\$1,113.56 Chemicals

COUNTRYSIDE CONSTRUCTION

\$4,832.69 Bathroom Remodel

CURTIS RUD OIL \$199.39

fuel

DAKOTA REFRIGERATION

\$780.25 Ice Machine Clean/Repair

FARMERS LUMBER & GAMBLES

\$773.39 aud/shop supplies/bathroom remodel

GS Publishing, LLC \$378.70

Morton County News Journal

MELISSA DAVIS \$391.94

bathroom garbage cans, time clock, ADA signs, mileage

MISSOURI WEST WATER SYSTEM

\$14,362.25 water purchase

MORTON COUNTY AUDITOR

\$3,360.00 police contract

NAPA \$395.17 equipment parts

ND DEPT OF HEALTH - MICRO

\$27.00 labs

NORTHERN IMPROVEMENT

\$600.00 omegamix

ONE CALL CONCEPTS

\$9.00

RAILROAD MANAGEMENT

CO III \$1,205.46

Water Pipeline Encroachment agreement

RAYMOND KAZANDJIAN

\$92.08 Fuses/testing fee

Robert Boehm \$157.68 pump

nozzle pieces/testing fee

ROUGH RIDERS INDUSTRY

\$410.26 street signs

Solem Law Office \$1,474.67

Kaelberer Construction Inc.

\$1,488.32 tansfer station roll offs

VESTIS \$812.62 rugs and

paper products

WEST RIVER \$287.16

phones

Gaebe adjourned the meeting at 8:53pm. The next regular

New Salem City Council meeting will be Monday, May 12th,

2025 at 6:30pm.

s/ Josh Gaebe

Josh Gaebe-Mayor

s/ Melissa Davis

Melissa Davis-Auditor

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All utilities including Cable TV • Noon meal provided 7 days a week
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Window blinds • Resident responder system for your safety
½ hour of housekeeping per week.

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