

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF DODGE MAY 15 MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD MEETING
MAY 15, 2025

The Dodge City Council met on May 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Present were Mayor Gervers; Directors Acosta, Wolff, Jones, and Frederick. Present- Mark Kaffar, Mark Klein and Auditor Beckman. Auditor Beckman kept notes of the meeting.

Mayor Gervers called meeting to order.

Director Wolff made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Jones seconded the motion-Motion Carried

Director Jones- made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Wolff seconded the motion- Motion Carried

Director Wolff made a motion to approve the financial report. Acosta seconded the motion- Motion Carried

Commissioner of Police- No Update

Commissioner of Utilities- No Update

Commissioner of Streets- Bek has been in town and started working on warranty repairs. Mayor Gervers stated that pictures need to be sent for extra details on finishing up a few spots. Bollards will be painted by Philip.

Commissioner of Buildings and Property- No Update

Mayor Gervers- Discussed a complaint about Semis parked in town on lots and if they are running a business out of their houses. Dodge does not have a designated parking area for Semis in town. The trucks North of Dodge were discussed and them parking on an empty lot on off time. Auditor Beckman stated that the lot is owned by a family member and they have permission to park on that lot. Mayor Gervers stated that there is nothing in the ordinance book that states they cannot park there. They are owner operators and not running a business out of their home. There are concerns about noise issues, Mark Kaffar states if the trucks are straight piped and it becomes an issue under noise ordinance then something could be done on that end. Council states they are doing what they can and complying with not parking on the streets or coming in loaded and parking on the streets. It was addressed that starting to let them warm up is fine in the winter but running them, all night will be addressed.

Mayor Gervers asked if the city would still like to pursue a Post Office. Director Acosta stated yes and she is tired of finding mail on the ground. Update on Post Office will be discussed at next regular council meeting.

Mayor Gervers- went to a housing meeting they are willing to put a house up in Dodge if we have an available lot to put one on. She talked

to a couple of people with houses that are abandoned and county has a program to help with removal of dilapidated structures. Director Jones stated what about the lot across from the Casper property the city owns that lot. Director Acosta stated that as far as she knew the prior Auditor stated that nothing was transferred over to her knowledge. They never followed thru with the signing over to the city. Director Jones stated that the way it was explained that paperwork was done and everything was a go. Mark Kaffar stated that he could send paperwork again. Mayor Gervers stated that she will check into it.

The tornado siren was discussed and who can we contact if there is an emergency to make sure that alarm goes off. Auditor Beckman said that there is a button on the outside of the pump house to push in case of an emergency. If the alarms do not go off in town.

Mark Kaffar- Would like to get a motion to turn in his bills to the USDA for work that was done for Phase 2 project in Dodge. Mark will call Keri and confirm what the amount of money was for on those statements. Director Acosta made a motion to have the bills for Mark Kaffar be turned in to the USDA for approval so we can get reimbursed on payment. Director Jones seconded the motion-Motion Carried.

Philip Gustafson Update- Roof is leaking and it is dripping in two different spots. Midwest doors will be called to replace rubber on garage doors to shop. Philips new hours will be 6:30 am to 3:00 pm. Director Acosta made a motion to approve Philips time change. Director Jones seconded the motion-Motion Carried

Auditor Beckman Update- Auditor Beckman discussed computer issues with One Drive. Lonny Buchmann said that with the One Drive syncing to the city's accounts with the prior Auditors personal information it has caused issues within the system for the city. When the prior Auditor logs in or has logged in the past it causes the city's files to disappear and move into folders that we cannot find. Emails are constantly deleted and addresses disappear. Files are ending up in wrong folders some are gone and cannot be recovered. I ended up with personal information to the city's computer from the prior Auditors accounts and whoever was linked to the office 365. This has been an ongoing issue since the end of January 2025. I can create files but where they go who knows. It can take hours or days to find them if we can find them at all. Lonny Buchmann from Beulah, will be setting up new computers for the city. Director Acosta made a motion to approve new city computers not to exceed over the amount of \$5,000.00. The amount owed for the setup of the

computers will be a separate charge and paid out to Lonny Buchmann for his services. Director Jones seconded the motion. Roll call vote with all council members voting Aye- Motion Carried.

Director Jones stated that the prior Auditor needs to be taken off all Federal accounts, State Accounts everything involving the city. This was supposed to be done in January, 2025. Mayor Gervers will work with me to try to do what we can to get her removed off all city accounts. At this point whatever is left she will need to remove herself from anything that is remaining. Auditor Beckman states that the Federal issues are the worst because contact information is minimal. Linda Lies has helped tremendously with these issues but we still have a lot to do.

Mayor Gervers- City dump was discussed the council will keep keys to open the dump if needed for people who want to use the dump on week-ends. The council discussed how we will monitor and make sure there is no illegal dumping on site. Director Wolff stated that we should check everything prior before people can dump just for extra precaution. Auditor Beckman stated we need to keep a list of who goes in and what day they dumped just so we know if issues occur.

Council decided to move the City Clean up week to June 2, 2025 thru June12, 2025.

Director Wolff made a motion to approve second reading for Backflow and Flood Plain Ordinance. Director Frederick seconded the motion. Roll call vote all council members voting Aye- Motion Carried.

Director Acosta made a motion to approve the second reading of the Chapter 11 and Zoning Ordinance. Director Jones seconded the motion. Roll call vote with all council members voting Aye- Motion Carried

Director Jones made a motion to approve Badlands Concrete to install south door of shop and RV Park door replacement. Acosta second the motion. Roll call vote with all council members voting Aye- Motion Carried

Jones construction gave the council a start date for the Auditorium June 2, 2025.

Director Wolff made a motion to approve new dry spot campsite pricing \$18.00 a night. Director Acosta second the motion. Roll call vote with all council members voting Aye- Motion Carried

Executive session started 7:14 pm
Executive session ended 8:15 pm

Director Acosta made a motion to adjourn. Jones seconded the motion-Motion carried

Amy Gervers- Mayor
Auditor- Jenn Beckman
(06-05-2025)

Mary A. McCord scholarship being offered to four students

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Four \$500 scholarships are being offered to students from Mercer County with at least a year's worth of post-secondary education in a health-related field.

The Sakakawea Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary is offering four scholarships from the Mary A. McCord Trust, with each scholarship worth \$500.

Applicants who fit the necessary requirements and have not been awarded a Mary A. McCord Trust Scholarship previously must apply by June 30.

To apply, or for more information, contact Sienna Sailer at kssailer@westriv.com.

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nual threat to the area, Beulah Fire Department Chief Eli Schumann said incidents, thankfully, have not been as frequent in the past two years.

"We actually haven't had a lot. Maybe a handful," Schumann said. "I think that's because farmers and ranchers have become much more cautious because it's their livelihood and they've stepped up their game with being cautious and more prepared."

Schumann said more and more ranchers and farmers are keeping better precautionary equipment around, such as water cans and fire suppression equipment, which has helped kept start-up fires to a minimum.

"Granted, we still get calls, but many times the ranchers and farmers already have a handle on it by the time we get there," Schumann said.

Beecher said the June 3 training session was two-fold, as staff learned how to get residents loaded and transferred to a safer place in the event of a grassfire threatening the facility, but they also learned how to manage and work with residents in a crisis.

"With elderly residents, that's the real tricky part of a mock evacuation," Beecher said. "I was making daily speeches for a week, letting them know it was only going to be a drill. We have been continuously talking to them about it. Nothing will go 100% right in an emergency, so that's why we train with them, so it can go as smoothly as possible."

KRCC has set up a communication system with the Mercer County Health Department and the state, called Ready-Ops, which allows them to send out notifications – through phone calls, text messages and emails – to residents' family members, next-of-kin and guardians that notify them of any emergency-related updates. Beecher said the facility sent out a notification about the mock evacuation as a precaution but also as part of the training event.

"In the event of an actual emergency, people will be updated through that system and be kept updated about our relocation plans," Beecher said. "We put out 'FYI' notifications for our drill, as well."

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Annual election of the Beulah Public School District #27, County of Mercer, State of North Dakota will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 with polling locations open at the Beulah High School and Golden Valley Community

Center from 11:00 am-7:00 p.m. CDT. To request an absentee ballot application, contact the Beulah School at 701-873-5956.

Two board members will be elected to serve three-year terms.

Dated at Beulah, North Dakota

this 20th day of May, 2025 By order of the Beulah School Board

Signed: Krista Richau, Business Manager
(05-22-2025, 05-29-2025, 06-05-2025)



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