

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING NOTICE  
CITY OF DRAYTON, NORTH DAKOTA**

There will be a Public Information Meeting for the City of Drayton at 7 pm, Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at Johnson Hall Community Center to discuss the Special Election Vote to add a new 2% sales and use tax for the Infrastructure Project and future maintenance.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the sales tax, the work that will be completed, estimated costs, funding, and schedule. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Drayton City Council

**North Dakota Outdoors: Poaching is stealing from hunters**

By Doug Leier



Even if you’ve never been a hunter, you’re likely familiar with the term poaching. Poaching is theft, plain and simple. It’s the illegal taking or killing of fish and wildlife. It’s stealing from legal hunters and trampling on the public trust. It might be shooting before legal hours, fishing without a license or shooting an extra deer, duck or pheasant.

The first few issues of poaching I witnessed in my time as a game warden are etched in memory. Coming around the corner and seeing a man in a creek spearing pike running upstream. Watching a hunting party shoot a deer and leave them until

**ELECTION NOTICE**

*Notice is given that on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at the City Office in the City of Drayton, North Dakota, an election will be held for the election of implementing and collecting a new 2% sales and use tax for the purpose of funding city infrastructure projects and maintenance, which election will be opened 7 am and will continue until 9 pm of that day.*

**BALLOT LANGUAGE**

*Shall the City of Drayton be authorized to implement and collect a new two percent (2%) sales and use tax outlined in #49 Ordinance for the purpose of funding city infrastructure projects and maintenance.*

\_\_\_ *yes* - means you approve the City of Drayton implementing a new 2% sales and use tax

\_\_\_ *no* - means you reject the City of Drayton implementing a new 2% sales and use tax

**Hay bales need to be removed from highway rights of way before Nov. 1**

Hay bales remaining on rights of way after this date will be removed as directed by the North Dakota Department of Transportation district engineers. The bales need to be removed for snow management and safety reasons. For more information, contact your local NDDOT district office at [www.dot.nd.gov/contact-us](http://www.dot.nd.gov/contact-us).



*When a hunter or angler commits an unlawful act, they no longer earn the respect of the term. The minute an illegal act is taken they become a poacher. Photo by Ashley Peterson, NDGF.*

another hunter with the proper tag arrived.

Both incidents were blatant violations and not excused by “it was an accident” or “ I didn’t know.”

While some give a shade of acceptance to “they were going to eat it all.” In this day and age of public assistance, poaching extra game and fish isn’t the way to solve hunger.

I'll ask you. Have you ever been with someone poaching or witnessed an illegal act of a hunter or angler?

I should note many, including myself, divide the word. When a hunter or angler commits an unlawful act, they no longer earn the respect of the term. The minute an illegal act is taken, they become a poacher.

When you witness a wildlife violation, don't just complain about it – report it. And do so immediately. Not later standing in line at the convenience store.

North Dakota employs just a few dozen field game wardens, each covering nearly 3,000 square miles. Within that is terrain from badlands and river valleys to wide open, sparsely populated regions and some hard-to-get-to places, even in this age of advances in mobility and UTVs.

Hunters and citizens are the extra

**City Council Meeting October 6, 2025**

City Office at 7pm

BEING PUBLISHED SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNING BODY'S REVIEW AND REVISION

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7pm. Council Members present were Larson, Grundstrom, Weimer, T. Van Camp, Nelson and Halcrow. City employees present were DeGeldere, Mattice and Misialek. Mayor Olson opened up the public comments section to the one resident that completed a speaker card, which was Kristi Quibell. Ms. Quibell brought her questions regarding the Infrastructure Project and upcoming special vote regarding a new 2% sales and use tax to be used for the project and maintenance. Dylan Ensrude from Moore Engineering shared changes in funding and in the project that have occurred since the Public Information Meeting that was held in January. Mr. Ensrude assured Ms. Quibell that at least one public information meeting will be held prior to the special vote. The date for that meeting will be November 18, 2025 at 7pm at the Johnson Hall Community Center. Mayor Olson moved on from the Public Comment Period to Mr. Ensrude who presented the updated timeline of actions that need to be addressed including the four resolutions that need to be approved tonight. These are:

1. Resolution Directing Engineer to Prepare Report
2. Resolution Approving Engineer's Report
3. Resolution Creating Improvement District NO. 2025-1 -Sewer, Water, and Street Improvements of the City of Drayton, North Dakota
4. Resolution Declaring Work Necessary for an Improvement in Sewer, Water and Street Improvement District NO. 2025-1

Motion was made by Larson, seconded by Grundstrom, all in favor of approving all four resolutions. The Special Election Vote to implement a new 2% sales and use tax will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at the City Office from 7am to 9pm. Notice of Election and sample of the ballot language will be published on October 9 & 16, 2025 in Valley News and Views. An email sent by BNSF was discussed. They wanted the City of Drayton to pay \$51,200 toward a surface replacement project on West Grant. The council was all in agreement that this is a BNSF project and there is no need for the City of Drayton to contribute to their project. Chief Mattice presented his September report of calls and assured them that for the first couple of weeks of beet harvest that he would have an increased presence on patrol. He informed them that he had applied for the “Back the Blue” grant again this year.

DeGeldere presented a quote from ND Sewage Pump for replacing the gate valves and the check valves on the main lift station. These valves are about 20 year old and getting to the point where they are not going to open or close. The quoted amount to remove and install is \$17,610. Motion to approve having this work done was made by Grundstrom, seconded by T. Van Camp, all in favor. DeGeldere also presented the quote from Rock’s Electric regarding installing automatic transfer switches in two lift stations and wiring four auto starts for generators totaling \$25,190.00 and the second quote from Rock’s Electric regarding rotating the control panels on two of the lift stations at a cost of \$8500.00 each. DeGeldere was asked to get quotes from another electrician also. DeGeldere updated the council that the line to the water plant has now been capped. Next steps need to be determined on dismantling the water plant. He will check with the state on what those steps might be and then get a cost. Misialek presented an event permit for Purse Bingo on Oct 25, 2025. Motion to approve this permit was made by T. Van Camp, seconded by Grundstrom, all in favor. Misialek presented a quote from Indigo Signs to repair the digital sign in the amount of \$2150-\$2350. Motion was made by Grundstrom, seconded by Weimer, all in favor to repair the sign. Two properties have been bought and demolished by Kevin Pierce. A motion was made by Grundstrom, seconded by Larson, that once construction begins on one of the properties, the city will forgive any past utility bills owed, with Grundstrom, Larson, T. Van Camp, Nelson and Halcrow voting yes, Weimer voting no. Motion passed. Motion to approve September minutes was made by T. Van Camp, seconded by Weimer, all in favor.

Vendor Bills:

Axon \$3,624.00; Blawat \$1,850.00; Countrywide Sanitation \$3,302.04; Ewing Oil \$404.35; Ferguson Enterprises \$1,832.96; Halcrow’s \$1,039.02; Kilmer Construction \$2,555.00; ND Sewage Pump \$925.00; Northern Nature Seed \$159.38; Otter Tail \$23.62; PIP Repair \$35.00; Scott’s Sporting Goods \$360.00; Vestis \$102.01; Motions to approve bills was made by Nelson, seconded by T. Van Camp, all in favor. Next meeting will be on November 10, 2025 at 7pm at City Office. Motion to adjourn was made by Grundstrom, seconded by T. Van Camp, all in favor.

Charles Olson, Mayor

Sonia Misialek, City Auditor

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