

CITY OF PICK CITY MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2025
Present: Mayor Arvid Anderson, Lori Davis, Scott Bather, Kel Westman & Brandon Reiser.
Also Present: PWD Jim Sailer, Attorney Mark Kaffer, Vernon Herman & auditor, Diane Johnson
Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm
Davis motioned, Bather second to approve consent items: agenda, bills, and minutes of the May 7, 2025 meeting. All in favor.
Westman motioned, second Reiser to approve the 1' variance for the Fire Hall addition. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.
Westman motioned, second Reiser to approve of the Beer & Liquor (On & Off sale) licenses for the Dam Bar & Little's Bar & Grill and the Beer & Wine (off-sale) license for Scott's Bait & Tackle. All in favor.
Reiser motioned, second Davis to approve the Street dance at Little's Bar on June 28th. Fencing will be installed around the area. All in favor.
Bather motioned, second Davis to approve the "moving out & in "building permits for house #2025-5 & pole barn # 2025-4 on Donny Wald's property and Chuck Able's moving in new mobile home #2025-6. All in favor.
Chicken ordinance was handed out for council to review. No one attended meeting that was interested in raising chickens in town. No action taken.
AirBnB sample ordinance was tabled.
Lauren Donovan is planning a small wedding at her Airbnb, council had no concerns other than following noise ordinance.

Attorney Kaffer update the council on the nuisance property. He will reach out to owner with a time line and if no action is taken by owner, he will gets bids for abatement and it will be assessed to owner's taxes. Mr. Kaffer updated the council on residents with no water service. He has been in contact with Western Plains Health, they will enforce, with the authority of NDCC 23-35-09.
Streets: Council agreed to have PWD Jim order 6 loads of milled asphalt & 4 loads of gravel.
Landfill: Reiser suggested to let the public know that there is firewood that can be cut at Landfill.
Park: Bather turned wood chips and checked playground equipment. Porto-potty has arrived.
There being no other business meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. Next city meeting July 2, 2025
General Fund: Payroll/ins./reimb. \$3441.35; Circle-2456.00; DOC-34.84; Hardware Hank-76.74; Menards-92.39; Amy Ones-850.00; Scott's-115.91; WRT-125.40, RRE- 647.39; IRS-\$1335.10; NDPers-243.00. Water: Payroll -\$1410.50; J. Sailer-50.00; NDDEQ-50.00; MSRWD-3413.04; NDDH-54.00; WRT-31.65; RRE-378.63. Sewer: Payroll-\$705.20, USPS- \$392.00.

Mayor A. Anderson
Auditor D. Johnson

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Sheriff's office receives grant for critical equipment upgrade

BY DANIEL ARENS

Thanks to a program through Farm Credit Services, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office will be able to get upgraded equipment for its officers.
The Farm Credit Services Rural Community Grant Fund comes through AgriBank, which is based out of St. Paul, Minn. The Rural Community Grant Fund provides financial support for community needs in western North Dakota impacted by mineral development in the Bakken region, partnering with AgCountry Farm Credit Services and the Farm Credit Service of Mandan in providing the program. AgriBank is the wholesale money supplier for Farm Credit Services of Mandan, which has a branch in Beulah.
This year, Farm Credit Services provided a check for \$34,058 to the Mercer County

Sheriff's Office for emergency response equipment through this program.
"We got the grant for special response team upgraded critical equipment," Deputy Chris Waller said. "It will help protect our officers. Hopefully we never have to use it, but it's there if it's needed."
"Really, this gives our officers a better chance of coming home at the end of the day," Sheriff Terry Ternes said, adding that the equipment is also for other local law enforcement agencies, including the police departments in Beulah and Hazen.
"The program is a way for Farm Credit Services to support our community needs and the people who keep us safe," Steve Finsaas, loan officer and office manager with Farm Credit Services of Mandan, said.
Finsaas presented the check to the Mercer County Sheriff's Office on Friday afternoon at the lending institution's Beulah location.



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Farm Credit Services of Mandan presented the Mercer County Sheriff's Office with a check for just over \$34,000 last Friday. The check was provided through the Rural Community Grant Fund and will be used by the sheriff's office to purchase upgraded critical equipment for officers. Pictured here, left to right: Mercer County Sheriff Terry Ternes, Farm Credit Services of Mandan Beulah Office Manager Steve Finsaas, Mercer County Deputy Chris Waller and Mercer County Chief Deputy Mark Schmitt.

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Summer Reading Program kicks off with colorful fun

COMPILED BY DANIEL ARENS, HAZEN EDITOR, AND CINDY AASER, HAZEN LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Hazen Public Library kicked off its Summer Reading Program on Monday morning with lots of activities and over five dozen people present.
This year's Summer Reading Program theme is "Color Your World". The program runs weekly

through the months of June and July: June activities will be on Mondays at 10 a.m., while July activities will be on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Generally, activities will be held at Heritage Park, just outside the library to the east.
The Summer Reading Program ends on July 31 with the Hazen Public Library's "Summer Bash", with a water-themed party from 1 to 3 p.m. at the park.

The Summer Reading Program Kickoff saw 66 people come out to attend the event. The kids had the chance to make bug headbands and butterflies with their crafts. The Mercer County Soil Conservation District also came out to encourage the kids to look for pollinators and to help with the bug headbands. Kids and families had a great time.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY CINDY AASER

Lots of kids and adults came together at the library on Monday for many different activities and games as the library kicked off its annual Summer Reading Program.



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Going along with the "Color Your World" theme for the 2025 Summer Reading Program, kids got the chance to get colorful with bug headbands they made during the kickoff celebration.



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The kids were excited to show off their artistic skill as they made bug headbands and butterfly craft projects.