

ELLENDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES, JULY 13, 2026

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Regular Meeting

City Council

July 13, 2026

6:11 pm – EMS Building and Zoom Virtual

This meeting was held at EMS Building and virtual Zoom Meeting option was also available.

Mayor Flaherty called the public hearing to order at 6:11 PM with Council members in attendance: Meidinger, Crabtree, Anliker, Tiegs, Lee via zoom and Denison via zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Absent: None

City Employees present: Auditor Gunn, Deputy Auditor Schmidt, Police Chief Brad Knutson and PW Monroe via zoom.

Others attending: Separate sign-in sheet available.

Oath of Office was administered to Thomas Tiegs and Wade Anliker.

Board Reorganization: Motion by Lee, second by Tiegs to vote Meidinger as President of City Council. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Motion by Denison, second by Tiegs to vote Crabtree as Vice President of City Council. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Appointments: Airport: Kyle Glynn, Kenny Krein, and Nicole Gunn; Library Board: Lori Matthies, and Mary Ulmer; Auditor: Nicole Gunn; City Engineer: Interstate Engineering; City Assessor: Dickey County; City Attorney: Fallon Kelly; JDA: Aaron Tschosik, Troy Radermacher; Official Newspaper: Dickey County Leader; Tourism Board: Laurel Chafy, Megan Wiebe, and Larry Davis.

All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Variance Hearing: Resident Grimm requesting the current minimum of 12.5 feet side yards to be reduced to 5 foot side yards for construction of a residential structure on a narrow lot that he owns. Lee moves, Meidinger seconds to approve this variance to the city council.

Roll call vote: Tiegs, Crabtree, Lee, Denison, Meidinger, Anliker- yes. Motion carries.

Public Comment: None

Library Board Report: C. Henning- sen gave yearly library report. Will be updating library to automation, putting new chairs in computer room and will be purchasing more books. There are some leaks in library, Auditor Gunn to investigate.

Fire Hall Building Concerns: There is some leaking around the Fire Hall, since it is a city owned building, Auditor Gunn to have it checked out.

Richter Concerns: Lives in Ellendale Acres, is concerned that his yard was weed free and neighboring lots have a lot of noxious weeds that keep blowing into his lawn. Is requesting property owner of those lots to do something about it as they are vacant lots that are still owned by Headwaters Development. Meidinger moves, Crabtree seconds to have Terry Weis spray those two lots to see if that would help matters. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Midwest Inspection Update: In June issued Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for ELN03 including first and second floor of admin and areas east of admin. Will be going out soon to turn over other parts of the building near end

of month. ELN04 precast 95% complete and working on different inspections.

Agenda Additions: None

Operating Statement/Sales Tax Review: Lee moves, Meidinger seconds to approve Operating Statement/Fund Activity Statement. Roll call vote: Lee, Denison, Meidinger, Anliker, Tiegs, Crabtree- yes. Motion carries.

Wade: EMS Building: A few items left to be completed. Pay request of \$215,441.20 to reduce retainage with amount of \$13,796.84 left to be owed. Lee moves, Meidinger seconds to pay the \$215,441.20. Roll call vote: Lee, Denison, Meidinger, Anliker, Tiegs,

Crabtree- yes. Motion carries.

Wade: Street Project: Had preconstruction meeting, should be starting soon beginning with ADA ramps and some of the concrete road repairs. General contractor will be Border States paving. Concerns over 4th Ave N issues, to add curb and gutter to hedge drainage issues in that area. Denison moves, Lee seconds to approve option 2 to install curb and gutter. Roll call vote: Denison, Meidinger, Anliker, Tiegs, Crabtree, Lee- yes. Motion carries.

Grimm Variance Request: Lee moves, Anliker seconds to approve the variance resolution to allow side yards to go from 12.5 feet to 5 feet. Meidinger, Anliker, Tiegs, Crabtree, Lee, Denison- yes. Motion carries.

Cemetery Proposal: Over time different clerks kept cemetery records. Currently cemetery records need massive updating. All Funeral proposed an automated system that would be \$225 per month for 5 years, then \$50-\$100 per month after that for maintenance. Anliker moves, Tiegs seconds to sign up for this service to assist with updating these records. Roll call vote: Anliker, Tiegs, Crabtree, Lee, Denison, Meidinger- yes. Motion carries.

Council Portfolios: Law Enforcement: Meidinger/Denison; City Maintenance: Denison/Meidinger; City Finance: Tiegs/

Lee; Promotion & Tourism: Lee/Tiegs; Assessment & Building Inspection: Crabtree/Anliker; Planning & Development: Anliker/Crabtree.

Budget Hearing Date/Time: Budget Hearing will be September 14, 2026 at 6 pm at EMS Building in City of Ellendale ND.

Police Report: Been busy, handling calls as they come in. Fourth of July was pretty calm, fair went well. Staying on top of traffic concerns.

Public Works Report: Busy getting things done. Spraying for mosquitos. Regular maintenance jobs, been mow-

ing around Ellendale Acres, property owners getting billed for those. Requesting receiving quote to put concrete apron around city shop. Sink hole repaired along 281. More repairs needed for master lift station, waiting on proposal for new piping. Looking into leasing excavator to clean up lagoons. Water plant building needs repairs to building, needs residing, will get quotes to fix it. Water heater at city hall leaking, will call.

Storage Container Permit: Tiegs moves, Meidinger seconds to approve two storage container permit for Barry Diemert on his commercial property located by his storage units. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Building Permits: Meidinger moves, Lee seconds to approve building permits for: J. Pryer to replace door and steps at 216 1st St S; and T. Olson to reside and replace windows at 100 1st Ave S. Anliker moves, Meidinger seconds to approve building permit and ag use permit for D. Kendall to put up farm storage building at 1308 1st Ave N. that is located in our extra territorial jurisdiction.

Special Permits: Lee moves, Anliker seconds to approve closing of 2nd St S between 5th Ave S & 6th Ave S for Applied Digital second annual pickleball tournament on August 15, 2026. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Property Tax Exemption: New daycare in Ellendale requesting property tax ex-

emption under NDCC 57-02-08 subsection 36 as that stand alone building is operating as a child daycare. Tiegs moves, Lee seconds to approve this property tax exemption. Roll call vote: Tiegs, Crabtree, Lee, Denison, Meidinger, Anliker- yes. Motion carries.

Minutes: Lee moves, Crabtree seconds to approve minutes from June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting; June 22, 2026 Special Meeting and June 30, 2026 Spe-

cial Meeting. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Bills: Meidinger moves Anliker seconds to approve bills as presented. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Senior Center Invoice: An invoice was presented to the City by Dickey County Senior Citizen director regarding snow removal from the Ellendale Senior Center for winter 2025-2026. Being as it is a city owned building that houses multiple entities Meidinger moves, Tiegs seconds to have the city pay this invoice. Roll call vote: Crabtree, Lee, Denison, Meidinger, Anliker, Tiegs- yes. Motion carries.

Correspondence: None.

Next meeting: Regular Meeting August 17, 2026.

NDLC Conference in Grand Forks September 16-18, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM

Mayor	\$318.17
City Employees	\$34,794.65
Council	\$808.04
Ambulance	\$19,925.63
IRS	\$14,993.62
NDPERS	\$421.93
NDPERS	\$6,479.81
Ellendale Park Board	\$1,580.94
Ellendale Public School	\$1,300.72
Computer Express	\$400.00
Dakota Pump & Control	\$1,119.00
Corey Gulke	\$212.34
Amazon	\$37.99
Agrimax	\$205.00
BCBS of ND	\$13,477.58
Ellendale Concrete	\$2,429.50
Interstate Engineering	\$54,588.45
Nippon Sanso Matheson	\$56.21

Nelson Sales and Service	\$104.98
Electro Watchman Inc.	\$885.40
Mertz Construction & Supply	\$5,685.00
Metro-Billing Service	\$150.00
ND Chemistry	\$481.46
MDU	\$3,645.92

Rapid Response	\$148.00
RDO Equipment	\$122.97
Oakes Ambulance	\$292.00
Wolfe Communications	\$112.00
Chad's Electric	\$1,191.33
J & M Elliott LLC	\$43,337.00
Postmaster	\$259.74
ND State Tax Commissioner	\$581.41
Jay's Hi-Way Furniture	\$3,808.97
Southeast Water Users	\$15,000.00
Rick Hack	\$990.00
ND One Call	\$39.60
City of Fargo	\$28.00
Lorena Lynde	\$240.00
Strengthen ND	\$2,000.00
Ross Merkel	\$1,140.00
Jones & Kelly Attys	\$2,655.00
Vestis	\$80.71
Nick Kendall	\$5,250.00
Sanitation Products	\$1,568.49
Shilo Comeau	\$90.00
Recycle Center of ND	\$30,236.60
Pierson Inc.	\$70.25
Menards - Aberdeen	\$1,003.50
Matthew Thorpe	\$1,275.00
NAPA Auto Parts Central	\$63.00
Harold Rotunda	\$3,800.00
Balco Uniform Co. Inc.	\$2,065.88
MDU	\$3,143.33
Interstate Engineering	\$5,469.65
DRN	\$1,168.59
Aflac	\$620.98
Karl's TV & Appliance	\$1,736.64
Ellendale True Value	\$3,180.74
Verizon Wireless	\$489.98
Jerry Rekow	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$297,661.70

Donald Flaherty, Mayor
Nicole Gunn, Auditor
(Minutes subject to corrections and approval at next regular meeting.)

(July 23, 2026)