

~ Public Notices ~

City of Pembina Snow Removal Ordinances and Rulings:

In North Dakota, it is illegal to shovel or blow snow from driveways and sidewalks onto city streets.

Make sure to place snow from sidewalks and driveways in your own yard or boulevard. Be aware of visibility issues that may be created if snow is piled on the boulevard: for yourself and/or your neighbors. Do not place snow in the street; residents or businesses who do so may face a fine up to \$500.

3.0210 Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalk

It shall be, and hereby is declared to be, the duty of the owner or occupant of each lot in the City to remove from the sidewalk in front of or along the same, any ice or snow which forms, accumulates or obstructs such sidewalk, within twenty-four (24) hours after the ice forms or the snow ceases to fall thereon. Where the ice accumulated is of such character as to make the removal thereof practically impossible, the sprinkling of ashes or sand thereon within the time specified for removal in such manner as to make such sidewalk safe for the travel of pedestrians thereon, shall be deemed a compliance with the provisions of this article.

3.0211 Removal of Snow and Ice by City

In case the owner of any lot in the City refuses or neglects to remove such ice and snow from the sidewalk in front of or along a lot therein, within the same time above stated or refuses to sprinkle ashes or sand on the same within the time specified for removal in such manner as to make such sidewalk safe for travel of pedestrians thereon, the same may be removed by or under the direction of the city engineer or street superintendent of the City, or ashes or sand sprinkled thereon, and the necessary expenses shall be charged against the abutting property by special assessment in the manner prescribed by law. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-29-18).

3.0212 Assessments by Street Superintendent When Work is Done by City

Whenever the street superintendent shall, pursuant to Section 3.0211 of this article, remove or cause to be removed any snow or ice from any sidewalk or sidewalks along or in front of any building, grounds or premises, the street superintendent shall assess the cost of the same against said property, and on or before the first day of May in each year, make and file in the office of the city auditor a list showing separately the amount chargeable and assessed against each lot and tract and stating the name of the owner of each lot or tract as known to the street superintendent. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-29-18).

3.0213 Snow and Ice Removal Assessments, Publication by Auditor, Hearing by City Governing Board

The city auditor shall give notice by publication in the official newspaper of the hearing and confirmation of such report and assessment at the regular June meeting of the City governing board, notifying all persons objecting thereto to appear and present their objections. The notice shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks, the last publication to be not less than eight (8) days before the date fixed for the hearing. At the June meeting of the City governing board or at such later meeting as the hearing and confirmation of such assessment may be adjourned to, the City governing board shall consider said assessment and shall hear any objections thereto or to any part thereof, and after revising and correcting the same, if necessary, it shall approve and confirm the list. The city auditor shall attach to such list the city auditor's certificate that the same is correct as confirmed by the City governing board and shall file the same in the city auditor's office. The assessment shall be certified to the county auditor by the city auditor in the manner provided in section 40-24-11 of the North Dakota Century

Code. (Source: North Dakota Century Code section 40-29-19, 40-29-20).

3.0214 Street Cleaning - Snow Removal

Whenever, in the judgment of the governing body or the city engineer or street superintendent of the City, it shall be necessary that streets, alleys or public ways in the City shall be cleared of snow or ice or be cleaned by the use of street sweepers or other methods of cleaning such streets, or for marking for traffic purposes, the ordinances of the City regulating the parking of automobiles, trucks and other motor vehicles shall be suspended and it shall be unlawful for any automobile, truck or other motor vehicle to be parked or left standing between the hours hereinafter mentioned and during the period of time during which the said parking ordinances are suspended.

3.0215 Notice - Snow Removal or Street Cleaning

Whenever it becomes necessary to remove snow or ice or to sweep and clean streets, or to mark streets for traffic purposes in the City there shall be designated by the city engineer or street superintendent the area and streets to be cleared, cleaned or marked and the time during which such activity will be done by the posting of such information in the area affected or some other means of public notice.

Teri Stoiber, Pembina City Auditor
(December 10, 24, 2025
& January 7, 2026)
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF PEMBINA COUNTY STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of Harvey G. Smith, Deceased NOTICE TO CREDITORS

[¶1] NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred, except that the claim of any creditor to whom said Personal Representative mails a copy of this notice shall not be barred until three (3) months after the date of such mailing. Claims must either be presented to Margaret A Smith, Personal Representative of the estate, at 106 Maple Street E, Cavalier, ND 58220-4006, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 22nd day of December 2025.

/s/ Margaret A. Smith,
Personal Representative
106 Maple Street E
Cavalier, ND 58220-4006
(December 31, 2025,
January 7, 14, 2026)
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Valley-Edinburg School — Dist. #118 Negotiations & Finance Meeting MINUTES Friday, December 19, 2025 — 7:30AM Crystal, ND

Agenda Items:

1. The Negotiations and finance committee reviewed a preliminary budget for the 2026-2027 school year with anticipated enrollment numbers, health insurance increase, and adjusted staffing. The committee also reviewed anticipated enrollment trends through 2030 for the Valley-Edinburg School District.

Anysssa Hunter, Business Manager
(January 7, 2026)
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UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF CITY OF CRYSTAL COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Mayor Larry McCollum called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, November 3, 2025, in the Crystal Community Room. Council present: Lynn Burrell, Frank Olimb, Vince Reilly, and Mayor Larry McCollum. Absent: Shane Feltman.

Also attending: Brittany Cyrus; Peyton Cole-Markel (Einarson Law Office); and Gary O.

The Council read the October 6, 2025 minutes. Vince made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Lynn. All in favor. Passed. The October 6, 2025 financial report was reviewed. Motion of a roll-call vote for approval- Lynn, Frank, and Vince. All in favor. Passed.

OCTOBER 2025 BILLS

CITY CHECKING: City of Crystal Community Room \$3,000.00; Trees on the Move \$2,850.00; Einarson Law Office \$513.33; Ottetail \$467.66; Ottetail \$58.82; Vince Reilly \$83.11; The Cavalier Chronicle \$98.79; Jeffrey's Paving \$14,000.00; Michael Osborne \$154.32; Brittany Cyrus \$323.22; US Bank \$700.00; Crystal Memorial Cemetery Inc. \$1,37986; Lance Wieler Construction \$900.00; United States Treasury \$413.70. **CRYSTAL COMMUNITY ROOM CHECKING:** Ottetail Power \$140.48; Lynn Burrell \$300.00; Polar Communications \$87.40.

School direction signs were placed. New City Welcome sign was received; Crystal Community Boosters volunteers to put this up. **Peyton provided updates for the council:**

• Peyton discussed the City's contract/retainer agreement is up in December, Peyton presented a retainer rate of \$150.00 and hourly rates noted in the agreement. Also note that it will be a 2-year contract. Motion by Lynn to accept the rates and services as presented for a 2-year retainer. 2nd by Vince. All in favor. Motion passed. Peyton will bring the updated agreement to be signed in December.

• Peyton addressed the council's questions regarding the different properties they have been looking into.

Discussion held regarding sales tax and home rule charter.

Gary O. joined the meeting at 6:01pm.

Discussion held regarding snow removal and the concern of resident's yards and debris that may be in the path of the snow plow. The Garbage, Refuse, and Rubbish ordinance was also discussed. Motion made by Frank to have residents clear any debris within 10 feet from the middle of all roads/alleys for the snow plow to have a clear path. 2nd by Vince. Motion passed. Peyton will assist with drafting a letter to mail.

Discussed options with the SPARK Building program on vacant lots in Crystal.

Discussed new legislation that requires Statement of Interest filings by January 31st each year.

Peyton left the meeting at 6:35pm.

Gary O. presented his 2025 times for mowing for the City at Veterans Memorial Park, the Central lot between park and Appleton Ave, and the City lot on 3rd St. Gary proposed \$20 a time for Veterans Memorial Park, \$80 for the central lot and \$32 for the City lot on 3rd St. Motion made by Vince to approve the mowing rates, 2nd by Lynn, motion passed. Brittany will issue a check to Gary.

City received a letter from the DOT. Discussion held regarding letter. No additional comments from council.

Landfill sign to be updated. Brittany will reach out for quotes.

Payroll tax reports were completed. City shed discussion held.

Brittany presented the council with a proposal on behalf of the Crystal Community Boosters. The proposal is to apply for the Rural Catalyst Grant under the City's FEIN. The grant requires the applicant to be a municipality, county, tribe, job development authority, regional council or political subdivision of the state of North Dakota. Motion by Frank to allow

the Boosters to apply for the grant with the City of Crystal as the applicant. 2nd by Vince. Brittany will update the council with progress.

Discussion held regarding the date of the 150th celebration to be held in 2029. Tabled to future meeting.

Discussed the building doors for the Firehall/Community Center.

Discussed that the law enforcement contract will be up at the end of the year. Frank made the motion to adjourn the City Council meeting, 2nd by Vince. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Next City Council meeting will be on December 1st at 5:30pm at the Crystal Community Room.

/s/ Larry McCollum, Mayor
/s/ Brittany Cyrus, Auditor
(January 7, 2026)
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UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF CITY OF CRYSTAL COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

Mayor Larry McCollum called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, December 1, 2025, in the Crystal Community Room.

Council present: Shane Feltman, Lynn Burrell (joined at 6:07pm) Frank Olimb, Vince Reilly, and Mayor Larry McCollum. Also attending: Brittany Cyrus; Peyton Cole-Markel (Einarson Law Office); and Lisa Rotvold.

The Council read the November 3, 2025 minutes. Shane made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Vince. All in favor. Passed. The November 3, 2025 financial report was reviewed. Motion of a roll-call vote for approval- Shane, Frank, and Vince. All in favor. Passed.

NOVEMBER 2025 BILLS

CITY CHECKING: Einarson Law Office \$465.00; Ottetail \$53.74; Ottetail \$439.03; Gary O. \$2,380.00; Brittany Cyrus \$323.22; US Bank \$550.00; Pembina County Treasurer \$348.00; Consolidated Waste \$9,614.15. **CRYSTAL COMMUNITY ROOM CHECKING:** Ottetail Power \$126.64; Polar Communications \$87.40.

The contract/retainer agreement for Einarson Law Office was signed.

Brittany contacted Pembina County to provide an update regarding the law enforcement contract.

Discussion was held regarding updates to landfill signage.

Lisa Rotvold, Red River Regional Council, presented information to the Council regarding the SPARK Building Initiative Program.

Council Member Lynn joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding the floodplain ordinance. Peyton will draft an ordinance for Council review at the January meeting.

The Council reviewed a letter from Einarson Law Office.

Motion by Shane to send a snow removal obstruction notice to a resident. Second by Lynn. Motion carried. Peyton will send the notice via certified mail.

The Council reviewed a letter from Einarson Law Office regarding a property in violation of City Ordinance Article 5, Section 6-401 (Dangerous Buildings). Motion by Shane to send a notice of violation to the resident. Second by Lynn. Motion carried. Peyton will send the notice via certified mail.

A letter was read indicating that the Self-Help Grant will not be offered this year.

Discussion was held regarding resident utility billing rates. The matter was tabled to the January meeting.

Shane made the motion to adjourn the City Council meeting, 2nd by Lynn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Next City Council meeting will be on January 5, 2026 at 5:30pm at the Crystal Community Room.

/s/ Larry McCollum, Mayor
/s/ Brittany Cyrus, Auditor
(January 7, 2026a0)
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Attorney for the Personal Representative IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF PEMBINA COUNTY STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of Darold D. Johnson, Deceased NOTICE TO CREDITORS

[¶1] NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred, except that the claim of any creditor to whom said Personal Representative mails a copy of this notice shall not be barred until three (3) months after the date of such mailing. Claims must either be presented to Claire Herland, Trust and Estate Officer for Alerus Financial, Personal Representative of the Estate, at 401 Demers Avenue, Grand Forks, ND 58201, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2025,

/s/ Claire Herland,
Trust and Estate Officer for Alerus
Financial, Personal Representative
401 Demers Avenue
Grand Forks, ND 58201
(December 24, 31, 2025
January 7, 2026)
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Probate No. 34-2025-PR-00045

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF PEMBINA COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. ROBBINS, DECEASED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred, except that the claim of any creditor to whom said Personal Representative mails a copy of this notice shall not be barred until three (3) months after the date of such mailing. Claims must either be presented to Jarrod R. Steele at Steven C. Ekman, PC., Attorney for the Personal Representatives of the estate, at PO Box 70, Grafton, ND 58237, or filed with the Court.

DATED this 15th day of December, 2025.

/s/ CHARLES P. ROBBINS
Co-Personal Representative
/s/ SCOTT E. ROBBINS
Co-Personal Representative
/s/ PATRICIA L. ROBBINS
Co-Personal Representative
(December 24, 31, 2025
January 7, 2026)
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Attorney for the Personal Representative IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF PEMBINA COUNTY STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of David Alvin Soli, Deceased NOTICE TO CREDITORS

[¶1] NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred, except that the claim of any creditor to whom said Personal Representative mails a copy of this notice shall not be barred until three (3) months after the date of such mailing. Claims must either be presented to David Brown, Personal Representative of the Estate of David Alvin Soli, at PO Box 16, East Woodstock, CT 06244, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 18 day of December, 2025.

/s/ David Brown,
Personal Representative
of the Estate of David Alvin Soli
(December 31, 2025
January 7, 14, 2026)
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF PEMBINA COUNTY STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of Lucille Danielson, Deceased NOTICE TO CREDITORS

[¶1] NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred, except that the claim of any creditor to whom said Personal Representative mails a copy of this notice shall not be barred until three (3) months after the date of such mailing. Claims must either be presented to Danny Danielson, Personal Representative of the Estate, at 15286 102nd Street NE, Bathgate, ND 58216, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 31st Day of December, 2025.

/s/ Danny Danielson,
Personal Representative
15286 102nd Street NE
Bathgate, ND 58216
(January 7, 14, 21, 2026)
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