

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

December 1st, 2025

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on December 1st, 2025, at the City Hall. Mayor Bill Solberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Council Members were present, except Member Nelson who was absent. Member Fahey attended via speaker phone. City Attorney Jayme Tenneson, City Auditor Amie Vasichек and City Supt. Josh Ulland were in attendance. Audience was Mary Anderson and Kelly Peters.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3rd, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by Member Matejcek. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Solberg recognized Mary Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson stated the Library Board is very happy with the new librarian, Hayley Ross. Mrs. Anderson commented on the foundation/moisture issues for the museum. Mrs. Anderson gave a review of the projects and events going on at the library.

Mrs. Anderson left the meeting at 6:10pm.

Mr. Peters was in attendance to observe.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supt. Ulland had no update on the valley gutter project.

Lakota Market Village naming was tabled to next month.

Auditor Vasichек brought up the idea to use of the golf course for winter activities and allowing the option of snow shoeing or cross country skiing. Auditor Vasichек stated she has been speaking with Golden Rule in Devils Lake to borrow or rent the equipment and would ask the council's approval to pursue the idea.

Member Vasichек made a motion to allow winter activities at the Rock Creek Golf Course grounds, seconded by Member Fahey. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Solberg stated the Ferguson Waterworks proposal will be tabled until next month since the estimate was not provided.

Auditor Vasichек stated she spoke with Sheriff Schwind and he stated a formal request from the city would be needed to request reducing the speed of HWY 2 going by Lakota.

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Member Matejcek made a motion to have city attorney Tenneson draft a letter to the district engineer requesting a reduction in speed going by Lakota on Hwy 2, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек reminded everyone employee evaluations will need to be completed this month, and wage recommendations will be at the January meeting.

Supt. Ulland reviewed the REC resale option with WAPA.

Member Matejcek made a motion to approve the REC Contract with WAPA, seconded by Member Haugland. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек provided a write up for a proposed Lakota Clinic on main street. Auditor Vasichек stated the current clinic in Lakota operated by Cooperstown Medical will be closing after December 31, 2025. Auditor Vasichек stated Nelson County Health Systems would like to pursue an opportunity to be in town 2-3 days a week if an adequate spot is available. Auditor Vasichек requested forming a committee to pursue this concept. Mayor Solberg and Member Matejcek volunteered to be on the committee. Auditor Vasichек stated there is a Rural Catalyst Grant opportunity she would like to pursue if the clinic is a good fit and if the timing of the grant works out.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve Matejcek and Solberg to a Lakota Clinic committee, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек provided liquor licenses renewals for Till House Grill and Saloon and Sunlac, along with an application from Post #21 Inc.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the 2026 liquor licenses for Till House Grill and Saloon, Sunlac and Post 21, Inc, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек presented a Stay Home/Return Home Work application from Terry Rysavy. After discussion, it was requested for Mr. Rysavy to correct his starting date of employment on the application before funds would be issued.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve Terry Rysavy's Return Home to work grant application if starting date was corrected, seconded by Member Haugland. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек presented a storefront improvement application for new signage from Lakota Legion.

Member Matejcek made a motion to approve the storefront improvement application from Post 21 Inc., seconded by Member Vasichек. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion on the proposed project for the foundation and water issues in the basement of the city museum. It was discussed to engage the Lakota Foundation to help raise funds and to also look for other grant opportunities.

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SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Ulland's provided the council with a verbal report.

Supt. Ulland provided an estimate from Their Well to pull the turbine from Well #2 and repair it for \$25,250.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the estimate of \$25,250 from Their Well to repair the turbine in well #2, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Supt. Ulland stated Dean from Bolton and Menk has communicated with Pipe Detectives, and they will plan to be in town at the end of the month if weather permits, but most likely this project will be done in the spring.

ENGINEER REPORT

No report provided.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The monthly sheriff's report was provided to the council for review.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Member Haugland stated Member Vasichек and himself had met with the community center committee and the school is proposing to renew the community center contract at \$20,000/year and for all expenses to be shared equally. Member Haugland stated this offer would be for a term of 3 years. Member Haugland also stated the school committee members proposed continuing the lease agreement for the school land the Lakota Child Care Center is at since the lease agreement has expired. Member Haugland stated the school acknowledged they do pay special assessments on the child care property and would continue to pay that if the community center proposal can be approved.

Member Vasichек stated he does not feel \$20,000 from the school and the city would cover all yearly expenses for the community center facility and would suggest the amount increased. Member Vasichек stated the joint maintenance account has roughly \$42,000 in it that could also be used for expenses, but that would most likely deplete the account after 3 years and the facility would have no reserves.

MAYOR REPORT

Nothing to report.

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AUDITOR REPORT

Auditor Vasichek' s written report was provided and attached with minutes.

Auditor Vasichek states she anticipates hearing about the second round of TA funding for the WAPA substation and the transmission line into town by the end of the year if not by January.

Auditor Vasichek stated the grocery sustainability grant reimbursements have started coming in and have been paid to Farmers Union Oil.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Tenneson stated he will get to work on the request for a reduction in speed letter.

After reviewing the bills and vouchers, a motion was made by Member Matejcek to pay all the bills presented for payment and those bills paid prior to the meeting. Member Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried, on roll call vote of 5-0.

Advanced Business Methods	\$	261.64
Auto Valve	\$	34.90
BCBS	\$	8,051.92
Border States	\$	3,417.05
Dept. of Environmental	\$	620.12
DS Excavating	\$	2,233.00
EFTPS	\$	1,798.79
EFTPS	\$	1,844.44
Elan	\$	900.25
Eleverud Sewer	\$	205.00
Farmers Union Oil	\$	15,075.29
Ferguson Waterworks	\$	3,038.38
Ferry, Mark	\$	320.00
GF Utility Billing	\$	169.00

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Hawkins	\$	1,401.56
Interstate Power	\$	2,323.86
Knife River	\$	309,654.00
Lakota American	\$	397.80
Lakota Auto	\$	73.38
Lakota Hardware	\$	1,606.23
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	585.00
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Lakota Sanitation	\$	11,803.25
Mattern, Jayden	\$	1,250.00
Menards	\$	326.84
Microcomm	\$	400.00
MRES	\$	44,588.04
Nationwide	\$	362.50
NDLC	\$	90.00
ND Rural Water	\$	670.00
NC Highway Dept	\$	210.00
NC Sheriff	\$	6,830.00
Nelson Electrical	\$	570.50
Neonlink	\$	47.60
Nodak	\$	855.83
ND One Call	\$	19.50
ND Telephone	\$	49.71
North-Holt Electric	\$	82,480.61
Northstar Aviation \$	\$	1,786.00

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Powermanager	\$	7,948.15
Powerplan	\$	5,821.74
Renewed State	\$	1,800.00
The Glass Shop	\$	157.11
TillHouse	\$	322.00
United Laboratories	\$	760.79
USABluebook	\$	83.55
Verizon	\$	126.57
Vestis	\$	74.82
City Salaries	\$	10,631.78
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TOTAL	\$	553,057.43

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6th, 2026, at 6:00pm.

Member Vasichек made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Matejcek.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Bill Solberg, Mayor

Amie Vasichек, Auditor