

Rutland City Council
February 2, 2026

The monthly City Council meeting was called to order at 5p.m., Monday, February 2, 2026, by Mayor Mahrer. Council President Erickson, Council members Hoflen, Lysne, and McLaen present. City Auditor and Scott Haan, Public Works, also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Erickson/Hoflen moved approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

Lysne/McLaen moved approval of the January 5, 2026, minutes. Motion carried.

The Mayor reported there have been some inquiries regarding the upcoming Public Works position vacancy. The Auditor will provide job applications for interested candidates to complete.

The Council discussed proposed wording for the June election ballot permitting chickens within city limits. If the measure passes, the Council will need to adopt an Ordinance that covers licensing and permits, noise and odors, waste disposal, violations and other issues with the first reading in July.

McLaen reported on the hall furnace repairs. Jacobson Plumbing & Heating installed one new part but that did not resolve the problem. The system will be reset so there is heat for the pinochle tournament. Another part is being ordered to hopefully fix the heating problem.

Erickson suggested options to consider including adding a storage facility to the rear/north of the Hall to move the furnace inside. A simple structure could be added with spray foam insulation.

Lysne/Hoflen moved approval of the January financial report as presented. Motion carried.

Erickson/McLaen moved approval of the payment of bills:

ACH	DRN	\$ 149.75	telephone
ACH	US Treasury	\$3,030.22	Payroll taxes
ACH	Waste Management	\$ 108.11	Hall dumpster
ACH	Waste Management	\$1,704.99	Contract garbage
ACH	American Express	\$ 135.98	Street yield signs
ACH	Stock Growers Bank	\$ 22.22	Ach processing fee
14106	Scott Haan	\$1,048.53	Dec. 28-Jan. 10, 2026
14107	Forman Lumber	\$ 25.20	Gutter hanger
14108	Quill	\$ 245.83	Office supplies
14109	Scott Haan	\$1,008.82	Jan. 11-24, 2026
14110	Acme Tools	\$ 162.20	Snowplow parts
14111	Deborah Banish	\$1,602.12	January
14112	Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 819.52	Water meters
14113	Jacobson Plumbing	\$ 842.55	Curb box
14114	Kotaco Fuel	\$ 595.86	469 gals. propane Hall
14115	Pye Barker	\$ 368.00	Annual Hall monitoring
14116	Otter Tail Power	\$1,430.38	Electricity
14117	Rutland Township	\$ 240.45	½ shop utilities & prop. taxes
14118	The Teller	\$ 37.12	January minutes
14119	SE Water	\$ 855.99	263,381 gals., Nov. 24-Dec. 22
14120	Sweeney Controls	\$ 540.00	Annual water tower monitoring

Motion carried.

The City Auditor reported two delinquents.

The auditor presented the 2025 year-end financials that will be printed in the Teller prior to March 1.

City of Rutland Statement of Revenues and Expenditures					
Fiscal Year 2025					
	Begin Bal.	Revenues	Expenses	Transfers	Balance
GENERAL FUND	\$22,749.47	\$59,425.03	(\$43,130.66)	(\$30,146.33)	\$8,897.51
STREETS AND SIDEWALKS	\$2,443.95	\$1,240.17	(\$33,830.45)	\$30,146.33	\$0.00
CITY SHARE SPECIALS	\$0.00	\$384.67	(\$384.67)		\$0.00
MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE	\$30,768.95	\$23,643.17	\$0.00		\$54,412.12
HIGHWAY FUND	\$0.00	\$13,428.66	(\$13,428.66)		\$0.00
FLEX TRANSPORT- ATION FUND	\$0.00	\$4,785.45	\$0.00		\$4,785.45
WATER FUND	\$25,761.46	\$33,378.34	(\$43,708.57)		\$15,431.23
SEWER FUND	\$33,190.57	\$7,716.48	(\$16,289.81)		\$24,617.24
GARBAGE FUND	\$10,764.36	\$27,466.88	(\$30,371.20)		\$7,860.04
SEWER & LAGOON	\$112,082.40	\$19,091.69	(\$7,860.00)		\$123,314.09
2010 STREETS FUND	\$24,182.12	\$18,204.07	(\$17,403.75)		\$24,982.44
PARK BOARD FUNDS	\$0.00	\$3,013.35	(\$3,013.35)		\$0.00

The Auditor reported that the data from the GIS mapping done by ND Rural Water Systems last summer is available through Diamond Maps. There is a 30-day free trial available. The cost of the app would be \$60/year for unlimited access to City officials. The Council agreed to start the free trial once Rural Water completes the mapping locating remaining curb stops in the trailer park area.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 2, 2026.

ATTEST:

Deborah Banish, City Auditor

Michael Mahrer, Mayor