

**Rutland City Council
February 3, 2025**

The monthly City Council meeting convened at 5p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2025. Mayor Mahrer, presiding. Council members Anderson, Erickson, Lysne, and McLaen present. City Auditor also present. Jake Erickson also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Anderson/Lysne moved approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

McLaen/Erickson moved approval of the January 6, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

Jake Erickson, property owner, asked permission to burn the remaining rubble from the fire at 408 Anthony on January 31. The Fire Marshall and the RC-RFD Fire Chief have approved the burning and then the removal of the rubble.

Anderson/Erickson moved approval to burn in place and remove the debris at 408 Anthony, coordinating with the RC-RFD. Motion carried.

Anderson/Lysne moved approval of the Special Event Alcohol Permit for The Lariat Bar for the Glow Ball Mini-Golf event to be held at the Hall on Saturday, February 8th. Motion carried.

Anderson asked about the City fire hydrants. Erickson said all hydrants were flushed in the spring; the Fire Department flushed them in the fall. Some froze as they did not drain properly after that flushing. The Fire Chief was informed of the need to pump the water or have sufficient time before freeze-up for them to drain properly.

McLaen/Anderson moved approval of the January financials as presented. Motion carried.

McLaen/Erickson moved approval of the payment of bills:

Kotaco Fuels, 586.6 gals	\$ 876.96	Lori McLaen, Council	\$ 230.87
Scott Haan, Dec. 1-14	\$ 960.64	Michael Mahrer, Mayor	\$ 304.75
Interstate Eng.	\$5,834.90	Otter Tail Power, electricity	\$1,185.30
ND One Call, line locate	\$ 1.50	Quill, janitorial supplies	\$ 62.90
Even Law, Quit Claim Deed	\$ 250.00	Rodney Erickson, Council	\$ 230.87
Scott Haan, Dec. 15-28, 2024	\$1,012.73	Rutland Twp., taxes/utilities	\$ 233.99
DRN, phone	\$ 149.45	The Teller, Dec. minutes	\$ 32.28
Waste Mgmt. garbage contract	\$1,704.99	Sargent Co. Treas., title rec.	\$ 20.00
Bill Anderson, Council	\$ 277.05	SE Water, 21943 gals.	\$1,790.90
Deborah Banish, December	\$1,515.11		

Motion carried.

The City Auditor reported three delinquents. A lock box was requested for the drop slot into the Hall office for payments and mail. Heat is drastically being lost due to the open mailbox slot on the South side of the building. Council Member Erickson said he will secure a lock box for the Hall office.

City Engineer Mike Bassingthwaite entered the meeting at 5:30 p.m. He said the archeological historian is the hold-up on the sidewalk project; a report should be available mid-February. Contractors are looking for work so the May bid letting should have some bids.

Wade Singer, Interstate Engineering, Jamestown, is the key individual working on the lead line project. Singer informed the Council that the inventory needs to be done for both sides of the curb stop, public and private. Residents may have reported that they have PVC or copper lines but the main report still states "Unknown" as the City side has not yet been verified. The baseline inventory is due October 2027. Any known lead lines must be replaced by 2037.

Singer said another survey letter will be sent to all residents to start Phase 2 of the process. Only 20 surveys were received as a result of the first process. IE will need to go door-to-door to check the lines on both sides for those properties that have not yet been reported. If the City has documentation that includes the year built and lines installed, that can be used to prove the public side. Just knowing the information is insufficient for this process; everything must be recorded and documented. If not, then during Phase 3 of this process, IE will need to dig in all the yards with a hydromap to determine the material on the city service line side. If there is any digging in any areas, the city should take a photo and submit it to IE to avoid doing the mapping later. Phase 2 is focusing on the private side and Phase 3 will focus on the public side. The EPA is not allowing to simply test the water for lead.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, March 3, 2025.

ATTEST:

Deborah Banish, City Auditor

Rodney Erickson, Council President