

Rutland City Council
April 7, 2025

The monthly City Council meeting convened at 5:20 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2025. Mayor Mahrer, presiding. Council members Anderson, Erickson, Lysne and McLaen present. City Auditor also present. Others present: James Fust, Robert Hoflen, David Young, Michael Wyum and Nate Trosen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Erickson/McLaen moved approval of the March 3, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

Michael Wyum, Sargent County Water Resource Board (SCWRB), and Nate Trosen, Moore Engineering, were present to discuss a feasibility study to look a possible options to make Drain 8 safer. The SCWRD has received a grant to explore alternatives further. The information would be brought back to the Council for further discussion. Costs for this study would be paid through the grant and the Water Board. The Council had to objection to having the feasibility study done.

Erickson/Lysne approved the gaming site authorization for the Rutland Sportsman's Club at the Lariat Bar & Grill for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

McLaen/Lysne moved approval of the March financials as presented. Motion carried.

Erickson/Anderson moved approval of the payment of bills:

Waste Management	\$ 109.87	Hall dumpster - April
Waste Management	1,713.98	Garbage – April
DRN	149.54	Phone
US Treasury	720.52	March monthly payroll taxes
Waste Management	1,713.98	Garbage – May
Waste Management	108.82	Hall dumpster - May
Scott Haan	962.74	Feb. 22 – March 7
Jake's Feed & Seed	79.15	Reissued check
Scott Haan	1,012.73	March 8-21
Scott Haan	1,012.73	Mar. 22- Apr. 4
Deborah Banish	2,066.66	March plus reimbursable expenses
Immense Impact	737.00	City website
Interstate Engineering	2,059.50	Sidewalk project
Jacobson Plumbing	5,531.13	City share water line for new Fire Hall
ND League of Cities	250.00	NDLC Convention
Otter Tail Power	1,257.67	Utilities
SE Water Users	842.51	259,234 gals. Jan. 23-Feb. 21

Motion carried.

The City Auditor reported two building permits have been approved: #252-25 for a deck and steps on the south side at 113 Cooper Street, and #253-25 for a garage at 216 South First Street.

Mike Bassingthwaite, City Engineer, reported that the TAP sidewalk funding is still secure. However, the archeological study is still waiting on final approval from the DOT. Due to that delay, there will not be

enough time to complete the bids and project this year. The archeological study was done in February and through the State Historic Preservation Office in March; however, there has been no response from the DOT. The project can be bid in the fall for spring work.

Bassingthwaite said one red flag with the project is the store building and the pillars on main that would need to be removed which would also require removal of the overhand. Any new grant funding is highly unlikely. The Prairie Dog Fund does not anticipate any revenue over the next five years.

McLaen asked about the cleanup of the fire at 215 Cooper Street. It was noted that the Fire Department plans to work on the cleanup when weather permits.

Council Member Bill Anderson stated that he will be moving from the City this week so will resign his position on the City Council as of this evening.

In accordance with City Ordinance, Chapter 1, Article 3, after fifteen days of the vacancy, the council may appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next city election at which time the unexpired term shall be filled. Council Member Anderson's term expires in June 2028; the vacancy will be on the 2026 ballot for an unexpired two-year term.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, May 5, 2025.

ATTEST:

Deborah Banish, City Auditor

Michael Mahrer, Mayor