

Regular City Council Meeting

City Hall

December 8, 2025

Mayor DeBoer opened the meeting at 7:00pm and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Attending are:

Council: Kerri Baird, Jeff Davis, Justin Ferguson and Leonard Woehler.

City Staff: Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer, Jim Lippert, City Attorney, Kris Novotny, Public Works Director, and Norene Brown, Animal Control Officer

Public: AJ Lorenzen, Anita Dore, Mark Stephens, Kirk Stephens, Mark Norem, Denise Winjum and Joe Winjum

Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11-17-25 Public Hearing and Regular City Council Meeting on November 17, 2025, with the amendment as stated, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Sheriff Ronneberg did not attend the meeting.

Kris Novotny, Public Works Director, stated that the department has everything ready for the winter and they have been working on shop projects. They will be smoothing out roads that were graveled in the fall. He has had about 16 contractors contact him about the city hall demolition project. Councilman Ferguson stated that Kris sent out an email with questions about the construction project and asked if that would be a violation of open meeting laws. City Attorney Jim Lippert stated that it would only be considered a meeting if there was back and forth discussion among the entire group through email.

Councilman Ferguson led a discussion on a location for the animal control officer as Norene has no place to take any animals that she picks up. He talked with Jeremy Roberts who has a spot and will rent it to us for \$500 per month. Councilman Woehler suggested a heated, insulated shed out by the public works building which is right by Dornix Park to be able to walk the dogs or an area out at the Circle T Construction building. Councilwoman Baird suggested Susan McAdams' building by C Sharps. Mayor DeBoer will contact Jeremy Roberts and set up a time for Norene to look at his building. Public Comment: Kirk Stephens suggested using a Conex building until a permanent place is found. He added the Conex could then be used as storage for the city. AJ Lorenzen suggested to temporarily put them at the public works building and have the trucks and snowplows stored outside.

Councilwoman Baird stated that if the city would like to buy the Mark Norem building, it will need to be appraised according to Montana Code Annotated. Councilwoman Baird stated she received an estimate of \$3500-\$4000 for the appraisal. Mark Norem stated he would like to see the city council make a decision whether or not to buy the building before the appraisal is done. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to table the appraisal for the Mark Norem building dependent on the choice the Council makes for City Hall, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Woehler made a motion to approve the claims, payroll, and overtime for November, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Public Comment: None

There being no further business to go before the Council, Councilman Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

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Greg DeBoer, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hope Mosness', written over a horizontal line.

Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer