

Deputy City Administrator Linda Carlson presents the monthly Financial Report. She states the General Fund was down \$2 million due to expenses. The 1% Sales Tax was \$167,000 lower than 2024; overall within 2 months 2025 is \$136,000 higher. Hospitality Tax is slightly more than 2024; Occupancy Tax is slightly higher than 2024. Oil Impact revenue is \$37,000 lower than 2024. General fund revenue 10% collected; 17% expended.

F. NDPERS 457 Retirement Plan

HR Director Shelly Nameniuk presents the NDPERS 457 plan change. Director Nameniuk states the NDPERS Main Defined Benefit Plan closed to new hires as of 1/1/2025. All new hires are now automatically enrolled in the NDPERS DC2025 plan with a 4% contribution by the employee and a 5.26% contribution by the City. There is a one-time opportunity for new hires to add an additional up to 3% contribution to the DC2025 plan which would require a match by the City of Dickinson. If an employee does not elect that up to 3% contribution with a match within 30 days of hire, they lose that opportunity going forward. We also were given the option to join the NDPERS 457 Retirement Plan as of 1/1/2025 or any time later. Joining this plan would give employees in the DC2025 plan the opportunity to start that up to 3% contribution with employer match at any time in the future. It does not restrict them to the “within 30 days of hire” restriction and they have the opportunity to start and/or stop their 457 if they so choose or have life events that occur throughout their employment where they might be able to contribute later or need to stop later. Ms. Nameniuk feels that adding this NDPERS 457 Plan option for new hires will help with recruitment and retention efforts. Director Nameniuk along with City staff recommend approval. Director Nameniuk states the City has budgeted the max with the assumption that the employee is going to take the additional 3%. She states the City is contributing that amount at this time.

President Scott Decker asks if the cost has been calculated for this plan. He asks if every employee would max out on this how much would it cost the city. He is asking if everyone of the employees takes out the additional 3%.

Director Nameniuk states as a new hire they are thinking about their paycheck and not retirement. With 457 plan they would have that opportunity. Affects everyone from 1/1/2025 and going forward.

Commissioner John Odermann asks if this was discussed with any staff. He doesn't feel this was communicated clearly and wants to make sure staff truly understands this change.

Director Nameniuk states she has discussed this with the Executive Team and for that reason it was brought forward. No front-line staff have been visited with about this.

Deputy City Administrator Linda Carlson states in the 2025 budget these new positions were figured in with the total amount over and above

Commissioner Joe Ridl asks if the City sees anything negative about doing this.

Director Nameniuk states this is another option for employees to make sure they have the retirement they need. The City is trying to be fair to the employees' employees and give similar amounts to each plan. She states most of the employees are in main plan. Some did stay with Bravera plan. Not sure if they can switch to the new DC 2025 but waiting on answer.

MOTION BY: John Odermann

SECONDED BY: Jason Fridrich

To table the NDPERS 457 Retirement Plan.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed

G. HR Monthly Report

HR Director Shelly Nameniuk updates the City Commissioners on the positions for the City that are open, in the process of hiring and those that have been hired.

5. **PUBLIC WORKS**

A. Task Order Agreement with Houston Engineering

Public Works Director Aaron Praus presents a Task Order with Housing Engineering to complete annual monitoring and reporting for solid waste to include the landfill reporting. The total cost of this agreement would be \$63,000 dollars and \$22,000 would be the City's portion.

MOTION BY: John Odermann

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

To approve the Task Order Agreement with Houston Engineering

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed

B. Contract Agreement with Konecranes

Public Works Director Aaron Praus states On February 10, 2025 the City of Dickinson reviewed bids from 3 vendors to provide inspection, maintenance, and repair services to nineteen overhead cranes and three service trucks. After further review and discussion with the vendors, city staff proceeded with contract negotiations with Konecranes. Dakota Fluid Power has previous provided this service but does not provide the full required details of the inspections and will not perform any additional work that is needed during the inspections. This is an agreement between City of Dickinson and Konecranes to provide inspection, maintenance, and repair services to nineteen overhead cranes and three service trucks. These services are essential for ensuring the safety, reliability, and efficiency of the equipment, and compliance with local and federal regulations. All units will be inspected annually with the exception of the Baler Building crane being inspected monthly due to the nature if its frequent use. Prices for the contract are: 2025 total price is \$12,558.67, 2026 total price is \$13,061.00, and 2027 total price is \$13,583.44. The agreement has been reviewed by City staff and Attorney Wenko. It is staff recommendation to approve the agreement with Konecranes.

MOTION BY: Robert Baer

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

To approve the contract agreement with Konecranes.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed

6. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

A. Fire

1. EMS Fee Schedule

Fire Chief Jeremy Presnell presents a resolution establishing EMS fees for the City's ambulance services. These fees are based on billable rates of BCBS ND, Medicaid and Medicare rates. Historical analysis of existing EMS. These fees are for services, EMS training fee schedule with CPR and EMS courses. These fees are pretty consistent throughout the state. The city is currently providing CPR courses already.

MOTION BY: John Odermann

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

To adopt Resolution 08-2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2025

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO.08-2025 ESTABLISHING FEES
PERTAINING TO THE DICKINSON FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE
SERVICE**

The City of Dickinson hereby adopts the following fees pertaining to the Dickinson Fire Department Ambulance Service owned by the City of Dickinson effective as of April 1st, 2025:

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed

Motion declared duly passed

C. Contract Amendment Braun Intertec for Material Testing

Senior Engineer Kris Keller presents a contract amendment with Braun Intertec for material testing of the east water tank interior. Braun Intertec would complete an interior coating evaluation. This tower was constructed in 2016. Engineer Keller states that a video of the tank inspection in 2023 revealed large sheets of coating separated from the tank. Therefore, Braun will be evaluating the interior for what is happening inside the tank. The cost for this project will be \$6,250 and will be funded through water distribution. The City Attorney has reviewed the contract. Engineering staff recommends approval.

MOTION BY: John Odermann

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

To approve contract amendment with Braun Intertec for material testing of the east water tank.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed

D. Bartlett and West Drone Survey

Senior Engineer Kris Keller presents a Bartlett and West Drone Survey Contract for an inspection of the east water tank. This would be a complete onsite inspection of the interior of the City of Dickinson's East Tank using Bartlett & West's submersible drone. As part of the inspection Bartlett & West will provide copies of the underwater footage and photos taken during inspection, a condition assessment report of the tank interior based upon the drone inspection findings, and attempt to retrieve a sample of the failing interior coating using the submersible drone's grabber. Any samples retrieved will be provided to the City. If the project progresses as anticipated and remains within the scope, we estimate the invoice to be approximately \$5,000 which would be funded through water distribution.

MOTION BY: John Odermann

SECONDED BY: Jason Fridrich

To approve contract with Bartlett and West Drone Survey for material testing of the east water tank.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed

8. PUBLIC HEARING – 5:00 P.M.

A. Annual Library Report

Library Director Ian Anguiano presents the 2024 Dickinson Area Public Library report. He states 2024 was the DAPL's best year ever in terms of patrons through the door, program attendance, and circulation. There were 76,695 patrons visited and over 6,000 more than 2023. There were 53,194 physical children's materials circulated in 2024. A massive leap of nearly 10k items over 2023. Director Anguiano had seen a big jump in digital circulation in 2024. The book mobile had more stops in 2024 than ever before with 306 visits across Stark, Slope and Billings County and served over 1,430 patrons across the route. The book mobile traveled 14,000 miles. The library did host 53 sessions of Pre-School Storytime this year and had 956 kids ages 3-5 in attendance. The library hosted 26 sessions of Tiny Tots Storytime this year with 410 kids ages 0-2 in attendance. The S.T.E.A.M. program this year hosted 165 kids ages 6-9 in attendance. A new program to the library is the adding new passes for circulation to the collection. These passes grant free entry for one family. The current passes they have are for the Badlands Dinosaur Museum, Dakota Zoo (Bismarck), ND State Parks, ND Gateway to Science (Bismarck), Pioneer Trails Regional Museum (Bowman) and West River Community Center. Director Anguiano is proud to state there were a total of 22,655 children; 3,403 teens, 12,974 adults and a total of 30,262 people that came to the library in 2024. This was a 16% increase over 2023.

Commissioner Jason Fridrich congratulates Director Anguiano for all his hard work.

B. Public Hearing – Facility Plan Water Main and Lead Service Line Replacement – Phase II DWSRF Loan

Scott Schneider from Apex Engineering prepared a facility plan for phase II of the Facility Plan Water Main and Lead Service Line Replacement. He gives the City a reminder of the State Revolving Fund program. Low interest loans for water, wastewater, etc. funded through EPA, NDDEQ. The drinking water project today would qualify for these loans which are 2% up to 30 years. Facility plan of life of 5 years. He states these projects do include Sims Street and Sims, 2nd Street East to 9th Street East. There are a lot of cast iron water mains yet to be replaced. This replacement is needed. Replacement of lead service line would have a reimbursement of 75%. There are 1,950 cast iron lead service lines. Service to the residents will have temporary water set up so short very short durations.

President Scott Decker opens the public hearing at 5:20 p.m. Hearing no public comments, the public hearing is closed at 5:21 p.m. and the following motion is made.

MOTION BY: Robert Baer

SECONDED BY: John Odermann

To approve the Water Main and Lead Service Line Replacement – Phase II

City of Dickinson, ND

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0

Motion declared duly passed

C. Gate City Bank Dickinson Revitalization Program Award

City Planner Natalie Birchak presents a revitalization program through Gate City Bank in Dickinson for \$1 million dollars. Gate City Bank has approved the City of Dickinson for \$1 million available to residents applying for loans through the Dickinson Revitalization Program in 2025. This program is to assist homeowners with major or minor home renovations in an effort to increase their homes value. This is a on a first come first serve basis. The application is online to complete. Applications start on March 17, 2025 and are accepted until 10/31/2025.

Jocelyn Allen and Stepheny Reger from Gate City Bank state the average loan being utilized is between \$30,000 and \$50,000 dollars with a minimum of \$10,000. This is a renewing program and will be revised each year. It was stated that Fargo has \$3 million dollars. This is for City of Dickinson residents only.

President Scott Decker opens the public hearing at 5:27 p.m.

Ryan Messano states that the banks are behind all the programs in Dickinson. He states the City should be minimizing the contacts with the banks and to disentangle ourselves with banks.

Dave Ouellette states that if it was not for banks, he would not be able to do everything he does in life. He does appreciate banks and they should expand their world in the community. He states he has a different opinion other then Mr. Messanos.

President Scott Decker closes the public hearing at 5:30 p.m.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON AGENDA

Ms. Lorrie Nantt whom lives out in the ETZ area has some questions in regards to the resolution of the public comment section. She states the City does receive public funding from City residents but also the County, State and Federal Government. She states all of the Commissioners have sworn the oath the very first amendment is freedom of speech. City should not be able to restrict all of those if you live six miles out of town or five, somewhere else in stark. Tax payers are allowed to speak. With the signing in – if I come to a city commission to sign in and sometimes, I have to speak. Do I go back outside and sign in. Her concern to address is public record I am concerned about that. May not always like the speech that we hear it is a freedom that we have and should not take lightly. The Commission may not agree or easily insulted or anything like that. The City can put a time limit on that but need to defend the right to speak.

Ms. Jenny Marboe visits the Commission in regards to parking pads and the City ordinances. She states the City has a special working group for 6 months. Her interest in personal reason. The time has come to modify some ordinances. She states she was notified about off street parking in the front of their homes – permits to install my own front yard parking pad. I was informed not to put a pad there. She states her neighbor supposedly was allowed to put a basketball court in their front yard and there has been nothing on this parking pad but a 5th wheel. If she did want to add a parking pad through the alley. I would reiterate have front yard off street parking area. She feels it a necessity changes to parking pads, opposition to parking pad. City ordinances put in place for a reason. Town has a strong sense of tradition and it is a great place to live. Front yard setback is a concerning. Property owner would make their property better to live. Having a parking pad in the front of the yard would be an upgrade. She feels the City should respect individual freedom. She is not convinced about wanting to install front yard setback. This is not a common issue. If everyone wants this why doesn't an ordinance come forward. She feels off street parking is safer. Why cannot have two driveways on their property. City will make modifications and not remain married to the way the things always have been.

Ms. Tonya Yorgensen asks if it is a legal requirement for livestream of the City Commission Meeting. She would like to ask if the City we can stop the livestream. Residents can read the minutes or attend the minutes. One problem that is taking advantage of the livestream. There is one person that does take this livestream. She does not want the live feed to be gone forever but possibly for a time until this has resolved.

Mr. Ryan Messano states what everyone just heard that is exactly what you heard in China and Russia. United States does not have a problem with too much free speech in America. States Ms. Yorgerson doesn't know history. He states the government should fear people. States Ms. Wenko and Mr. Dassinger is a disgrace to Dickinson. Jews control American. State and nation controlled by Israel. Facebook hates white people. Business owner is not a life for women. They are to be mothers.

Ms. Jenna Reddish states she has come before the Commission for herself and the residents of the City of Dickinson who have a direct, vested interest in the goings-on of local government. She has had the acute displeasure of listening to a particularly sinister and unwelcome brand of rhetoric the last several months. She wonders what the goal of such a rhetoric could be. She would like the public to be informed of the movements and operations of those that were elected to steward the tax dollars in accordance with the law and the will of the people within the law and to keep the local government functioning at a high level. She states this Commission has no intention or power to enact this worthless endeavor. His messaging is unwelcoming, unpopular and exhausting. City commission will not be motioning or moving to secede as a sovereign municipality, free to make our own laws, even in direct violation of state or federal law or the constitution for this person's vision to come to fruition. Doing the right thing is more than finding money in a lost wallet. We are not perfect but we are good. We might not always have it all together but together we have it all.

Ms. Jan Murtha states she originally did not plan on participation on public comment section today. I came here because I have been told to free speech. Very much of my neighbors to have them speak their minds as myself. Right to have a taxpayer funded pulpit. Teacher has expectations. Judge set expectations of the decorum courtroom. She states her 10-year-old daughter in and committee members set the expectations of the decorum in those hearings, speak to issues to bills being heard. She has seen committee members curtain discussions when they did not relate to the bills and ask individuals to wrap things up when they took too long. To compare and contrast she joined us here this evening. This body has the ability and predominantly that you set the expectations of the decorum to set this in this room. She does not appreciate the comments from this individual. Ms. Murtha does appreciation the City having this discussion that it has increased community engagement is a silver lining. Time limits seem reasonable. I don't

know about the contact with the community. It is not an issue of free speech to set expectations. At any point in time to ask someone to get to the point right now. When an individual comes up and offers public servants' duty that is public business. When someone comes up to offer train ticket to public servants that is an insult. You can weight in and ask them not to do that. Ms. Murtha gives a quote from Theodore Roosevelt. She states her free speech does not impair your ability to stand up for the public servants in this community and ask people to be respectful when they come and speak before you.

Mr. Dean Kluver states that no issue that knows no borders, race, current financial status. He visits about hunger and this is not always seen on surface. He said hunger is a real issue in Dickinson. Have strong values and community take care of its own. Reasons for hunger vary but boil down to enough nutritious food due to difficult circumstances. Good news we are a community that doesn't shy away from these challenges. Resources are crucial but relay on people like us, churches, schools, etc. to continue to work. Today Mr. Kluver is here asking for awareness. He states what hunger looks like in community. As a community we can make a difference to supporting and donating when and what we can. If you know if someone is struggling help one person at a time. It is going to take all of us working together as a community to make sure everyone has access to the food we need. Mr. Kluver visits about Canatopia 3/25 - 3/31/25— local businesses can donate canned goods. And empty bowls program in 3/28/2025 at mall 11-1 p.m. and 4:30 – 7 p.m.

Mr. Dean Kluver states his mother is here in North Dakota and is from Mexico. He states the comments he is hearing are disheartening and then he looks at events that he has held personally and participated in the community I just can't help to believe these comments are wrong. That someone who is not wanted still wants to be here. Still confusing. Jesus is the king of the Jews.

Commissioner John Odermann thanks Mr. Kluver for doing a good job and thank you for your comments.

Commissioner Joe Ridl states in lieu of public comment from Mr. kluver. I would like to share a little bit from the word of God. Before the way the faith in Christ. kept on protected custody. The law was our guardian until Christ came. Commissioner Ridl reads a bible verse.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS

A. Commissioner Baer - Commissioner Robert Baer states some of the Commissioners will be at the ND League of Cities Conference this week. He would also like to congratulate Administrator Dassinger and the City for receiving the proposal for the 2026 NDLC Conference in Dickinson, ND. Commissioner Baer states the week of April 7th is City Government Week and would like to have coffee with the Commissioners and the public. He states if there was an interest, he would suggest the same as last year. Coffee and Donuts will be on April 9, 2025 at 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:30 P.M.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote... Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed.

OFFICIAL MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Rita Binstock, Assistant to City Administrator

APPROVED BY:

Dustin Dassinger, City Administrator

Scott Decker, President
Board of City Commissioners

Date: March 18, 2025