

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Scott Decker called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present were: President Scott Decker, Vice President Jason Fridrich,
Commissioners Robert Baer, and Russ Murphy.

Telephone: None

Absent: None

OPENING CEREMONIES: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**1. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Jason Fridrich

To approve the August 4, 2026 meeting.

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY: Robert Baer

SECONDED BY: Russ Murphy

A. Approval of the City Commission Meeting Minutes dated July 21, 2026

B. Approval of Accounts Payable, Commerce Bank and Checkbook

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

3. ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE**A. Chapter 6 – Code Violations – Animal Penalties**

City Attorney Christina Wenko presents a chapter 6 code amendment which is an amendment to Section 6-8. She states this would update the penalty to be consistent with the penalties for a Class B misdemeanor. Any violation of or failure to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter is punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,500.00 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 days, or both, in the discretion of the court, unless otherwise stated. Attorney Wenko presents this for a second reading and no changes from the first reading.

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Jason Fridrich

To approve second reading and final passage of Ordinance No. 1863.

ORDINANCE NO. 1863
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 6-8 OF
CHAPTER 6 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON,
NORTH DAKOTA, RELATING TO PENALTIES**

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

B. Joint Power Agreement – Dickinson Parks and Recreation Report

Administrator Dustin Dassinger states the City of Dickinson and the Dickinson Parks and Recreation District have negotiated a Joint Powers Agreement to authorize a land exchange that will support the construction of a new City fire station. The City of Dickinson owns Lot 17, Block 1 Riverfront Estates. Parcel ID # 0664 0100 1700. This land will be conveyed to the Dickinson Parks and Recreation District. Dickinson Parks and Recreation District owns Lot 27, Block 3, Washington 4th Addition. Parcel ID # 0230 0300 2700. A portion of this Lot identified as Lot 27A, Block 3 of Washington 4th Addition will be conveyed to the City of Dickinson. The Joint Powers Agreement has been approved by the Dickinson Parks and Recreation District. City Administration recommends approval.

MOTION BY: Robert Baer
To approve Resolution No. 33-2026

SECONDED BY: Jason Fridrich

RESOLUTION NO. 33 2026
**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH
DICKINSON PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT**

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

C. Class A Liquor License – HouseRecker 2026 Proof LLC (The House of Booze)

City Administrator Dustin Dassinger presents a Commercial On/ Off Sale Liquor License was applied for by House Recker 2026 Proof LLC. DBA The House of Booze, located at 1173 3rd Avenue West. The House of Booze was recently sold to a new ownership group. A background check was completed. City Administration recommends approval.

Commissioner Robert Baer asked about the star on the application and wanted more information.

City Administrator Dustin Dassinger states that it took some work and time to get the LLC in order to do a background check on the owners. All individuals are of age.

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: Russ Murphy

To approve the Class A Liquor License Transfer to HouseRecker 2026 Proof LLC (The House of Booze)

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 4, Nay 1 (Baer), Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed

D. Gaming Site Authorization for Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #1137

Deputy City Administrator Linda Carlson presents the Gaming Site Authorization for Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #1137. This was tabled from the last Commission meeting. She states the site is located at 501 Elks Drive. The effective dates of October 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Gaming Operations will be held Tuesday – Saturday 4 PM – 12 AM. Elks Lodge will have Electronic Pull Tab Device and Pull-Tab Dispensing Device. City Administration recommends approval.

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

To approve the Gaming Site Authorization for Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #1137.

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

E. Tax Levy for 2027 Budget

Deputy Finance Director Katie Greenwood presents the 2026 budget for preliminary fund for general fund tax levy. Director Greenwood states the estimated 2026 taxable value: \$167,948,951 with the Mill levy request: \$6,560,883; • General fund (31.06 mills) = \$5,217,291; • Airport (4 mills) = \$671,796; Library (4 mills) = \$671,796. She states the House Bill the City has asked for a 3% increase and she feels the City needs to catch up. The City has not asked for an increase for 9 years in a row and she feels the City should get back to where the City needs to be.

Commissioner Russ Murphy states with the cap of new construction what does Ms. Greenwood feel the amount of the 2026 valuation is for new construction over last year. This new cap is over a year old and that wasn't assessed in the prior year. Commissioner Murphy would like to see what the component is.

Director Greenwood adds in the new value but takes off the old values, adds 3% over the previous years. She will be bringing the computation sheet to the next City commission meeting with the financial report.

Commissioner Jason Fridrich states the City will be adding less than 1 mill over 2026. He is curious to what other cities are compared to their budgets. He is sure the City of Dickinson is at the lower end.

Director Greenwood states the first reading and public hearing of the 2027 budget will be on September 15, 2026.

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich
To approve the Tax Levy Statement.

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

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

F. Amendment to Purchase Agreement with Stark County

City Administrator Dustin Dassinger states the City of Dickinson and Stark County entered into a Purchase Agreement in March 2026 for the sale of City-owned property. The parties have negotiated an amendment to the Agreement to modify the purchase price while leaving all other terms unchanged.

- The purchase price will be amended to \$2,210,000.
- The County will pay the City \$2,210,000 for the property in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement.
- All other provisions, terms, and conditions of the original Purchase Agreement will remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect.

City Administration recommends approval.

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

To approve the Amendment to the Purchase Agreement with Stark County.

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

4. PUBLIC WORKS

1. No Report

5. PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire

1. No Report

Police

A. Police Department

1. **Quarterly Report** – Lt. Brandon Stockie presents the quarterly report for the Dickinson Police Department. He states there were 4,090 non-emergency calls for

service in the second quarter 2026. There was a total of 14,502 calls. There were 218 accidents for second quarter with the highest being property accidents. There were 1,260 traffic stops with 481 citations and 447 warnings and 172 arrests with 60 of them being alcohol related. 193 cases assigned to Crimination Investigations. The animal shelter had 460 calls for service with the 230 impounded. Lt. Stockie reviews several of the community outreach activities. He updates the promotions of Corporal Finlayson and Corporal Johnson. Andreyia Little was promoted to Public Safety Communications Manager for dispatch.

6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

1. 2026-2027 DWSRF Loan Bond Resolution

Engineering and Communities Development Director Josh Skluzacek presents for the Commission consideration a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan resolution with the North Dakota Public Finance Authority to borrow up to \$6,000,000 for watermain replacement related work for the 2026 through the 2027 construction seasons at 1.5% interest rate and a 0.5% interest administrative fee (total interest rate of 2.0%) for 20-year duration. Due to the reduced scope of work for the 2027 Watermain Replacement project, we anticipate utilizing this loan for the 2028 construction season as well. Eligible bid items for the construction, construction engineering, and preliminary engineering can be funded with this loan. The DWSRF loan was included with the 2026 capital improvement project budget. Director Skluzacek states the city engineering and finance staff recommends approval.

MOTION BY: Jasons Fridrich
To approve Resolution No. 35-2026

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2026

\$6,000,000

**CITY OF DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA
SALES TAX REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2026
WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
(DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND)**

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

7. PUBLIC HEARING – 5:00 P.M.

A. Public Hearing – Chapter 6 - Code Violations

City Attorney Christina Wenko presents a chapter 6 code amendment which is an amendment to Section 6-39. This change would remove unattended language from the code. This would allow the city to cite animal owners for nuisance noise violation when the animal is loud, frequent yelping, barking, crying or howling outside of the dwelling.

President Scott Decker opens the public hearing at 5:03 p.m. Hearing no public comments the hearing was closed at 5:04 p.m. and the following motion was made.

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: Russ Murphy

To approve first reading of Ordinance No. 1864.

ORDINANCE NO. 1864

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 6-39 OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA, RELATING TO ANIMAL NUISANCE

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

B. Public Hearing –Civil Service Commission Appointment

City Administrator Dustin Dassinger presents for appointment from the City Commission two Civil Service Commissioners. He states interviews were conducted and he is presenting Benjamin Boyll and Andrew Marquardt for appointment. These two gentleman would serve three-year terms.

Mr. Andrew Marquardt came from Appleton, Wisconsin and he is a UND graduate with Political Science. He is currently working as the Parts Manager at Dan Porter Motors and have been living in Dickinson for 11 years.

Mr. Benjamin Boyll is a 4th generation farm in Hettinger County.. He has been a paramedic for 18 years. He does own a boot business and is very supportive of Dickinson. He would like to give back to the community and to serve on the Civil Service Commission.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON AGENDA

None

9. COMMISSION COMMENTS

President Scott Decker would like to reiterate the fantastic job the City did when Woody's was on fire. He would like to thank all the business and the people whom came out to help. Also, thanks to the ones whom donated items, time and helped out. Fantastic job to all public servants here in Dickinson and the surrounding fire departments, rural fire departments as it really goes to show what kind of community we live in. Fantastic job. He states it is something to see whenever a business was called to help out they came right away and put their knowledge to work to figure things out. Thanks to the surrounding businesses to assist and shut down for a day or two and to all the citizens in the area for willing to evacuate.

President Scott Decker invites everyone out for National Night Out happening this evening at Legacy Square.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Joe Ridl

SECONDED BY: Jason Fridrich

Adjournment of the meeting was at 5:15 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: August 18, 2026