

**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 Robert Baer  
Commissioners Jason Fridrich and John Odermann

Telephone: None

Absent: Joe Ridl

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****2. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: John Odermann

To approve the February 4, 2025 meeting as presented with the removal of Community Development 7C - Dept of Water - Mann's Damn.

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

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY: Joe Ridl

SECONDED BY: Jason Fridrich

**A. Approval of Meeting Minutes dated January 7, 2025**

**B. Approval of Accounts Payable, Commerce Bank and Checkbook**

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

**4. ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE****A. City Boards/Committee Appointments**

City Administrator Dustin Dassinger states several City board memberships have expired at the end of 2024. Administrator Dassinger states they would like to be reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Board, Aaron Johansen, Mike Schwab, Richard Haugen, Valerie Decker, and Zach Keller.

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

Approval the Planning and Zoning Board Appointments

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

**B. Recall Election Update**

Deputy City Administrator Linda Carlson presents the recall special election on March 11, 2025 needs to have approval of the Inspector in Charge and Absentee Ballots Officer; these positions were approved on January 21, 2025. Ms. Meduna had to step down due to family matters. Therefore, JoAnn Heiser will be the new Recall Election Absentee Officer. She has verbally accepted the position at \$21 an hour. Ms. Carlson explains the absentee ballot process which is located on the City's website.

**5. PUBLIC WORKS**

**A. None**

**6. PUBLIC SAFETY****A. Fire****1. MOU between DSU and Dickinson Fire Department – Simulation**

Fire Chief Jeremy Presnell presents a MOU between Dickinson State University and the City of Dickinson for the use of their Hi-fidelity simulation lab. This agreement does not

charge for the use of their facility but does charge \$50 an hour for a technical fee and \$50 an hour for maintenance agreement.

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich  
SECONDED BY: John Odermann  
Approval the MOU with Dickinson State University for the Simulation Lab.

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

## **2. Annual Fire Department Report**

Fire Chief Jeremy Presnell presents the annual Fire Department report. He reviews the services provided by the Fire Department. Incidents for 2024 were at 2,102 and highest for incidents were fires. He states EMS and rescue calls make up most of the call volume. Chief Presnell states response times are still pretty good but there is an increase in time during the busiest time which is 7-9 a.m. as there is a lot of traffic which slows them down and also over the lunch time. The Fire Department is close to the 5.20 second response time. The busiest day of the week is Wednesday's. There were 9,525 hours of training in 2025. Also 1,157 routine inspections, 891 prevention activities, 25 Certificate of Occupancy. He reviews the departments activities. Chief Presnell states that language barrier has become quite a problem and concern at this time. He states there are 7 to 8 calls per month where there is a language barrier. He states Dispatch and the Police Department use language line. He states this is an issue that is not always easy to get through.

## **B. Police**

### **1. Quarterly Police Department Report**

Police Chief Joe Cianni presents the quarterly Police Department report. He starts off by discussing the language barrier in that they are experiencing with earbuds as they did get a grant for this. This is a translation into the body camera system. They have been struggling with a lot of telephone services especially for criminal services. He states this is constantly with every other day barrier. Chief Cianni reviews the fourth quarter dispatch has received 989 calls. The department averages 2,168 calls for service. The traffic stops have been a little bit down with 975 stops with 457 citations and 424 warnings. A total of 206 accidents. There were 472 arrests and normally do have some form of violence. There were 42 callouts for criminal investigations; 67 new cases each month and closed out with 48 cases per month. They are carrying about a 28-case load per month. Chief Cianni reviews the number of hours of training for the quarter. The animal shelter has had 124 calls for service. He reviews the SRO investigative reports which still shows a grand problem with tobacco and vaping along with behavioral health issues. The Community Services Coordinator has been very busy this quarter. There was a \$1,000 donation from Dickinson Police Association to the Thanksgiving dinner. Chief Cianni gives a shoutout for the support staff. He then shows a video of Shop with a Cop which services over 50 people.

## **7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **A. Code Enforcement Officer II Job Description**

Building Official Leonard Schwindt presents a Code Enforcement Officer II Job Description. He states this would be a promotional opportunity. Building Official Schwindt discusses the requirements for the position which include minimum of 3 years of experience, work with food truck licensing, contract work, manufacturing homes.

MOTION BY: Robert Baer  
SECONDED BY: Jason Fridrich  
Approval the Code Enforcement Officer II Job Description.

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







that pertains to the City and that they can correct them. President Decker is not going to silence his speech.

Mr. Messano recommends critical thinking. The whole purpose of transparency of the City.

President Scott Decker states that live video is for the people that could not attend the meetings and this is a courtesy of the City. He states this room is hard to hear in and streaming is the courtesy and it has been provided since Covid and before that time the City did not have streaming and that Mr. Messano is not going to use the City as a platform.

Mr. Messano states the first reaction is hatred. He states the corrupt system would come crashing down if they knew the truth. He states President Decker should be ashamed of himself for silencing him. He states President Decker is going to be replaced and works are weapons and President Decker is going to lose. He states the right to speak is from God. Mr. Messano states that he has the right to say what is on his mind. He states the City's media is corrupt.

Commissioner Jason Fridrich asks Mr. Messano what this information has to do with the City. He states not to use your media publication to spew your worthless dribble.

Took a recess – 5:40 to 5:48 p.m.

Mr. Messano states there is freedom of speech and unrestricted free speech. People are interested in the truth that he tells. He states when he dies, he wants his conscious and God. He states to President Decker that he has no courage to be the Mayor. He states without the Mayor having courage he is not a man and without courage the Mayor is a woman and states that the Mayor needs to wear a dress.

Mrs. Tonya Yorgensen states Mr. Messano speaks about freedom of speech. She does not agree with his views and they are hateful and dangerous. She states these comments from Mr. Messano are not helping the City in any way. She states there is a point in time when you ignore something long enough you become complacent. She is asking the Commission to now allow Mr. Messano to speak at any other meetings and our community does not need this and we are better than this.

**10. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**A. None**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

Adjournment of the meeting was at 6:05 P.M.

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

OFFICIAL MINUTES PREPARED BY:

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Rita Binstock, Assistant to City Administrator

APPROVED BY:

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Dustin Dassinger, City Administrator

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Scott Decker, President

Board of City Commissioners

Date: February 20, 2025