

## **CITY OF OXBOW**

### **Council Meeting Minutes 1-19-2026 Oxbow Country Club Maintenance shop**

**Present:** All are present

Meeting called to order by Mayor Nyhof at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Bindas, second by Triebold, to approve the minutes from December 22, 2025. Motion carried.

First reading of the proposed amendment to the Land Development Code, section 5.10: Multiple Family Residential District to change the minimum rear yard requirement from 40 feet to 15 feet.

- No written protests
- No further discussion
- Second and final reading to be done at the February council meeting with a council vote.

Snow removal proposal from Western Excavation:

- \$5000 per month for February and March
- Contractor is able to park equipment in the shop. The City's tool cat will be able to be parked on the golf course side. Will need to find room for the Ram.
- Contractor wants to adjust that there might be an additional fee besides the \$5k. Mayor Nyhof to discuss this possibility with the contractor.
- The volunteer snow removal crew expects to participate in 20% of the snow events.
- Timeline for the revised contract is within 2 weeks.

Building plans - none

Landscaping plans – none

**Sheriff's report** – Deputy Justin Hanson present, is replacing Corporal Krause as the main contact for the Sheriff's department. 6 calls for service in December.

**Southern Valley Fire & Rescue** – no report

#### **City Engineer update:**

- Back and forth discussions with Cass Rural Water – there is hope to connect as they believe they will have the capacity. Bindas commented "So there's a chance!"
- Letter of request for support to Kyle Litchy – will help politically with MetroCoG to include a planning study in the next update to the Bicycle and Pedestrian path plan from Fargo to Oxbow.
- Floodplain zoning ordinance – model ordinance presented with exceptions for Oxbow. First reading will take place at the February meeting, second reading will take place at the March meeting.

#### **Water treatment plant:**

- Checked the heater – need to order a new one
- Everything in working order

Motion by Triebold, second by Sanders, to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Triebold, second by Furstenau, to transfer 5k from City Sales tax fund to General Fund.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Triebold, to transfer 50k from City Sales tax fund to the Sewer/Water fund. Motion carried. Council requested a cost breakdown report for next meeting.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Bindas, to approve financials. Motion carried.

Motion by Triebold, second by Sanders, to designate Bravera and Kindred State Bank as the depositories of public funds.

Sidewalk project:

- Furstenau requested for this item be brought back onto the agenda as residents have been contacting him requesting this.
- Costs were presented by the City Engineer back in October.
- This would be similar to a street project – all construction would report directly to the City Engineer.
- Comments from Council members:
  - Would it help to cut some of the trees down to get a clearer view of the entire curve
  - Would adding lines help to keep pedestrians and vehicles in their lanes
  - Speed bumps will make vehicles slow down
  - This is a lot of money to spend on a small amount of sidewalk
  - Council requesting a straw poll be sent to the residents. If 50% of the residents say no, this will stop the project. If more than 50% say yes, this would go to a vote at the next election. Public hearings and protest periods would be in place.

Request for proposal – garbage services:

- An outline was presented by Mayor Nyhof, Auditor Fett to custom design to send out to vendors.

Motion by Sanders, second by Furstenau, to shut water off to residents, that have been notified in writing, they are 90 days past due that have not paid within 10 days of the notice.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Bindas, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

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Mayor Jim Nyhof

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Stacey Fett – City Auditor