

CITY OF OXBOW

Council Meeting Minutes 2-18-2026 Oxbow Country Club Maintenance shop

Present: Mayor Nyhof, Mark Sanders, Cody Furstenau, Mike Bindas (phone)

Absent: Bryan Triebold

Meeting called to order by Mayor Nyhof at 6:07 pm.

Motion by Sanders, second by Furstenau, to approve the minutes from January 19, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Sanders, to approve the minutes from January 28, 2026 special meeting. Motion carried.

Second and final 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. Motion by Sanders, second by Furstenau, to approve the proposed amendment to change the minimum rear yard requirement to 40 feet from 15 feet. Motion carried.

Building plans - none

Landscaping plans – none

P&Z Report – Chairman Benson in attendance, recommendation from the P&Z committee to rezone Part of Lot 1, Oxbow Sixth Addition and Part of Lot 3, Block 1, Oxbow Third Addition to SFR-3 and recommendation of the approval of the proposed Oxbow Twelfth Addition plat. Motion by Sanders, second by Furstenau, to add the public hearing and first reading of both recommendations to next month's agenda. Motion carried.

Sheriff's report – no representation

Southern Valley Fire & Rescue – 2025 analysis – Oxbow had 9% of the district service calls with November being the peak month. SVFR acquired the old Hickson church land for a future fire station. With this acquisition, SVFR will be able to provide advanced level care. Chief Mahoney asking for help with the Kindred Ambulance to get an agreement for services. Strategy plan for a survey to residents to see what they want. The current station is large enough to store an ambulance if the trucks were not in there.

City Engineer update:

- Cass Rural Water meeting – have received some answers from CRW. They are confident about capacity, waiting to hear back from the City of Fargo if they will be able to service the sewers. The pump station will still be in use and will still need someone to service the water. If a switch to CRW happens, the city wells would still be used as back up. Residents would have to vote on if they wanted to switch to CRW, a simple majority would pass it. The Water Development Plan will be discussed and submitted during the Mar/April meetings. The three options currently on the table for water servicing:
 1. Work with what we have
 2. Hook-up with Cass Rural Water
 3. Build an improved treatment system (most expensive)

- Received the letter of support for the bike path from Kyle Litchy. Engineer Aakre drafted a formal request to MetroCOG to include the bike path project in the planning study. Motion by Sanders, second by Furstenau, to approve the letter requesting the project be included in the study with MetroCOG. Motion carried.
- Floodplain zoning ordinance – updates are formatting and verbiage to bring the plan up to date. Motion by Furstenau, second by Sanders, to approve the first reading. Motion by Bindas, second by Furstenau, to add the second reading to next month’s agenda. Motion carried.

Water treatment plant:

- Heater has been replaced, just need the invoice to read Bill to City of Oxbow, not PeopleService.
- Well #3 is down. Quote provided in the amount of \$6630 to replace it. Motion by Furstenau, second by Bindas, to approve the quote as provided.
- Water guy Dalager is requesting to educate the residents that after hydrants are flushed, a hose should be hooked up to the inlet faucet and ran into the sink or the sump pump to clear out the residue.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Bindas, to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Sanders, second by Furstenau, to approve the financials. Motion carried.

Sewer/Water fund discussion – bottom line increased from 2024 to 2025 mainly due to the increase in water billings. Next increase will be in April of 2026, which brings in extra \$8000 per quarter as long as all residents are paying their bills.

Motion by Sanders, second by Furstenau, to approve the proposed Midco internet 3-year contract.

Motion carried.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Sanders, to approve the Cyber Advisors contract as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Sanders, to approve the Vector Disease Control contract for the 2026 mosquito spraying season. Motion carried.

Sidewalk straw poll results were presented – 68 votes against/9 votes for. Main issue is safety and to get motorists to slow down especially around the curve at Main/Clubhouse Dr.

New snow crew is doing ok, there have been high berms at the end of the driveways and gravel in the yards.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Sanders, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Mayor Jim Nyhof

Stacey Fett – City Auditor