

CITY OF OXBOW

Council Meeting Minutes 8-20-2025 Oxbow Country Club Maintenance Shop

Present: Jim Nyhof, Mark Sanders, Cody Furstenau, Bryan Triebold, Stacey Fett

Absent: Mike Bindas

Meeting called to order by Mayor Nyhof at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Sanders, to approve the minutes from July 16, 2025. Motion carried.

Building plans – none to approve.

Landscaping plans – none to approve.

P&Z report – trying to schedule for next week to review the proposed plat on along Hwy 81.

Sheriff's report – 5 calls for service, 1 COP. The child from the near drowning is doing fine. The mental health assist was a traveler that Richland County dropped off at the county line between Richland and Cass County. This traveler was given a ride to Fargo.

Southern Valley Fire & Rescue –

- 3 calls for service: 2 EMS calls, 1 dispatched and canceled en route. 5 min average turnout time.
- Volunteer applications are open until Sept 8th. Open house to be held during Bean Days.

City Engineer update –

- Water treatment & supply study has started. Gathering background and existing information.
- Will be contacting Cass Rural Water to discuss their capacity and how it compares to Oxbow's water demand.
- Service line inventory was submitted and accepted by the ND Dept of Environmental Quality. All customer side service lines have been identified, the only public side service lines that remain are on Oxbow Circle/Oxbow Drive (original construction areas).
- The replat of the buyout areas is moving very slowly.

Water treatment plant:

- When Oxbow receives 3-4 inches of rain, the lift station has a hard time keeping up.
- The generators ran twice in July with no effect to the residents.
- Auditor Fett contacted the ND One Call to make sure Dalager was listed as the contact person for water/sewer locates.

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

Motion by Sanders, second by Triebold, to approve financials. Motion carried.

No news on the listing of the lot next to Hwy 81 on S Schnell.

Land adjacent to Hwy 81 plan/drainage and developer agreement – working on a revised sample document.

Garbage service update –

- Mayor Nyhof and Auditor Fett had a meeting with Waste Management to discuss the possible termination of the services provided. Waste Management stated that the 'city contract' goes

through October of 2026. New service manager for WM was present at the meeting and stated that customer service was going to be at the top of the list for priorities. Mayor decided that the city would give WM one more chance to provide better service to the city.

- The roll-off dumpster that was brought to the city on 8-15-2025 was full of construction materials which was caught on the camera footage. Council believes it is not 100% Oxbow residents dumping in the roll-offs.
- Corporal Krause provided that it is a misdemeanor for illegal dumping and sent the NDCC relating to illegal dumping and littering:

23.1-08-07. Littering and open burning prohibited - Penalty. 1. A person may not discard and abandon litter, furniture, or major appliances upon public property or upon private property not owned by that person, unless the property is designated for the disposal of litter, furniture, or major appliances and that person is authorized to use the property for that purpose. 2. A person may not engage in the open burning of solid waste, unless the burning is conducted in accordance with rules adopted by the department. 3. A person violating this section is guilty of an infraction for which a minimum fine of two hundred dollars must be imposed, except if the litter discarded and abandoned amounted to more than one cubic foot [0.0283 cubic meter] in volume or if the litter consisted of furniture or a major appliance, the offense is a class B misdemeanor and the person is subject to the civil penalty provided in section 23.1-08-23.

New Yield to Pedestrian street signs –

- Some have fallen over and just need to be put back up
- Some of the screws need to be replaced, they are not the correct size, council has requested the reinforced sized screws.
- Residents are moving the signs, parking next to the signs.
- The signs are a bit tight on Oxbow Drive/Oxbow Circle. Sanders to reach out to the school to find out if they need to be moved for the school bus.
- Corporal Krause provided the NDCC law pertaining to moving of traffic control devices:

39-10-07.3. Interference with official traffic-control device or railroad sign or signal. A person may not, without lawful authority, attempt to or in fact alter, deface, injure, knock down, remove, or interfere with the operation of any official traffic-control device or any railroad sign or signal or any inscription, shield, or insignia thereon, or any other part thereof.

Public comments:

- Chris Champ – construction bags on Riverbend need to be removed.
- Carly Whiting – appreciates the council and likes the new street signs.

Motion by Furstenau, second by Triebold, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Mayor Jim Nyhof

Stacey Fett – City Auditor