

Ray City Commission Minutes

UNAPPROVED  
RAY CITY COMMISSION  
MEETING  
Ray City Hall  
September 8, 2025  
10 a.m.

A special meeting of the Ray City Commission was called to order by President Troy Kupper at 10:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Eric Barman, Casey Brunner (via zoom); Andrew Nelson, and Richard Liesener. Absent: none. Also in attendance: Jan Dancer, Deputy Auditor and Auditor, Ronda Rustad. Via Zoom: Jordan Rusche (Crosby Journal).

Commission discussion on West Side Grading - Proposed improvements on the west side of town by the city and the school district will benefit from rough grading to accommodate the improvements. IEI has prepared plans and specifications for an earthwork project; with Bid opening scheduled for October 2, 2025. Hoping for 30-day construction period to follow contract signing; actual duration may be shorter. Mobilization could occur as soon as contract documents are signed, with expected start in late October or early November 2025.

Barman moves to authorizing Interstate Engineering to advertise for bids with bid opening on October 2, 2025. Seconded by Nelson, RCV MCU.

Liesener moves adjourn, seconded by Nelson, RCV. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m..

Next Special Meeting date to be determined.

RCV MCU = roll call vote motion carries unanimously

Ronda Rustad  
Auditor, City of Ray  
Troy Kupper, President  
Ray City Commission.  
RAY CITY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Ray City Hall  
September 15, 2025  
4 p.m.

A special meeting of the Ray City Commission was called to order by President Troy Kupper at 4:01 p.m., with the following Commissioners present: Eric Barman, Casey Brun-

ner (via zoom), Andrew Nelson (via zoom-4:06 p.m. Nelson lost reception) and Richard Liesener. Absent: none. Also in attendance: Tim Blossom, Dean Peterson, IEI; Jan Dancer, Deputy Auditor and Auditor, Ronda Rustad. Via Zoom: Dave Wiosna (IEI), and Jordan Rusche (Crosby Journal).

Kupper opened the public hearing for the 2026 Budget, offering copies of the budget; calling for public comment three times and having none, Kupper closed the public hearing. Barman moved to adopt the 2026 final budget. Seconded by Brunner. RCV MCU.

PLANNING & ZONING  
West Side Annexation- IEI worked with City Auditor to mail a letter to affected property owners to inform the property owners of the city's intent to annex. IEI, working with the city attorney, has drafted a resolution of annexation for the west side annexation area.

1. Should the resolution be adopted by city commission, the resolution must then be published in the official newspaper.

2. Upon publication, property owners in the affected area have 30 days to submit written protests with city auditor.

3. After the 30-day window expires, city commission will go over any protests at the next regular meeting. If less than ¼ of landowners in the affected area object in writing, the area becomes part of the city.

Barman moves to adopt the resolution as presented. Seconded by Liesener, RCV MCU.

Pitt Group Lot Rearrangement- the development agreement and plat have been submitted to the county. The Development Agreement has been recorded.

Parks Planning – IEI will reach out to the Park Board to schedule a meeting to review funding opportunities.

NDDOT Transportation Planning Comment Period- IEI submitted comments to the NDDOT.

ENGINEERING  
Streets / Sidewalks / Drainage  
North Dakota Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). - NDDOT has awarded federal funding for a

sidewalk project along East Street (4th Ave to 7th Ave) and along Main Street and Comfort Street (3rd Ave to 4th Ave). The project is substantially complete. Payment Applications are being submitted to NDDOT. The City's final cost share will be determined at the end of the project.

2025 Chip Seal project- 9,916 lineal feet, Chip Seal project. The project is substantially complete. The Balancing Change Order (decreases the contract by \$8,743.30) and Payment Application 1 (Final) in the amount of \$141,138.60 are included in this packet. IEI is waiting for the final paperwork.

South Park Road - A Street Committee meeting was held on July 8th in which we reviewed the scope of the project. IEI has begun work on design and will meet with the Committee again when plans are 30% complete.

Surge Tank Project. - The project is complete with a one-year warranty period that began on January 16, 2025.

Water Main Extension Project - Water installations are proceeding. R&T has agreed to share the cost of locating their water mains. All needed permanent easements are in place. Temporary construction easements are being prepared as needed.

Liesener moved to authorize the President to sign Payment Application 1 in the amount of \$258,315.45.

Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) - IEI received word from the state that the LSLI Category B or Phase 2 of the LSLI has been approved. There are a handful of locations that remain unknown status, but everything else is taken care of.

Sanitary Sewer System - Sanitary Sewer CIPP Rehabilitation Project – 8.5 blocks. Sewer installations are proceeding as a separate bid schedule with the Water Main Extension project.

Funding Opportunities -BND IRLF Loan Application has been approved. A bond resolution has been prepared by the bond council and has been fully executed.

Funding opportunity for proposed community center- ND Department of Commerce is accepting applications for the Community Hall Grant. This grant awards \$175,000 to construct a community hall that

provides multi-function space for community events located in rural ND communities. IEI assisted the city with the grant application which was submitted on August 29th.

West Side Grading- Proposed improvements on the west side of town by the city and the school district will benefit from rough grading to accommodate the improvements. IEI has prepared plans and specifications for an earthwork project.

Barman moves to authorize Interstate Engineering to advertise for bids with bid opening on October 2, 2025. Seconded by Brunner RCV MCU.

Barman moved to approve August 19th, 2025, Special Commission Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Liesener, RCV MCU.

Barman moved to approve the financials and checks for August 2025 and checks for September 2025 as presented. Seconded by Brunner, RCV MCU. August checks of \$621,375.56 and payroll of \$49,911.86.

AUGUST 2025 CHECKS:

Agri Industries .....	1,037.22
Astro-Chem .....	30.00
Bank of ND .....	142,662.50
Circle Sanitation.....	11,358.50
Commercial Recreation Specialists .....	225,000.00
Dean Vass Evolve.....	66,057.82
Electric Pump.....	1,003.37
Evolve.....	19.95
Farmers Union Ins. Assoc.....	9,724.00
FirstNet .....	234.84
Gameday Media.....	3,150.00
Horizon Resources .....	1,491.88
ITD .....	61.15
Interstate Engineering .....	47,163.84
Journal Publishing.....	1,010.72
KAT.....	750.00
Lori Nowlan .....	5,486.80
Mark's Repair.....	1,285.20
Matthew Bender & Co .....	77.81
MWEC .....	117.76
Marco Technologies .....	245.08
McGee, Hankla, & Backes....	2,655.00
NCC .....	530.25
NDGS .....	71.30
NDWUA .....	125.00
Nick Kastrinos .....	2,969.39
Oster Electric .....	350.00
Pro IT .....	762.50
ProSafe.....	60.00
R & T .....	22,211.00
Radio Time Billing.....	374.00
Railroad Management.....	417.05

Noonan City  
Commission Minutes

Unapproved  
Noonan City Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2025

The Noonan City Commission Meeting was called to order on September 23rd at 6:00 p.m. by Doug Clemens with Debbie Svenningson as secretary. Voting members in attendance included Billy Espeseth via zoom and Darla Hansen.

Motion by Darla Hansen and seconded by Billy Espeseth to approve the August 2025 minutes.

Motion by Billy Espeseth and seconded by Darla Hansen to pay the bills  
Billy Espeseth ..... 145.45  
Circle Sanitation Inc ..... 1,668.75  
Darla Hansen ..... 145.45  
Debbie Svenningson ..... 1,288.01  
Doug Clemens..... 242.41  
Hanson Insurance Agency. 1,808.00

RFUE .....	435.00
Ray Service Center .....	669.50
Ray Park District.....	2,191.35
Ronda Rustad.....	420.01
Shane Schmidtgal.....	72.90
Sign Solutions.....	1,409.40
SM Service Corp.....	3,050.00
Strata .....	50,133.50
Systems Technology .....	540.00
Text My Gov .....	2,250.00
Tioga Machine Shop .....	420.00
TnT BBQ.....	500.00
Verizon .....	43.90
Vestis .....	131.60
Visa .....	2,982.47
West Fargo Police Dept.....	150.00
Wildrose Nursery .....	6,507.00
Williams County Soil District.....	975.00

COMMISSION REPORTS  
Street Sweeper- Ongoing mechanical issues with a demo unit purchased from Grand Forks; lacks certain features (greaseable bearings). Waiting on bid for sweeper trade-in/upgrade.

Jake Sandstrom has requested to install a single-wide mobile home for his daughter/son-in-law.

- The property will need to be subdivided to create a new residential lot.
- The property will also need to be rezoned to allow a mobile home.
- City water/sewer stubs exist to the property line; these will need to be extended.

A Zone change to R3 or special variance is required; this process includes public notice twice over two weeks and public hearing at Planning & Zoning and Commission meetings. Permitting and site setup (foundation, utility runs) cannot begin until public hearing and zoning change finalized.

Commission suggestion made to rezone entire parcel R3 to avoid future ambiguity and allow planned subdivision; further subdivision still required for two dwellings. Consensus to proceed with zoning change to R3 for entire parcel, with parallel subdivision process.

Target for public hearing: October 14, 2025.

The city attorney is working on a Development Agreement that will allow the city to assist with the process, and Sandstrom's agree to having costs assessed against property. The commission discusses a 10-year assessment plan.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP  
MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION

October 1, 2025	
The Journal, a weekly newspaper publication, is published and has its only business office at 117 N. Main St., Crosby, North Dakota 58730. The publisher, editor and sole owner is Cecile L. Wehrman, Crosby, North Dakota 58730.	
There are no bondholders, or other security holders owning interest in this newspaper.	
Circulation Figures	
A. Total Number of Copies (Net press run).....	891
B. Paid and/or Requested Circulation	
(1) Paid/Requested Outside County-mail Subscriptions.....	479
(2) Paid In-County Subscriptions Stated on Form 3541 .....	278
(3) Sales Through Dealers and Carriers, Street Vendors, Counter Sales and Other Non-USPS Paid Distribution .....	468
(4) Paid Distribution by Other Classes of Mail Through the USPS (eg. First Class) .....	0
C. Total Paid Circulation.....	1,225

Sandstrom can proceed with demolition/prep; city staff to meet with surveyors and contractors and Sandstrom's family for quotes as soon as possible. Sandstrom offered to excavate himself, but city policy requires certified contractors for work up to property line. City will coordinate with current contractors for numbers/quotes.

Brunner gives update on proposed daycare building, received two bids for plumbing updates.

Liesener moves to allow Brunner as finance and daycare committee director to approve bids as he sees fit. Seconded by Barman, RCV MCU.

Barman notes a few fines will be going out for nuisance issues.

Discussion is held on the BIA loan for Saganaki, LLC/Dean Vass; allowing full payout of loan, as there is lien on the property.

Barman moves to payout remainder of loan balance, \$28,942.18 to Saganaki, LLC/Vass. Seconded by Liesener, RCV MCU.

Procedure is clarified for Trax 22/Lori Nowlan BIA loan. Future vendor payments are to be handled via direct city check to vendor- not reimbursement/s.

Barman moves to appoint Mark Weyrauch to the R&T Board as the city representative. Seconded by Brunner, RCV MCU.

Barman moves to terminate employment with Jeff Schneeman effective immediately. Seconded by Brunner, RCV MCU.

Brunner moved to approve Building Permit 2025-11 for Harris Fence. Seconded Barman, RCV MCU.

Staff investigate iPads for commissioner's bench.

ND League of City staff training, September 17-19; city hall will be closed.

Next Regular Meeting is TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH at 6:00 p.m..

Liesener moved to adjourn, seconded by Barman, RCV. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m..

RCV MCU = roll call vote motion carries unanimously

Ronda Rustad  
Auditor, City of Ray  
Troy Kupper, President  
Ray City Commission

Almanac

	2024			2025		
	Lo	Hi	Pr	Lo	Hi	Pr
23	45	68	.01	43	75	.00
24	44	78	.00	45	85	.00
25	50	89	.00	44	70	.00
26	47	84	.00	41	70	.00
27	40	85	.00	36	78	.00
28	45	84	.00	45	84	.00
29	58	90	.00	46	76	.00
Normal high.....	63°					

Normal low .....	38°
Record high.....	86°, (1989)
Record low.....	18°, (1974)
Prec. Sept. 2025 to date .....	1.72
Prec. Sept. 2024 to date .....	1.46
Total Prec. 2025 to date....	15.89
Total Prec. 2024 to date....	10.28
Norm. prec. to date.....	14.18
Sunrise .....	7:51 a.m.
Sunset .....	7:32 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TO AMEND NORTH DAKOTA  
WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE  
MEDICAL FEE SCHEDULES  
relating to pharmacy.  
WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE  
Board Room  
Century Center  
1600 East Century Ave  
Bismarck ND  
Monday, December 8, 2025, at  
11:00 a.m. CT  
A copy of the proposed  
amendments to the medical fee  
schedule may be obtained by writing  
to Workforce Safety & Insurance,  
Attn: Harvey Hanel, PO Box 5585,  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5585 or calling  
800-777-5033 or TTY (701) 328-  
3786. Written comments may be  
submitted to Workforce Safety &  
Insurance, Harvey Hanel, Medical  
Services and Pharmacy Director,  
P.O. Box 5585, Bismarck, ND 58506-  
5585, until the close of business,  
December 12, 2025. If you plan to  
attend the public hearing and require  
special accommodation relating to a  
disability, please contact Workforce  
Safety & Insurance at the above  
telephone number or address at  
least five days prior to the hearing.  
Dated this 19th day of September  
2025  
Harvey Hanel  
Medical Services and Pharmacy  
Director

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