

PROJECT

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for the infrastructure project. The project’s bid opening will be in tandem with an emergency replacement of two blocks of water main. Due to several water main breaks on the current asbestos-cement or cast-iron pipe in mid-August 2024, the city was approved for \$615,075 in Community Development Block Grant emergency funds for that project. “The bidding environment has been good,” Jerod Klabunde, a senior project manager at Moore Engineering, told the council. The council will also be seeking bids to replace its water meters with AMR meters. That project is estimated at \$232,000. Water meters are nearing the end of their lifespan, costing about \$300 per meter to replace. Once bids are opened in June and the council decides how much of the project it can tackle with available funding, the special assessments committee will begin the process to make recommendations to the council for special assessments to help fund the projects. Funding for city infrastructure projects has changed on the state and federal level,

MOTT/REGENT SENIOR MEALS MENU

- Thursday, May 22: Italian Sub on Hoagie Roll, confetti coleslaw, cucumber, apple slices, milk, coffee.
- Friday, May 23: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, cauliflower, apricots, dinner roll, milk, coffee.
- Tuesday, May 27: Tuna noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, cottage cheese, pears, wheat bread, milk, coffee.
- Thursday, May 29: Grilled bratwurst on a bun, potato salad, brussel sprouts, pineapple, milk, coffee.

Suggested meal donation is \$5.00 per meal. For people under 60, the suggested donation is \$10.50. For meal reservations, please call 701-456-1818 by noon the day before. All menus are subject to the availability of food items.

Klabunde told the council. State funding available for municipal water projects from the N.D. Department of Water Resources decreased from \$100 million last year to \$40 million this year. “Everything’s getting cut and squashed down at the state level. They’re anticipating their revenues are going to be way less than previous years,” Klabunde said. A Bank of North Dakota loan the city was able to access will also be unavailable in the future. “Those wanting to do that in the future are going to not have that luxury. They’ll be dealing with private lenders to do their street projects,” he said. “You’re fortunate to get the street work done.” “All of these programs changed quickly,” Klabunde said, pointing out the U.S. Department of Agriculture no longer has funding for projects. “Everything we normally deal with for funding at the state and federal level is changing. ... It’s very frustrating.” Moore Engineering representatives have been in the community to complete the city’s lead service line inventory, a requirement for all public water systems to complete to identify lead or galvanized pipes leading into homes. Moore Engineering received a grant from the state to assist the city in completing its inventory. Everyone in the city, which includes 432 lines, was asked to complete the survey. Through a revision to the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule, all community water systems must develop a water service line inventory to submit to the N.D. Department of Environmental Quality. The EPA originally established the rule to protect public health and reduce exposure to lead and copper in drinking water. Service lines are the pipes connecting individual buildings to a water system. Communities needed to determine if the service lines are classified as lead, galvanized requiring replacement, non-lead or unknown. The city must confirm both the public side and private side of the service lines do not contain lead, with completion dates to develop a database by this fall. Those with lead, galvanized or unknown service lines will receive a letter. Lease approved The city approved a new lease agreement with the Mott Country Club, expanding the agreement from a single page last revised in 1990 to three pages with additional details. The city owns the property and structures used to operate the golf course and leases them to the nonprofit Mott Country Club, which has its own governing board of directors. The lease is on a year-to-year basis

with automatic renewal. The golf course will pay its proportional share of the insurance premium, but no other lease amount is stated in the document. The council also discussed 17 acres of city property adjacent to the north side of the golf course. An individual has shown an interest in purchasing the property to develop housing. Engine brake ordinance The council heard approved an ordinance prohibiting the use of engine brakes. The ordinance will prohibit engine brakes starting from 1 mile north of city limits on Highway 8, 1 mile south of city limits on Highway 8 and Highway 22, and 1 mile east of city limits on Highway 21. Signs will state engine brakes are prohibited by city ordinance. A \$500 fine will be imposed for violating the ordinance. Engine brakes make a loud noise when the compressed air is pushed out the exhaust, causing communities to prohibit their use in residential areas. In other business: Last month, a letter was sent to the owner of property at 304 Iowa Ave., indicating the property must be cleaned up or the city will begin steps to condemn the property. The owner has been out of state and has not yet received the letter, but will be expected to respond in 10 days upon receipt. The council toured the city before the meeting and identified properties in violation of ordinances, ranging from abandoned vehicles to lot messes. Owners will be receiving letters from the city. The Hettinger County Herald was designated as the official city newspaper.

Scholarship recipients announced

- Mott-Regent High School seniors receiving scholarships were announced during graduation ceremonies and include:
- Mott-Regent Education Association – Brayden Rafferty
 - Dakota Western Bank – Samantha Greff
 - Montana State University \$56,000 Achievement Award (\$14,000 over four years) – Matthew Gonzalez
 - Richard and Christina Fiedler Scholarship – Rhett Miller
 - Ishmael and Rose Diede Scholarship – Samantha Greff, Ethan Olson, Kazen Nelson, Brayden Rafferty, Rhett Miller, Jorja Messmer
 - State Bar Association of North Dakota Constitution Award – Kazen Nelson
 - Lions Club International Mott Branch – Julianna Mayer
 - North Dakota State University (NDSU) Admission with Distinction and Harry McGovern Scholarship full tuition renewable over four years – Evan Doe
 - Michael D. Wehri Memorial General Interest Scholarship – Samantha Greff
 - Michael D. Wehri Memorial Scholarship Agricultural Interest Scholarship – Rhett Miller
 - Valley City State University Leadership Scholarship for \$10,000 – Allison Greff
 - Roy Senn Scholarship – Rhett Miller
 - Associated General Contractors of North Dakota – Evan Doe
 - Darrel and Arloween Remington Scholarship – Brayden Rafferty
 - Dickinson State University Athletic Award for women’s basketball and track and field – Samantha Greff
 - Regent Dollars for Scholars – Julianna Mayer, Rhett Miller, Jorja Messmer, Matthew Gonzalez, Samantha Greff, William Swindler, Allison Greff, Ethan Olson, Evan Doe, Brayden Rafferty, Jonathin Friedt
 - Slope Hettinger Soil Conservation Service – Rhett Miller
 - Franciscan University of Stubenville Chancellor Scholarship of \$17,000 – Julianna Mayer
 - Mott Women, Frank and Anna Kenny, St. Mary’s Parish of New England – Jorja Messmer, Kazen Nelson
 - Commercial Bank of Mott – Matthew Gonzalez, Rhett Miller, Ethan Olson, Brayden Rafferty, William Swindler
 - Dickinson State University Presidential Scholarship – Samantha Greff
 - North Dakota State College of Science Academic Scholarship – Kazen Nelson, Rhett Miller
 - In contention for North Dakota State Scholarship – Julianna Mayer, Samantha Greff, Allison Greff, Evan Doe, Rhett Miller, Jorja Messmer, Brayden Rafferty, Kazen Nelson, William Swindler, Matthew Gonzalez
 - North Dakota Army National Guard – Jonathin Friedt

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Entertainment 5:15 - 5:45

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– Business Meeting & Election of Directors

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