

CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 7th, 2025
Meeting called to order by Mayor John Lee at 7:05 p.m.
Council members present: Eric Casson, Lisa Gusewelle, Jennifer Gooss City Attorney, and RaShell Simenson City Auditor.
Gusewelle moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Casson; all voting aye, motion carried.
Gusewelle moved to approve previous meeting minutes seconded by Casson; all voting aye, motion carried.
Treasurer Report
Casson moved to approve the claims on hand, seconded by Gusewelle; all voting aye, motion carried.
Gusewelle moved to approve check register from March, seconded by Casson; all voting aye, motion carried.
Gusewelle moved the motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Casson; all voting aye, motioned carried.
CB Accounting reported they will be processing the 1st quarter reports, they updated the system on a daily bases, and they will provide a dash board full of charts and information the council at the May 5th meeting.
Publics Works Maintenance Report -Reuther presented four new bids for renting a brush cutter attachment and referenced previous purchase bids. The Council discussed purchasing the Titan Machinery BBV722VG attachment for \$7,120 (quoted in January), but due to possible price changes, the final cost is uncertain.
Gusewelle moved the motion for the city to purchase from titan machinery up to \$8000 for the machine BBV7225VG, seconded by Casson, 1 voting aye, 1 voting nae, Mayor Lee voting nae to break the tie motion failed.
Council directed Reuther to confirm the current purchase price and compare it to rental costs.
Reuther requested to obtain his Spraying Certification.
Gusewelle moved to approve Reuther getting his Spraying Certification in the amount of \$140, seconded by Casson, all voting aye, motion carried.
Discussed the Quality Asphalt bid in the amount of \$6000 for the repair of the sewer damage on HWY 48 due to the sewer in front of address 107 Center Ave.
Gusewelle moved to approve the Quality Asphalt bid in the amount of \$6000 for the repair on Center Ave., seconded by Casson, all voting aye, motion carried.
Reuther updated the council for the month of march, there was a fire hydrant he repaired with parts that were donated by the City of Wing. Discussed Rural Water did come March 26th and test the water pressure all through town where there have been observations of low pressure. All areas that were tested showed a 40 PSI, which is a normal reading. The street lights have been repaired, there is a problem with the air handler in the big hall in the civic center and Gibs and Son have been called. Discussed there is a possible water leak in the boiler of the civic center, Reuther will call to have the boiler checked and if there is an issue may have to get bids for a repair.
Janitor- The three-month six hour a week for office training hours has come to an end. Plesuk came to the meeting asking to be allowed to still work with in office, limiting the time to a two-hour minimum with a three our max for one day of the week. Also to be in the office from 9am to 2pm when the Auditor is out of office due to vacation, business conferences, sick, and to help with special projects.
Gusewelle moved the motion to continue the limited office training hours but changing it from six hours a week to a minimum of two hours with a maximum of three hours per week, seconded by Casson, all voting aye, motion carried.
Plesuk requested for vacation for June 25th- July 2nd.
Gusewelle moved to approve Kayla Plesuk's vacation June 25th-July 2nd of

2025, seconded by Casson, all voting aye, motion carried.
Personal Appearance
Lacy Yunker appeared to request the renewal of American Legion Post 91 Gaming Permit for Wolfie's Bar for 2025-2026
Casson moved to approved the American Legion Post #91 gaming site application for Wolfie's Place, second by Gusewelle, all voting aye, motion carried.
DSG Water Meter Proposal- Jonny Buchholz from Dakota Supply Group presented a proposal for Kamstrup water meters with an AMI fixed network system. The meters include built-in radios for hourly readings, leak detection, temperature monitoring, and tamper alerts. The AMI system uses a tower-mounted antenna to collect data from all meters and send it to the city office, eliminating the need for the drive by readings. An optional feature includes Acoustic Leak Detection software to identify major leaks in main lines before breaks occur, though it requires an annual activation fee. The bid presented was based on outdated 2024 data, making it inaccurate, the auditor will work with Jonny to get updated numbers. Auditor Simenson noted the city's current 15-year-old system is failing and increasingly costly.
Casson moved the motion to table the DSG Water Meter Proposal for next month to get accurate numbers, seconded by Gusewelle, all voting aye, motion carried.
Old Business
Moore Engineering Update- Auditor Simenson provided the council with an update that the DWR Grant was submitted, the estimate cost-share for the water model, preliminary engineering report and asset inventory is \$80,000. DWR cost share is anticipated to be \$48,000 and the city share will be \$32,000.
Moore Engineering had the City office mail a Water Service Line Inventory survey related to the 2024 Lead and Copper rule to all city residents. Most residents still need to respond. You can complete the survey online using the link in the flier or wait for in-person inspections on April 29, when representatives will go door-to-door to inspect water service lines.
Ordinance 1.0201-Final reading of the revision of the ordinance 1.0201 with in article 2, that pertains to the council meeting times being changed. The regular city council meeting times will meet at 7 pm in the summer months between Memorial Day and Labor Day, then switch to 6 pm in the winter months between Labor Day and Memorial Day. Gusewelle moved to approve the revision of the Ordinance NO. 2025-01, seconded by Casson, all voting aye, motion carried.
Garage Logic Settlement- City Attorney did look at all the documentation of when the gym floor was worked on. She found no other avenues to take for the settlement with garage logic. Gusewelle moved to approve Settlement Agreement with Garage Logic, seconded by Casson, all voting aye, motion carried.
Pool Responsibility and Bills- Discussed that the park board has agreed to relinquish all responsibility of the pool to the city. Gusewelle moved the motion for the City of Center to take over the operation and maintenance of the pool, seconded by Casson, 1 vote aye, 1 vote nae, Mayor Lee voting aye to break the tie, motion carried.
Discussed the bills on hand for the pool, there was a bid from Poolside Adventures for the repair of the pool's rock wall. Due to the high price of the repair plus shipping, the council requested to search for other avenues to have it repaired. Casson moved the motion to pay the bills on hand for the pool, excluding the bid from Poolside Adventures, seconded by Gusewelle, all voting aye, motioned carried.
City Audit 2024- Council reviewed and agreed City Audit of 2024 exceptional.
Personnel Manual- Gusewelle informed the council that the personnel manual is

still in progress and will require another three months, with updates provided along the way.
New Business
Revision of Hazel Miner Ordinance- Council performed the first reading of the updated Hazel Miner Ordinance. The first change the maximum sidewalls heights of 14ft to 16ft. Second change was removal of the statement "the house conforms with the neighborhood." Third change added a clause, "No "shouse (shop houses)", "barndominium (barn houses), or other such dwelling with attached shops or storage areas built with a post frame method of construction will be allowed."
Casson moved to approve the city ordinance 2025-02 as rewritten planning and zoning committee, seconded by Gusewelle, all voting aye, motion approved.
Seasonal Employment Help- Discussed the city and golf course will be taking in application for summer help of 16 years or older and there will be adds in the paper. There will be a meeting scheduled with the Employment committee to discuss lifeguard and pool manager wages.
Fire Hydrant Marking- Discussed to have either the city or out-source to school clubs to paint and flag all fire hydrants intown. Casson moved to table fire hydrant markings and paintings till May meeting, seconded by Gusewelle, all voting aye, motioned carried.
Gusewelle moved the motion to have a cash or credit card \$200 deposit for the use of the projector rental, seconded by Casson, all voting aye, motion carried.
Gusewelle moved to approve the City Auditor's vacation May 23rd-May 30th and August 7th-August 11th, seconded by Casson, all voting aye, motion carried.
Gusewelle motion to move the June 2nd Council meeting to June 9th 2025 with notice to the public the meeting has been moved, seconded by Casson, all voting aye, motioned carried.
Adam Vaughn resigned from council on March 4th, 2025.
Gusewelle moved the motion to distribute Council member Adam Vaughns Portfolio's, City and County Planning and Zoning to go to Troy Hatzembihler, Coal Conversion to go to Mayor Lee, Street to go to Eric Casson and Police go to Lisa Gusewelle, seconded by Casson, all voting aye, motion carried.
Portfolios
Casson presented two items from his portfolio: first, exploring alternative recycling options by contacting Trans Trash; second, announcing that due to the burn ban, the city will not provide garbage services for county residents—this remains the county's responsibility.
Gusewelle presented several items for her portfolio. First, she discussed whether civic center rental fees should be waived for benefit events. After discussion, the council agreed that all renters will be charged for the use of the facility. Second, provided a bid in the amount of \$1500 for All Pest to treat the boxelder bug infestation in the civic center.
Casson moved the motion to accept the bid from All Pest, seconded by Gusewelle, all voting aye, motion approved.
Gusewelle moved to approve Empower Electric bid in the amount of \$883 to install a 220v box in the east office room, seconded by Casson, all voting aye, motion carried.
Gusewelle's final item was a request to obtain a bid for an electric jump box in the kitchen. The council decided against pursuing a bid.
Next Meeting date: 7 p.m. Monday, May 5th, 2025.
Mayor Lee adjourned meeting at 10:00 p.m.

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RaShell Simenson, City Auditor

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CENTER-STANTON MUSIC DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK PAGE
Center-Stanton sophomore Rachel Schmidt, left, and senior Elena Sorge earned the "Outstanding Performance of the Day" award at the Class B band regionals April 10. Their horn-clarinet duet qualified for the May 3 Class B State Music Festival. Both students qualified for state in their solos, as well, and Schmidt earned a third state-qualifying performance with Kyle Albers in their French horn duet.

CS band qualifies for 20 entries for state competition

Rachel Schmidt, Elena Sorge earn ‘Outstanding Performance’ award for duet

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The Center-Stanton High School band had an impressive showing at the Class B regionals at Washburn High School, April 10, with 20 solo and ensemble performances qualifying for the State B Music Festival.
It was a banner day for the Wildcats band, which is led by music teacher Lacey Hanson, as all of the band's performances either qualified for state or received a "1" star, which is considered an "excellence" in ratings. Last year, CS had nine entries.
To top off the impressive day, senior Elena Sorge and sophomore Rachel Schmidt's clarinet and horn duet earned the regional's "Outstanding Performance of the Day" award. Both girls also qualified for state in their solos and Schmidt qualified for a third performance, a French horn duet, with Kyle Albers.

"It is rewarding to have all of my hard work pay off," Sorge said of her Outstanding Performance award. "I have been working on my solo for about six months, and there were times I doubted it would even be ready to perform. Getting an OP is such an honor when there is so much talented competition in our region."

Schmidt said she worked a lot to be sure she had a good performance, aiming to get the award from the start.

"It's an honor to receive it," she said. "The Outstanding Performance was a goal that I was shooting for this year, but there is only so much a performer can do to prepare. You never know what other outstanding performances will be in that room and what the judge will pick. You just have to give your best performance and hope it makes an impression."

This will be Sorge's fourth time going to the State Festival. Having so many of her band mates accompanying her this time, she said, is thrilling.

"It is really exciting to have 20 performances going to state," she said. "Most schools are lucky to get one or two events to go that far. I am thankful for all of the time Mrs. Hanson has put into helping the ensembles and solos sound their best."

For Schmidt, this will be her third time performing at state. She, too, is

happy to see so many performances from CS making it to state.

"I think that it goes to show how hard everyone has worked for this," Schmidt said. "It's never a guarantee that we will have events go to state, but with a lot of time, effort, and patience from Mrs. Hanson, we are able to go this year with almost 50% of our events that made it."

Schmidt went on to say she hopes all her band mates understand and appreciate the accomplishments they made, as she pointed out it is not a given that so many qualify for the State Festival from one small school like Center-Stanton.

"It's amazing how many events made it, and it's something that can't get taken for granted," she said. "Center has an amazing music program, and I am so thankful to my music teacher, Mrs. Hanson, who has helped me from day one, and my private lesson instructor. Both helped make this possible. There are so many people who have helped me and the other qualifiers throughout the years, and I'm so grateful to all of them."

The State B Music Festival will be held at Bismarck State College in Bismarck, Saturday, May 3.

The following are the 20 state-qualifying solos and ensembles for Center-Stanton:

- Kallen Albers – Euphonium Solo
- Kyle Albers – French Horn Solo
- Rachel Schmidt – French Horn Solo
- Elena Sorge – Clarinet Solo
- Paisley Kitzmann – Bass Clarinet Solo
- Ava Erhardt – Flute Solo
- Seth Hall – Vocal Solo
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- Horn/Euphonium Duet – Kallen and Kyle Albers
- Flute Quartet
- WW Ensemble ("Espana Waltzes")
- Sax Trio
- Sax quartet
- Mixed Vocal Ensemble ("Farvel")
- Mixed Vocal Ensemble ("Inscription of Hope")
- Boys Vocal Ensemble ("Jenny Kissed Me")
- Boys Vocal Ensemble ("Vive L'Mour")
- Kyle Albers and Rachel Schmidt – French Horn Duet
- Seth Hall and Kole Albers – Sax Duet
- Elena Sorge and Rachel Schmidt – Clarinet/Horn Duet

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