

**City Council Meeting
August 11, 2025
City Office at 7pm**
BEING PUBLISHED SUBJECT
TO THE GOVERNING BODY'S
REVIEW AND REVISION
Mayor Olson called the meeting to
order at 7pm. Council members
present were Grundstrom, Larson,
Weimer, T. Van Camp, Nelson
and Halcrow. City employees
present were DeGeldere,
Mattice and Misialek.
Dylan Ensruide with Moore
Engineering gave an update on the
infrastructure project and where
we are with funding. He will reach
out to bond council attorneys,
Ohnstad Twitchell regarding
sales tax election options.
Rachel Gornowicz from Countrywide
Sanitation and Randy Ott from Waste
Management came to discuss that
Waste Management has purchased
Countrywide Sanitation and that
a reassignment of the renewal
contract signed in June, needs to be
reassigned. Discussion was had on
the need/want of having recycling
in Drayton. Rachel informed the
council that Drayton has a higher-
than-average use of recycling.
Motion was made to sign
reassignment to Waste Management
by Grundstrom, seconded by
Weimer, with a roll call vote being
taken as follows: yea-Grundstrom,
Weimer, T. Van Camp, Halcrow; nay-
Larson, Nelson; motion passed.
Chase Boen, Eric Lutheran and Mona
Dietrich presented the Park District's
financial report through July of 2025.
A check will be issued by Misialek
to the Park District for their share
of sales tax for January thru June of
2025 in the amount of \$41,519.35.
The committees met in July to
discuss budget items. The Police
committee and Chief Mattice
recommended upgrading to a much
newer taser. The current taser is
very old, has outdated technology
and range. A new taser will cost
about \$3600 with the trade-
in. It was discussed to purchase
now, as the computer budget for
2025 was not used, as the police
computer did not need to be
upgraded. Motion was made by T.

Van Camp, seconded by Weimer, all
in favor. No other equipment was
deemed a need for 2026 budget.
Chief Mattice gave his monthly
report on traffic stops and calls
for July. He also gave an update
on the ordinance citations that
have been issued and those that
have come before the Municipal
Court. Discussion was had that
numerous citations have been
deferred, dismissed or that further
citations will not be enforced by
the judge. A motion was made to
draft a letter on behalf of the City
Council, to the Judicial Conduct
Commission regarding these and
other issues, by Grundstrom,
seconded by Larson, with all in favor.
The trees in the ditch near the old
lagoon still need to be removed.
It was decided that Blawat's will
be hired to remove trees so the
ditch can drain properly. There
are trees in town that need to be
trimmed. The Tree Committee
is to schedule time to trim these
where necessary. DeGeldere also
discussed the possible need for
a second lawn mower, smaller in
size, in anticipation of having to
take over mowing the cemetery
next year and that the zero
turn would be too big. This was
added to the budget for 2026.
Grundstrom presented the updated
design of the new "Welcome to
Drayton" signs proposed for the
town. It was discussed to see
if they could make the uniforms
more authentic to the old style.
The estimated cost of the 2 signs
would be \$5600 each, lighting
would be additional. Motion was
made by T. Van Camp, seconded
by Larson, with all in favor, to order
and purchase the 2 signs and
have them installed with lighting.
Grundstrom presented an estimate
from Jamestown Communications
to replace 2 of the 3 sirens in town
in the amount of \$69,317.30.
Grundstrom will check into
the possibility of grants, other
estimates or possibly moving
the siren that does work more
towards the center of town.
Misialek updated the council that
the property located at 110 N. 3rd St.

has been sold and that it will be torn
down this year and that the owner
will be building on the property
next year. Misialek informed the
council that the AC in the office is not
working properly. Halcrow's came
and assessed the situation, and the
unit needs to be replaced. Misialek
presented July Fund report, along
with the YTD Sales Tax Revenue
report. Checks to DEDCO and Park
District will be disbursed. Misialek
will meet with attorney to have an
ordinance made for public meetings
as new law has been passed.
Misialek presented the preliminary
budget, and a motion was made
to approve it by Grundstrom,
seconded by Weimer, all in favor.
The Budget hearing will be held
on Wednesday, September 17,
2025, at 6pm in the City Office
with the September Council
Meeting to commence immediately
following the Budget hearing.
Motion to approve the July minutes
was made by Grundstrom, seconded
by T. Van Camp, all in favor.
Vendor Bills:
1878 Grocery \$4,000.00, \$42.49;
Banyon \$595.00; Countrywide
\$3,302.04, \$3,302.04; Cummins
\$566.79; Dakota Natural Gas
\$108.47; Dahlstrom's \$1,412.46;
Drayton Chamber of Commerce
\$6,000.00; Drayton Curling Club
\$1,451.50; Ewing Oil \$304.65;
Grafton Floral \$102.00; Grand
Forks Utility \$26.00; Halcrow's
\$1,278.87, 1,231.06; Helm
\$263.22; Information Technology
\$37.30; Jeff Sylskar \$420.00;
Jet Way \$1,240.00; Moore
Engineering \$1,650.00; ND One
Call \$13.50; ND Sewage Pump
\$10,000.00; Otter Tail \$3,814.36,
\$22.89, 3,159.25; PIP's \$654.92;
Valley Building \$1,439.81; Valley
Landfill \$11,138.00; Valley News &
Views \$85.14; Vector \$2,295.00;
Vestis \$101.04, 101.04, \$102.01;
Walsh Water \$20,427.01.
Motion to approve the bills was
made by T. Van Camp, seconded
by Grundstrom, all in favor.
Next meeting date will be moved
from the second Monday of the
month to Wednesday, September
17, 2025 immediately following
the 2026 Budget Hearing at
6pm at the City Office.
Motion to adjourn was made
by T. Van Camp, seconded by
Larson, all in favor at 9:35 pm.

Charles Olson, Mayor

Sonia Misialek, Auditor

North Dakota outdoors:
Season openers

By Doug Leier



With the calendar turned to
September and Labor Day the last of
the true summer holidays over, kids
are all back in school and fishing is
less of a primary option and hunting
is front of mind for most. Before we
dig into the nuts and bolts of hunting
season opening dates, let me nudge
you into spending a little more time
on the banks and in the boat as
fall fishing is a little hidden gem.
But this article is about hunting.

Actually, the 2025 hunting season
officially kicked off with the Aug. 15
opening of the early Canada goose
management season. As quick as it
begins, there's also a few closures
coming up on the calendar.

Depending on the Canada goose
zone in which you hunt, the first
early season closure is Sept. 7 in
the Missouri River zone. The other
Canada goose zone closures are
Sept. 15 in the western zone and
Sept. 22 in the eastern zone.

But let's focus more on the
beginnings and not the endings.
We're in that time of year when
many weekends through early
November have some sort of
hunting or trapping season opener.

Aug. 29 marked the opening day for
North Dakota archery deer hunters,
mountain lion and pronghorn license
holders who want to hunt with a bow.
On Sept. 1, dove season opened.

The first weekend in September
is an "open" weekend for most
hunters. Finish up the projects you
must complete before the ground
freezes and the first snow falls.

Here are some helpful dates:

- Sept. 13, grouse and partridge
seasons open
- Sept. 19, youth deer
- Sept. 20, sandhill crane, veter-
an and active military waterfowl,
youth waterfowl
- Sept. 27, resident waterfowl.
Oct. 3, elk and pronghorn
- Oct. 4, full resident and nonresi-
dent waterfowl, youth pheasant
- Oct. 10, moose
- Oct. 11, pheasant and turkey
- Oct. 31, bighorn sheep
- Nov. 7, deer gun
- Nov. 28, muzzleloader deer

Hunters and trappers can find the
North Dakota 2025-26 Hunting
and Trapping Guide, which
includes upland game, migratory
game bird and furbearer hunting/
trapping regulations and other
information, by visiting the Game
and Fish Department website,
gf.nd.gov. Printed guides are
available at vendor locations.

Who is eligible for a North
Dakota resident license?

A person who has actually lived
in, or maintained his or her legal
residence in North Dakota for the
past six months may qualify for
resident licenses, providing he or
she does not continue to claim
residency in another state.

Note: When applying for a resident
license, applicants 18 years or
older must submit a valid North
Dakota driver's license number
or valid North Dakota nondriver
photo identification number.

Exceptions

A Waiver of Residency allows an
individual with a bona fide intention
of becoming a resident, even
though they have not resided in
North Dakota for the required six
months, to purchase nonlottery
licenses such as fishing, small game
and furbearer at resident prices.

Military exception

Military personnel in the state on
duty or leave are eligible for a similar
waiver to the one listed above.
Also, a North Dakota resident, in
the armed forces stationed outside
the state, upon showing proof of
residency, may receive a deer gun
license without being subject to
the license lottery. To apply you
must meet these requirements:

- Maintain North Dakota as your
state of residence.
- You must be stationed outside of
North Dakota.
- Fill out and send in a deer appli-
cation with the following items:
A check or money order for \$35,
a copy of your orders showing
where you are stationed, and

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