

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Scott Decker called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present were: President Scott Decker, Vice President Jason Fridrich,
Commissioners Robert Baer, and Russ Murphy.

Telephone: Commissioner Joe Ridl

Absent: None

OPENING CEREMONIES: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**1. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

To approve the September 1, 2026, Commission meeting with the removal of 3B. Tobacco license for HouseRecker 2026 Proof LLC DBA The House Of Booze.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

A. Approval of the City Commission Meeting Minutes dated August 18, 2026

B. Approval of Accounts Payable, Commerce Bank and Checkbook

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed

3. ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE**A. Update on 2026 Legacy Square Events**

Marketing and Events Director Carter Fong states Legacy Square had a great summer. Multipurpose event center which opened in 2023. Live at legacy square had 6 headliners. Attendance by pinging cell phones. Canaan Smith had 1,000; Night Ranger at 2,300; Phil Vassar, 2,300; Randy Houser at 3,600 and Everclear at 5,100 attendees. There were approximately 19,000 attendees in 2026. He states 3 of the 4 largest concerts have happened within the last six weeks. Public was awesome. Blown away by staff Macy Wehri, Devan Haag and Xander Beeson. Xander in his last week accepted in athletics marketing university in Missouri. Thank the Dickinson Fire and Police Department, city

staff, and vendors. There is estimated to be 30 events in 2026 events. Host to ND State Park and Rec conference – evening social; stunt dudes are back; Kind Hearts Day; the final day for splash pad, DSU Hawk, Dickinson Youth commission movie night, trick or trunk and tree lighting. Concerts have free admission; won't be seeking an increase for the marketing budget. Slight decrease to that which indicates that we can 5 or 6 concert dates. Prefer Thursday concerts. Economic impact – 45% of attendees go someplace other than home after the concerts. All ages are attending legacy square concert. Median age in Dickinson 33.3 years old. Data median showed Sara Evans at age 33.5; median at Everclear was 33.2. Director Fong states cramming 5,000 into legacy square pushing limits. Phil Vasser at 2,300 was kind of the sweet spot. He states 2-3,000 is good but 5,000 people are pushing limits. Pack as many food vendors as we can and are a lot of long lines.

President Scott Decker states it was a great year and concert affected by weather. Everclear crowd was crazy. Food truck providers said the crowds for Everclear and went way past after concert still waiting for food.

Commissioner Jason Fridrich thanks everyone for their hard work and city staff. Good lineup and a lot of fun.

Commissioner Robert Baer states the vendors said made out very well, better than last year. He had heard comments of why the City didn't we hold it out at the county fairgrounds. That is the county and not a city venue. Putting bleachers out there, - 1st come and 1st serve. Looking forward to next year.

Tobacco License – House RECKER 2026 Proof LLC DBA The House of Booze
Removed from agenda.

4. PUBLIC WORKS

A. Landfill Compactor Bid

Interim Public Works Director Kris Keller states they have received bids for the landfill compactor bids. He is requesting authorization to re-advertise the equipment for bids using revised operational specifications and clearly defined bid evaluation requirements. The City solicited bids for the purchase of a landfill compactor to replace existing equipment used in daily landfill operations. Following review of the bids received, concerns arose related to available project funding, the clarity of the specifications, and bid evaluation process. The revised bid documents will include clear minimum operational requirements and will evaluate qualifying equipment based on the lowest estimated cost of ownership over a seven-year / 10,000-hour warranty period. Director Keller states Staff recommends that the City Commission reject all bids received for the landfill compactor.

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Jason Fridrich

To reject all the bids for the landfill compactor and to rebid the compactor.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed

5. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Fire

1. No Report

Police

A. Police Department

1. No Report

6. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

A. 202108 EAST BROADWAY DAM – CONSTRUCTION BID AWARD WITH BARANKO BROTHERS, INC.

Engineering and Communities Development Director Josh Skluzacek presents for consideration is a bid award with Baranko Brothers, Inc. for the City of Dickinson East Broadway Dam project. The bid award is contingent upon the final notification from the FEMA. The engineer's opinion of probable cost was \$3,588,000.00. The low bid for this contract is \$3,670,635.03 with a bid alternate option to pave the walking path along the river of \$141,394.50. There were eight total bidders for the project, and the bid opening took place on July 16, 2026 at 2:00 PM Mountain Time. The project was approved with the 2026 capital improvement project budget and has been presented with the 2027 capital improvement project budget. The construction is planned to take place during the 2027 construction season and into the winter of 2027-2028. The City Attorney has reviewed this contract, and has no additional comments. The city engineering staff recommends approval.

MOTION BY: Robert Baer

SECONDED BY: Russ Murphy

To approve the 202108 East Broadway Dam Construction Bid Award with Baranko Brothers, Inc.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed

B. 202108 EAST BROADWAY DAM – CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH BARR ENGINEERING CO.

Engineering and Communities Development Director Josh Skluzacek presents a contract amendment with Barr Engineering Co. to provide construction administration services for the City of Dickinson project 202108 – East Broadway Dam project. The estimated cost as stated in the contract is \$286,815.00. The funds for the construction administration are budgeted the construction phase of the project. The project was approved with the 2026 capital improvement project budget and has been presented with the 2027 capital

improvement project budget. The construction is planned to take place during the 2027 construction season and into the winter of 2027-2028. There are a number of revenue sources to fund the project including: North Dakota Department of Water Resources Grant, Federal Emergency Management Agency Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant, and Gross Production Tax. The City Attorney has reviewed this contract, and has no additional comments. The city engineering staff recommends approval.

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

To approve the 202108 East Broadway Dam construction administration contract amendment with Barr Engineering Co.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed

B. ZTA-007-2026 Stormwater Ordinance Update

Engineering and Communities Development Director Josh Skluzacek states Community Development staff is requesting approval of a text amendment to repeal Article III. – “Stormwater Management”, of Chapter 16 – Environment, and to add Article VI. – “Stormwater Management”, to Chapter 60 – Utilities, of the City of Dickinson Municipal Code regarding updates to the City’s stormwater management requirements and the establishment of a stormwater design manual. Staff recommends approval of these text amendments.

MOTION BY: Robert Baer

SECONDED BY: Russ Murphy

To approve second reading and final passage of Ordinance No. 1865

ORDINANCE NO. 1865

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 16,
AND ENACTING ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 60, RELATING TO THE
STORMWATER ORDINANCE**

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed

7. PUBLIC HEARING – 5:00 P.M.

A. Theodore Roosevelt Regional Airport Budget Presentation

Airport Director Kelly Braun presents the 2027 airport budget. He states the 2027 budget was approved at their last board meeting. Expenditures as compared to income for 2026 shows a pretty tight budget. This is similar to last year. In 2025 there was an overage due to couple of construction project at the airport that were not accounted for when we went into budget last year. He states it is worth noting that last year was the first year the airport had gone over the budget and this has been over the past 11 years.

President Scott Decker states that Mr. Braun has done a really good job. Is there anticipation in the construction that might throw budget off.

Mr. Braun states the construction budget right on schedule but everything needs to be. Moving forward in next year federal funds for project next year – taxi ways, improvements to highway 22. Funding secured in federal level. Received additional federal funds to do taxiway and ramp area. Bids were favorable. Feds also included federal funding to include additional taxi lane. Super happy. Expenditures and funding look very good.

Commission Russ Murphy asks if the task for construction is on time.

Mr. Braun states the schedule for construction is on schedule with no weather delays. Construction is 10 days ahead of schedule.

Commissioner Robert Baer asks about the grand opening.

Mr. Braun states grand opening is scheduled for next November, 2027. He states people have asked about old building and some interested people already. Repurpose building for airport storage. Federal funding issues for storage. Least favorable to turn into equipment storage.

Administrator Dustin Dassinger asks about the federal grants that the airport has been awarded. Is there a match and if so do you have the funding for those match.

Mr. Braun's states yes there is a match of 10% and funds are already secured.

Airport Manager Kelly Braun invites the Commissioners and the public out to tour the airport at any time.

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich SECONDED BY: Robert Baer
To approve the Theodore Roosevelt Regional Airport 2027 budget.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 4, Nay 0, Absent 1
Motion declared duly passed

8. PUBLIC COMMENS NOT ON AGENDA

None

9. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Joe Ridl asks the other Commissioners and Staff if the city has Flock Cameras in the City.

President Scott Decker states the City does not Flock cameras in the City.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Jason Fridrich

Adjournment of the meeting was at 5:10 P.M.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote... Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0
Motion declared duly passed.

OFFICIAL MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Rita Binstock, Assistant to City Administrator

APPROVED BY:

Dustin Dassinger, City Administrator

Scott Decker, President
Board of City Commissioners

Date: September 15, 2026