

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 Robert Baer,
Commissioners Jason Fridrich, Joe Ridl and Russ Murphy.

Telephone: None

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**1. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

To approve the September 16, 2025 meeting as presented.

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY: Robert Baer

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

**A. Approval of Canvass Board Meeting Minutes and the City Commission Meeting
Minutes dated September 2, 2025**

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. Proclamation – Manufacturing Day in Dickinson**

President Scott Decker reads the Manufacturing Day in Dickinson ND which states over 1,200 North Dakota companies provide excellent careers in manufacturing for over 26,000 people and are adding new jobs every day. He proclaims October 1, 2025 as Manufacturing Day in Dickinson and encourages all citizens to consider the positive impact of modern manufacturing on their lives and its contribution to the success of Dickinson, ND.

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

To approve Resolution 37-2025.

RESOLUTION NO: 37 - 2025**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AS MANUFACTURING
DAY IN DICKINSON**

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 1
Motion declared duly passed

C. Public Hearing – Amendment to Chapter 4

City Administrator Dustin Dassinger presents an amendment to Chapter 4 which is in reference to the bidding deadline for Legacy Square. Currently the bidding deadline is 10/1 and the amendment would move the bidding deadline to 11/15. This would be in

order to solidify the dates for the events for the following year. This is the second reading and there have been no comments since the first reading.

MOTION BY: Robert Baer

SECONDED BY: Jason Fridrich

To approve the second reading and final passage of Ordinance 1826.

ORDINANCE NO. 1826

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REENACTING ARTICLE 4-48 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA, RELATING TO ALCOHOL LICENSES

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

C. Public Hearing – Amendment to Chapter 6

City Attorney Christina Wenko states the amendment to Chapter 6 clearly states the fine for running at large for a fine of \$50. She states this is the second reading and there have been no comments since the first reading. There are no additional changes and staff recommend approval

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

To approve the second reading and final passage of Ordinance 1827.

ORDINANCE NO. 1827

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 6-39 DAKOTA, RELATING TO ANIMAL NUISANCES

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

D. Public Hearing – Amendment to Chapter 58

City Attorney Christina Wenko presents an amendment to Chapter 58. Some of the terminology has changed in the City's Code section and staff would like to revert it back to what the staff is used to. She states Issuance to Warrant back to Failure to Comply is the wording the staff would like to revert back to. There have been no changes since the first reading and staff recommend approval.

MOTION BY: Joe Ridl

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

To approve the second reading and final passage of Ordinance 1828.

ORDINANCE NO. 1828

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 58-4 DAKOTA, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS AND FAILURE TO COMPLY NOTICES

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

E. Public Hearing – Amendment to Chapter 58-100

City Attorney Christina Wenko states HB1298 adjusted the fines for speeding violations. This chapter 58-100 change would remove prior fine system and replace it with the current state fine system. Ms. Wenko explains the new current fine system for public knowledge. There are no changes since the first reading and staff recommends approval.

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

To approve the second reading and final passage of Ordinance 1829.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 58-100 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA, RELATING TO STATUTORY FEES FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

PUBLIC WORKS

Deputy Public Works Director Jacob Waldo presents a SCADA Services Agreement with ENETK, LLC. Director Waldo states this agreement between the City of Dickinson and ENETK LLC to provide a new SCADA system for the City's water and wastewater infrastructure including the Water Reclamation Facility, lift stations, and distribution network. SCADA is a vital piece of our utility infrastructure and provides remote monitoring and control of pumps, valves, and other components. Our current SCADA systems are outdated and have become unreliable. The total cost would be from \$129,000 to \$155,000. The agreement has been reviewed by City staff and Attorney Wenko. It is staff recommendation to approve the agreement with ENETK LLC.

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

5. PUBLIC SAFETY

No Report

No Report

6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Senior Engineer Kris Keller presents a letter of support for consideration for the North Dakota Department of Water Resources cost share application for construction. The letter will authorize the City of Dickinson to submit the project for cost sharing with the DWR. The project is included on the 2025-2027 DWR Water Development Plan which increases the probability of successfully being awarded the cost share. The Dams & Emergency Action Plans of General Water Management cost-share maximum is 75% from the DWR, and 25% from the City of Dickinson. This is anticipated to be for \$1,950,000, and the City of Dickinson cost share is estimated to be \$650,000 for a total installed Construction cost of \$2,600,000. This letter of support is a new requirement from the DWR in 2025. The City of Dickinson share of the project was included in the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan and funded with GPT. The City Engineering staff recommends approval.

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

Senior Engineer Kris Keller provides for informational purposes only the Dickinson drainageway emergency repair. He states an emergency repair is required in the Dickinson Drainageway due to erosion from stormwater. This repair project will

provide an interim fix for the erosion until the Dickinson Drainageway study/evaluation is complete and could potentially be a permanent structure. The estimated cost for the repair is \$137,000 and will be funded from Cash on Hand. As this is a very visible area of the community, staff has included this item on the September 16, 2025 Commission agenda for information. There are several areas to be addressed to prevent additional erosion.

D. Final Plat – Prairie Creek Third Minor Subdivision

City Planner Natalie Birchak presents a final minor subdivision plat for the Prairie Creek Third Addition Subdivision Plat. The proposed subdivision is a replat of Lot 1A of Block 2 of the Prairie Creek Subdivision, located in the NW1/4 of Section 33, Township 140 North, Range 96 West, within the City of Dickinson. This property is approximately 5.37 acres. According to the applicant, the purpose of this subdivision is to divide the property into three smaller lots in order to facilitate the sale and redevelopment of the property. Planner Birchak states the city has not received any public comments on this project.

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich
To approve Resolution 38-2025.

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

RESOLUTION NO: 38 - 2025
A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PLAT ENTITLED
PRAIRIE CREEK THIRD ADDITION FINAL MINOR SUBDIVISION
STARK COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

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

7. PUBLIC HEARING – 5:00 P.M.

A. Public Hearing – 2026 Proposed Budget

Deputy Finance Director Katie Greenwood presents the 2026 budget. She states the general fund shows an increase of 7.79% due to a 3% in salaries which is 70% of budget; 2% merit, 3% COLA and 15% health insurance. The general fund is anticipated in receiving \$12 million in revenue, transfer from 17.4 million, usually large transfer from oil impact and this year can transfer from general of 3.7. The City will most likely come under budget with expenditures. Cash balance is about \$7.3 million for general fund estimate. Director Greenwood reviewed all city funds – overall increase of city funds 7.54%; general inflation of 3%; use cash on hand on some infrastructure. There were some changes to debt service with a new line for SRF debt service – currently are reported in wastewater fund so going to move into debt service line and move the general fund capital leases into their own dept budget. A change to fleet internal service fund and she also provides a list of personnel requests. Reviews capital requests. Financial software replacement – start looking for a new software so put money in budget for that; phone system upgrade and 4 police cars – capital requests. Proposed subsidy amounts are similar to last year. She states the ARPA funding needs to be used by 12/31/26 and remaining will be used for EMS. FEE schedule has been reformatted and will be presented at the next commission meeting for approval.

President Scott Decker states that additional costs were the motor vehicle department and EMS.

President Scott Decker opens the public hearing at 5:09 p.m. Hearing no public comments, the hearing was closed at 5:10 p.m.

President Scott Decker commends the City staff on how hard they worked on the budget and made the process pretty easy for the Commissioners. He states the staff knew what

the Commission wanted and going in and taking on additional duties and taking on additional projects.

MOTION BY: Robert Baer
To approve first reading of Ordinance 1830.

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

ORDINANCE NO. 1830

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND TAX LEVY

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “THE 2026 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND TAX LEVY” APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF MONEY NECESSARY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA, AND MAKING THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, INCLUSIVE.

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

B. Public Hearing – Chapter 16 and Chapter 62 Code Amendments – Oil Well Requirements.

City Planner Natalie Birchak states the Development staff is requesting approval of a zoning text amendment to Section 16-166 - Conditional use permit, site plan, and Section 16-167 – Inspections, in Chapter 16-Environment, as well as Table 62-162-2. Permitted Uses by Zoning Districts in Section 62-162 – Development Regulations in Chapter 62-Zoning of the Dickinson Municipal Code, to remove the requirement of approval of a conditional use permit and a special use permit for oil wells and resource extraction. The intention of this amendment is to align the Dickinson Municipal Code with the North Dakota Century Code requirements regarding the permitting of oil well drilling. Staff recommends approval of this text amendment.

President Scott Decker opens the public hearing at 5:14 p.m. Hearing no public comments, the hearing was closed at 5:15 p.m.

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy
To approve first reading of Ordinance 1831.

SECONDED BY: Jason Fridrich

ORDINANCE NO. 1831

A RESOLUTION APPROVING VACATION OF A UTILITY EASEMENT WITHIN LOT 18 OF BLOCK 1 OF THE SOUTHVIEW HOMES SUBDIVISION, CITY OF DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA

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

C. Public Hearing - Scout Energy Well Recommendations

City Planner Natalie Birchak presents a letter of recommendation for Scout Energy which recently met with City staff regarding a proposal to drill a new oil well within Dickinson’s Extra-Territorial Zone. This project has received approval from the North Dakota Industrial Commission. However, the applicant has requested a list of any development standards the City Commission would want to see implemented. For your consideration is a list of development requests for Scout Energy to implement on the proposed site. The list of development requests is as follows: Utilize sediment track out reduction methods for access onto 39th Street Southwest to limit the impacts of truck traffic; Collaboration with the Dickinson Fire Department when emergency response drills are occurring to improve the

ability to respond to potential emergencies; and Limit truck traffic to only utilize 39th Street West as a dedicated truck route to and from North Dakota Highway 22. Planner Birchak states although City staff is not able to enforce the suggested requests due to the site being within the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Industrial Commission, this resolution would ensure Scout Energy and the City of Dickinson are clear on the expectations around operations at the proposed site. The Community Development staff recommends approval.

President Scott Decker opens the public hearing at 5:17 p.m. Hearing no public comments, the hearing was closed at 5:18 p.m.

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

To approve the Scout Energy Well Letter of Support

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

E. Public Hearing – Lot 18, Block 1, Southview Homes 10’ Easement Vacation

City Planner Natalie Birchak presents for the Commissions consideration is a petition to vacate a 10-foot utility easement located on the south edge of Lot 18 in Block 1 of the Southview Homes Subdivision, located in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 10, Township 139N, Range 96W, located within the City of Dickinson. According to the applicant, the purpose of this easement vacation is to construct a garage on the property currently located within the easement. City planning staff recommends approval of this easement vacation petition.

President Scott Decker opens the public hearing at 5:20 p.m. Hearing no public comments, the hearing was closed at 5:21 p.m.

MOTION BY: Joe Ridl

SECONDED BY: Russ Murphy

To approve Resolution 39-2025.

RESOLUTION NO: 39 - 2025

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING VACATION OF A UTILITY EASEMENT
WITHIN LOT 18 OF BLOCK 1 OF THE SOUTHVIEW HOMES
SUBDIVISION, CITY OF DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA**

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

F. Public Hearing – Special Use Permit – Seiler SUP

City Planner Natalie Birchak presents a special use for Mr. Seiler whom would like to operate a medical office in a high density R3 District. The property owner would like to open a chiropractic medical office. The history of this building has been that it was used for medical offices previously. This is the old Bone and Joint building. Ms. Birchak states staff does recommend approval.

President Scott Decker opens the public hearing at 5:24 p.m. Hearing no public comments, the hearing was closed at 5:25 p.m.

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

To approve Resolution 40-2025.

RESOLUTION NO: 40 - 2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO GAD PROPERTIES LLC FOR A MEDICAL FACILITY LOCATED AT 109 7TH ST. WEST, DICKINSON, ND

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

G. Public Hearing – Special Use Permit – United Way SUP

Dakota Gant who is the Executive Director is asking for approval of SUP for low barrier Evergreen building which is not simply a homeless shelter. He states this would be a comprehensive care facility, stability and guide people. Operate 3 floors. Mr. Gant states the first floor would be low barrier emergency shelter with 13 fixed rooms – shelter small, short term and crisis intervention, men; women and family. Goal stability and placement and not long-term shelter. Low barrier removes obstacles but this does not mean unsafe. No high-risk sex offenders or high offenders. The 2nd floor would be for a treatment center – fully operated by SWMCCC. Dedicated treatment center, inpatient and outpatient. The 3rd floor would be supportive transitional housing – 30 housing units – prepare for independent living – families, men and women. This program combines compassion and accountability. Each resident will follow a plan. This floor is preparing people for independence. There would be 24/7 professional security staff and de-escalation people. Fenced perimeter, designated smoking area. Their belongings would be searched at intake, ongoing security check. Staff will be trained. Local priority serving our community first. Priorities will be with people with local ties. First responsibility is to our neighbors to people who work, go to school, etc. community developments – direct measurable benefits, reduced jail cost, reduce cost by reduce ER visits, etc. individuals will be in a structured environment. Revitalization of property. without this project the building code, be turned into a motel. This will bring 24-hour staffing. Positive to Dickinson. Family stability and education and the parents will not be separated from children. Currently the DVRCC women shelter is beyond capacity. It can only service women and children. When families are whole the community is stronger. Facility will be a hub for connection all into one care. A supportive care advisory board will be created. Reviews advisory boards purposes. United Way has not asked the City or Stark County to fund this project. Startup funding will be finalized already. Reviews how the funding was received. Facility is not dependent on grants for it to survive. They will be reliable revenue Medicaid, state programs, private insurance, at capacity these are projected to \$3.2 million annually. Mr. Gant states they are not standing alone in this effort. They have backing of many. He states they an opportunity set an example to the state of ND. They are willing to report quarterly to provide that it will succeed. This is a real problem. This project is about choice. We can let this building set empty or strengthens Dickinson for the future. He has walked the path that this facility will be doing for people. People can change their lives. Family that won't have to find a place to stay. Chance to get back on their feet.

Commissioner Robert Baer states some of the things not being said. This needs to be fixed a lot of concerns about facility and ask these questions. Explain the difference between low barrier and high barrier facility.

Mr. Gant describes low barrier and high barrier facility. Mr. Gant states that the determination would be made through housing of state of ND.

Commissioner Baer discusses Omaha, NE and if the City is modeling off of – high barrier; Sierra – low barrier, high barrier and veterans and saw high barrier. They were all high barrier and one low barrier. This is the one to be modeled after has been closed due to lack of funding. They are the most likely to fail. This is not the way to start. We need to be successful first.

Mr. Gant – low barrier is the smallest portion of the facility. The one that we subscribed – they didn't have 24/7 security; this was just a come and rest your head facility. This is a facility that you are for progress.

Commissioner Baer states these people can come in drugs, alcohol, they can continue keep use alcohol or substances or drugs, they can turn all that down and continue to use. This is enabling. It is a choice. The choice here is something they need to make.

Mr. Gant states there will be a case manager to help. If we get them into the facility, we have a better chance of changing them.

Commissioner Baer states you are not just running track house. It is a choice. He states high risk sex offenders not welcomed. He states he works with sex offenders. Currently a list out of 50 sex offenders, only 4 of them are high risk. All the rest or low or moderate risk. Concern facility would be welcomed there. There is no space that isolates them from the general populations. During Planning and Zoning this would be given case management within a day or 2. Most of your individuals who are moderate risk have had some type of sexual crime against children and women. Dining area will all dine together. No mention of separation. Joined dining area. How to separate. The men ate separate time and in fact they had 24-hour security. Low risk four security. The whole project was a homeless shelter.

Mr. Gant states 13 rooms for emergency shelter. If that was a possibility- maximum of 13 sex offenders. Security on every floor. Homelessness is dealing with mental health and substance abuse. This originally was going to be homeless shelter but it has expanded to provide treatment to individual and housing to these individuals. Smallest section has to stay at 13 rooms.

President Scott Decker states security 24/7 with only 5 security. If you put them at 8 hours a day that is 3 per day per floor, your numbers do not add up. Very confused with your numbers and they have not been corrected. Finances just don't add up and this is his number one concern. When a grant fails and you don't get this funding you will be right in front of city of Dickinson.

Mr. Gant states there is more security as of now. This will be full time. Cheaper for ¼ capacity. If more people have more security. Everyone is trained in security. The programs that we already run, SWMCCC is going to sustain us.

President Scott Decker opens up the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Allison Wanner Clinical Director at SWMCCC community treatment program states she understand concerns about property value, crimes and drugs into neighborhood. Ask to hear an alternative view. Safe housing with job training, recovering and not magnets for crime. Structure of drug free to rebuild our lives. People return from jail reduce immediate pressures. Support reduces relapses. Supportive houses – lowers home values – no evidence. Neighbor's attitudes do improve when operated. Human side that we cannot

ignore. When we offer hope, they hope to have a productive neighbor and worker. When programs are transparent communities are doing better. This facility is a practical use. This would allow people to have steady work. Change can be scary. Realistic evidence and safeguards that are in place. Work together, and run with transparency and respect for each other and see what the outcome makes. Few quotes from clients of mine. Change is possible but if you refuse to help those how will an ex-con or ex-addict get the help they need. If we help those in need, we would have them help others integrate into society. Ms. Wanner is currently serving the community in St. Joe's Plaza were in treatment center already. She is contracted through the state. She states there they have grants as well OSF. They don't have inpatient at this time. Hard to get them into inpatient and uproot from our community.

Ms. Melissa Banks states her son has benefited from transitional program. Grow in population but has been homeless more than once. She states the city should be ashamed of this. While she was employed could no longer afford rents. She ended up on the streets. She states her children and herself have experienced more than once. They have used Wyoming and Texas and New York. Transitional shelters have requirements. Fears are some valid but ignorance. Not everyone homeless are on drugs or alcohol. Transitional homeless is not unsafe when operated safely. Untreated mental health is unsafe. Some of people don't want the help. This should not help us not helping. I am saddened to see the community is so against the homelessness. We will not make judgements, fully support transitional shelter. If the city commission truly cares about the people in this community, they will support this.

Ms. Phyllis Sackman who lives in the neighborhood of where the shelter would be placed states that a facility is needed in our community but what is not being brought forward that this is a zoning use permit hearing. The one thing that we need to consider are the children in the area. They are seeing influx of homeless that are not a positive input. She has people smoking on her back deck, wandering around her home. Observing neighborhood, they have young people in our neighborhood and are playing. Housing situation beyond facility that is high usage. These are places for such facilities and I don't believe there would be this kind of facility in the former evergreen, busy corner, situation where uncertain on how secure is this going to be for the rest of the neighborhood. And also house of manna is going to be moved into the facility. This kind of place does not belong in a residential area and less than 2 or 3 blocks of the schools. Not that the fact that people that need the facility but About the location.

Mr. Edward Dick is a retired fire fighter. Service to my fellow man my entire life. There is no up to this facility it is going to increase EMT, FF and first responders. Going to decrease home value, increase emergency responses, increase tax, another cop car, another engine. Need more taxes for this city. Grant from the state, where does the state get their money from, US. Compassion for them. It is going to come back and bite us as we know this will happen.

Ms. Brenda Owen who works for Summit Counseling Services is involved with mental health, addiction. She has been homeless myself as well. She knows there is a need for this but not where they want to put it now. She has operated 3 residential treatment facilities of the concerns in regards to the things that are being presented are financial and sustainability of this project. Run out of this facility, open for intoxicated, concerns – proposal has been for another state that is more progressive. ND has Medicaid and Medicare, this is a large facility has identified 24 treatment beds, IMD facility does not require Medicaid expansion funding. Have to have 16 beds or less. This means a bed in

the entire building. No one in this building could access to services and get Medicaid expansion. When Medicaid is suspended you have no way to pay for this. If you house people, there are Medicaid roles, were not asking anything from the community. Eliminate no voucher, no Medicaid and only thing that you are looking at private insurance and they do not have it. These is no way that 2 or 3 licensed counselors can handle those many people. Salaries are at least 30% below market value. Many people chose to be homeless. If I can get a bed and be drunk that is where I am going to be.

Ms. Amber Wanner states this is deep. The building does have two separate dining areas. Only one entrance and easily for them to lock it. Evergreen gave people a chance. She states 1/3 of the residences would have been homeless if they did not existence. Mr. Gant is proposing is carrying the same spirit. Facilities make a difference. Stability of a veteran. Easy to focus of what could go wrong. What if we focus on what can go right? Give it a chance to strengthen the city. Ask to give it a chance. She would have been homeless to have health insurance to get into the facility but did not have any funds to keep me going.

Mr. Bruce Koppinger states this decision will affect our homes, neighborhoods, we are just home owners. Doing our best to make sure our voices are heard. Citizens to protect the place we called home. Governor and other organization, that is a voice from Bismarck and they do not live in Dickinson. That is why we elected you and not the governor to represent us. Over 400 signatures received. P&Z denied this. Not in residential neighborhoods, we have seen consequences elsewhere. We respect the governor. We are asking to do the right thing from the people who live here and raise their families. We are not against the need but against the location.

Ms. Jackie Miller lives at 662 21st street west which is 50' from the property line of the evergreen building. I did include a letter. I have heard today different numbers of homeless including children. Those numbers are arbitrary because people include in those people who they call couch surfacing, staying with relative and that depending on how you want to make the numbers look you include those people. Discrepancies in both the business plan. In the mailing there were misleading information in the listing of all the agencies that have been trying to resolve this problem. This looks like they were endorsing this. ARPA for \$1 million dollars. The funding for the grant has been terminated for this year. there is no money available. Bismarck PD homelessness has ballooned in Bismarck since they opened their shelter. There are some kind of network and people start finding out about the availability. Mailer up to \$3 million dollars available – discrepancy. Show me a good business plan that is sustainable in an appropriate area. She doesn't think that you can have this many things at one place. Last city commission meeting – presentation on sales tax increase – safety of the citizens of Dickinson is a critical responsibility of local government. She is asking for her safety. She wants to feel safe.

Ms. Heather Ingman from the Domestic Violence Shelter states they are the only shelter in Dickinson for over 40 years. Homeless has increased dramatically. There are 53 people in shelter right now. This does not count the people that were turned away. Yes, homelessness is defined very differently. Encourage to have a conversation with these individuals. They come in and function just like you and I. without a decision made homelessness and addiction and mental health is going to continue. Give people a chance. I have never seen this problem we have right now. This is the once in a lifetime chance as it will never happen again.

Mr. Jonathan Holth from the State of North Dakota states this project is a priority of his administration. Focusing on these saves lives and helping people. These are costly issues to the communities. They have been a priority. Mr. Holth states the Governor created my position in the cabinet level. Working groups that are cross agencies in the state. Unique opportunity. Not asking for city funding. Want to partner with local communities. Private sector and state cannot solve these issues. Moving the needle to work together. You have my commitment and the governor's commitment to move forward. Willing to be at the table to help you with this. He has been in 17 ½ years of recovery. He states the community wrapped their arms around me but didn't have to. He had access to resources across the community for care. Personal to me. He was a paycheck away from being homeless. He was able to find the help he needed. He states 8 years ago lost my sister of an overdose. She never got the help she needed. To demonstrate the need and stigma we all face and the opportunity that we all have here before you. Model for other parts of the state with wrap around services. We want to be at the table and help and partner with you.

Mr. Trevor Ernst states on 6/24/25 in Bismarck a 45 years old man Sammy was shot in neck and thankfully he survived the trauma. It occurred outside of the homelessness shelter. Facility introduced to communities that are not brought forward properly. This is not about compassion but to protect residence around the neighborhood. When there is a of homeless shelter crimes increase. One of the most revealing suitable targets, lack of guardian result in crime. Shelter comes itself a target zone. This was the case with Sammy. Shelter was supposed help them. If you vote yes and tragedy follows, what will we tell the grieving families. Choice where consequences will live out longer – see what he states.

Mr. Daryl Payne states one of the questions I pose to a gentleman that runs our facility who is going to be coming there, he had facilities for people who are homeless and the first thing he learned was that people coming were from the penitentiary. He furnished the rooms and it wasn't a good situation. Where that is located the evergreen that area 6 block is probably some of the best area of this town to live in. This building is close to things, 7 minutes, they are walking as facilities are so close. People won't be safe to walk all over. Hope that nothing happens.

Mr. Tracy Tooze heard a lot opinions tonight and a lot of hypothetical. Remind everyone to discuss code, not financial substantial, not sustainability, we were asked to break down if we were at ¼, ½ and full capacity. Some political courage, this starts with us recognizing that are our neighbors, friends that we have not met the needs of our community. Most of us know someone who has had mental illness, addiction and let's address it. Let's not walk away. We are here to address code and not the business plan. United way has met everything that was asked of them. Let Dickinson address their own needs and not let everyone come and help us. What is being laid in front of you have they met the code. Is that what you asked for at the SUP, the answer is yes. Have we ever at the P&Z to ask for a business plan or sustainability plan. Have ever asked other business how they governed it after it is opened. If we have governance and code compliance, we have that. If there is a problem to be addressed in Dickinson SUP for quarterly reports, every year, that is sustainability that you have never asked from anyone else. There is risk with anything. This is how you are going to govern this. Courage to not always do what is easy but do what it makes sense according to the code. Aid community and keep our family and friends here.

Mr. Richard Urlacher who has lived in Dickinson all his life states he has hauled a lot of homeless being a taxi driver. I live on 5th Avenue West. He can't see that this place

should set empty. He does feel this is the right thing. This is in a good place. They are going to have security. I really think that building would be perfect for Dickinson.

President Decker closed public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Commissioner Baer asks Mr. Gant where are all the staffing and all that we talked about what is your plan for medical staff.

Mr. Gant states Psych 180 who provides medical health onsite.

Ms. Allison Wanner states staffing is not an issue. Reached out to several medical staff. Multiple LEC which will be funded with our OSF grant that was given to us already. Inpatient treatment needs 24-hour medical staff. She states Medicaid State of ND - inpatient treatment allowed to have 16 beds and can bill Medicaid. Major rules – in order to have both of inpatient and outpatient they have to be separated by a wall. In our construction plan where inpatient and outpatient will also have its own entrance to compliance with all state rules. We did count on local jail. She states she provides outpatient at this time.

Scott – conflicts if too many people there.

MOTION BY: Joe Ridl

SECONDED BY: Russ Murphy

To approve Resolution 41-2025.

RESOLUTION NO: 41 - 2025
SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR UNITED WAY TO
HOUSE HOMELESS IN THE OLD EVERGREEN BUILDING

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 2, Nay 3 (Baer, Fridrich, Decker), Absent 0
Motion declared duly denied

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON AGENDA**
None

10. **COMMISSION COMMENTS**
None

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:15 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: October 7, 2025