

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: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

To approve the April 21, 2026 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: Jason Fridrich

A. Approval of the City Commission Meeting Minutes dated April 7, 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. Beer and Wine Only On-Sale Liquor License – Daph’s Flower Farm**

City Administrator Dustin Dassinger presents a Beer and Wine Only On-Sale Liquor License for Daph’s Flower Farm which is located at 128 1st Street West. The application was reviewed, and a background check was completed. City Administration recommends approval.

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: Russ Murphy

To approve the Beer and Wine Only On-Sale Liquor License for Daph’s Flower Farm

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

B. Gaming Site Authorization – Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation – Paragon

City Administrator Dustin Dassinger presents a Gaming Site Authorization for Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation which is located at 1125 West Villard. The placement of these gaming site is Champs Sports Bar located in Paragon. He lists the kinds of gaming they will be having from 7/1/2026-6/30/2027.

MOTION BY: Robert Baer

SECONDED BY: Russ Murphy

To approve the Gaming Site Authorizations for Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation - Champs Sports Bar.

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

C. Consolidated Fiber Contract Renewal

IT Director Aaron Meyer presents a renewal for the rented fiber agreement between the City of Dickinson and Consolidated Telcom. The City currently has a contract of similar nature in effect until 2028 covering 5-1GB Lines and 2-10GB Lines for a monthly cost of \$4,623.10; this contract will change the agreement pricing and expiration. The new contract will be set to expire in 2031 and will be 4-1GB Lines and 3-10GB Lines for a monthly cost of \$3,240 resulting in a monthly cost reduction of \$1,383.10 or a yearly savings of \$16,597.20.

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

To approve the Consolidated Fiber Contract Renewal.

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

D. Consolidated GuestNet Internet Contract

IT Director Aaron Meyer presents an item that serves to provide a dedicated GuestNet network for the Public throughout City Hall and Town Square. Once this hardware is in place, we anticipate replacement of existing connectivity and network path changes that will replace the existing internet connectivity for guestnet. The estimated monthly cost for this is \$179.99 with a yearly cost of \$2,159.88. This agreement is similar in nature to what we have for GuestNet connectivity at our other locations.

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

To approve the Consolidated GuestNet Internet Contract

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

E. Chapter 6-80 – Definition of Domestic Fowl

President Scott Decker starts to introduce Chapter 6-80.

Seth Helgeson states “Point of Order” . He begins to read the Roberts Rules of Order.

City Attorney Christina Wenko states the City has a public comment policy in place. She states Mr. Helgeson has had ample opportunity to speak at the last commission meeting during the public hearing.

Commissioner Jason Fridrich states that this is causing an issue and disruption and asks for him to leave.

Seth Helgeson does leave on his own.

City Attorney Christina Wenko states previously before code amendment to update section 6-80 definition of domestic fowl. Previously the inclusion of quail as an animal restricted under the definition. At least city commission direction looks at including additional species or birds to not come back and rehash this issue. She had completed a very quick internet research and included additional species of birds native to ND. No change then what was identified since the first reading. Some additional information in the packet. Based on that other than the change that identified city staff recommends approval.

President Scott Decker states there were two additional letters in the packet.

Commissioner Jason Fridrich states the City discussed this at length the last meeting as he felt then and today this falls into same area of backyard chickens which had already banned

and have for several years. Don't see any egg laying bird is any difference than having chickens in the back yard.

Commissioner Russ Murphy states that 6-81 raising domestic fowl and livestock and splitting hairs when we decide what that is, code states what commission Fridrich states it is already in the code. Stand with my last opinion also.

Commissioner Joe Ridl asks one question for Ms. Wenko – how many complaints last meeting.

Attorney Wenko states what happened is that the City received a report involving some other incident with quail on property and some noise issues. Animal control sent out and decision was brought forward for consideration. She has received additional comments from additional neighbors for and against. This is coming to light. The decision is up to the Commission.

Commissioner Joe Ridl has received more in favor than against. Domestic fowl that everything else is protected by game and fish. Why aren't state and federal regulations good enough with what we are doing here. If these quail dirty and noisy is why are we having a problem here.

President Scott Decker feels the state issues license w/o doing inspections. The City actually took over a segment of licensing in the city with trailer homes. State issued but never would inspect the trailer park. Start our own enforcement. He doesn't know the whole history of this but he is sure you can comply and not show it is in the city limits. I get these are a lot of wild game but some people raise pheasants to consume. Raising them some place in a facility, not in the city limits. A lady did an amazing chicken presentation and go to P&Z to allow back yard chickens but there is a process to it. We have to look at all aspects and there are certain norms when you live in the city, allow certain things, houses are close to each other, want to be in a good neighbor. I know what chickens do and what the daily care is. All that it takes is a few bad people to make it bad for everyone. If there is a method to it and bring it forward and I have them and let me keep them. process and even a petition process and put it on the ballot. Work with what we have and norm within the city and that is why we live in the city and not in the country. There are things in the code that I don't like. Decide what is good right now. You are doing as a family to other things but if we are called to an incident and we discover something else we can't turn a blind eye to it. We have to address it. If not in the code, then we need to address it. To make sure this manner is consistent with other ordinances.

Commissioner Robert Baer states the difference between household pets and domestic fowl/farm animals. Infringing upon rights of other people. A lot of responses from fowl animals and they are noisy and they have an odor if they are not kept up with. Issues with bring rodents in and 2 of them said that multiple rodents have come in. No difference has an auto body shop runs on high power cars that run engines in the a.m. just because you have a yard it doesn't mean that you can do whatever you want. One couple they lived in the city and decided to move out of the city because of their quail and to have additional animals. We have been down this road with chickens and any type of fowl raising for meat or eggs that is farming. This is the city there has to be a difference when it comes to animals.

Commissioner Russ Murphy states looking back to code it is already there, live in close contact with everyone, section A and B lays it out. Intent is there, now picking what animals fall in there. You can argue that they are not domestic but game birds. The intent was there. If citizens want this then go to petition action.

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

To approve second reading and final passage of ordinance 1853.

ORDINANCE NO. 1853

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 6-80 OF
CHAPTER SIX OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF**

I. Audit Update

Deputy Finance Director Katie Greenwood states the City has received the 2023 audit and uploaded to the website. She states the same findings were listed in the 2022 audit also. The four findings were financial statement preparation; software cannot produce them. Assets – system issues cannot do it correctly. Cash payables and receivables – software not intended for fund accounting. Director Greenwood stated that Brady Martz will start the fieldwork for 2024 in the summer and 2025 will be started shortly after 2024 is completed and get all the reports back in 2027.

J. Monthly Financial Report

Deputy Finance Director Katie Greenwood updates the Commission on the monthly Financial Report. Director Greenwood visits about the journal entries to close out the year. She states fund balances have changed to \$6.8 and general fund \$9.4 million. Expense and revenue should be around 25%. She states sales tax is down at \$781,532. Hospitality tax is down at \$84,800. Oil impact down in \$1.3 million in March.

Commissioner Robert Baer states with the increase of drilling with Iraq, do you think that is why the oil revenue increase is down in North Dakota.

Director Greenwood states it is based on production. She does feel we will see an increase.

President Scott Decker states the Governor is not predicting an increase in revenue. Looking for market to stability before seeing anything.

K. HR Monthly Report

HR Director Shelly Nameniuk presents the monthly HR Report to include the Police Department with 3 openings; Public Safety Communication Supervisor open; Fire Department – hired off roster and have those positions already filled. Public works – 4 openings in Street. Utility Operator 2, seasonal position – all filled. Engineering – code enforcement officer – went to seasonal position instead of full time. Museum – all filled. Library – all filled. 3 vacancies open on library board. Marketing – seasonal position filled.

Commissioner Joe Ridl states he is looking at Public Works and why all of sudden 6 openings of street.

HR Director Nameniuk states there were different reasons as 2 moved away; 1 position has been vacated for a while. No training during winter months so need to reopen it. Utilities - 1 position open and one went to street.

4. PUBLIC WORKS

A. No Report

5. PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire

A. No Report

Police

A. Police Department Quarterly Report

Police Chief Joe Cianni states for the first quarter there were 10,992 non-emergency calls and 1,993 – 911 calls. Calls for service was 6,144. 193 accidents, 1,306 traffic stops, 254 arrests, also visits about notable incidents. He states vaping is quite an issue in the school system at this time. Chief Cianni states Tiffany Whinery had received the Chief's Award of Excellence; Officer Anthony Mauser had received Traffic Safety Officer of the Year, Sergeant Todd Weiler had retired after 16 years of service. Chief Cianni thanks him for

his many years of service. Darnyl Malkowski had received the Longevity award for 4th Quarter. She has been with the department for 25 years of service on 1/25/26. She assured me that Joe was her favorite Chief of Police.

President Scott Decker states great job and keep up the good work.

6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

A. Multi- Hazard Mitigation Plan

City Planner Natalie Birchak For your consideration is a final draft of the Four-County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan proposed by Stark County. The proposed plan centers around identifying potential hazards within Billings, Dunn, Stark, and Golden Valley Counties and propose mitigation strategies to reduce the potential impacts. The City of Dickinson sent representatives to multiple public engagement meetings held by Stark County throughout the drafting process to ensure City feedback was submitted. The proposed plan does not need to be adopted by the City of Dickinson, instead Stark County is requesting formal support of the plan. Community Development staff recommends approval.

MOTION BY: Russ Murphy

SECONDED BY: Joe Ridl

To approve Resolution No. 17-2026.

RESOLUTION NO: 17 - 2026

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPPORT OF THE FOUR-COUNTY 2025
MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
STARK COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**

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

B. Chapter 50 – Food Truck License

City Planner Natalie Birchak presents for a second reading the proposed food truck license ordinance. She states since the previous reading only change as per request of commission was the mobile skirting. Since previous reading no public comments. Staff recommend approval.

President Scott Decker asks if they leave food cart unattended at approved area of operation. Need to update ordinance.

Planner Birchak states this does not apply in private property.

President Decker states the packet information and the information on the slide is not the same. Some special event for 2-3 days on public right-a-way – left unattended and it is closed.

Planner Birchak states if there are multiple dates then a special event permit is needed for multiple days.

President Scott Decker states as the texts match up then he can approve it.

President Scott Decker states for a special event – food vendor – since road is going to be open next day until the special event reconvene expectations if trucks or trailer will be moved.

Ms. Birchak states this will be in special event – will site what is the special event permit. Expecting to see what is what days and if the right away is open.

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: Robert Baer

provided. No meaning notice, no change to correct before this move before more banned. Residents should be heard. Unclear on how this inconsistent. She feels quail should be grandfathered in and approach would maintain fairness. Allow the city to address future concerns which those already in compliant. Quail are not the same as chickens, lower impact order and space. Address what occurred on the last meeting and was not allowed to complete comments. Public comments should be respected and fully heard. Any ordinance must be supported, applied consistently. Targeted by unsupported complaint it raises serious concerns. This was done without due process. Pause review the full record and move forward to include grandfather clause. Procedure concern – why no public comment allowed in second reading. Public participation is critical. Limiting is process of due process. Treated people who have been in compliance all the whole time.

Deb and Kevin Kinzel left prior to public comments on agenda.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS

No Comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Joe Ridl

SECONDED BY: Jason Fridrich

Adjournment of the meeting was at 6:08 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: May 5, 2026