

Dunn Center City Council Meeting Thursday July 10th, 2025. Vice President Shasta Blackford called the meeting to order at 6 PM. The members present were Colton Medley, Daniel Binek, and Jeremiah Ewer. Also present were Chantel Morris, James Meeker, Cory Ravnaas, Donna Cook and Larry Nagel.

Colton Medley motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of g.) Past Due Water Bills and h.) Movie in the Park/Meet and Greet. Daniel Binek 2nd. Colton Medley, Daniel Binek and Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. M/c.

Jeremiah Ewer motioned to approve the June Regular Meeting Minutes. Colton Medley 2nd. Colton Medley, Daniel Binek and Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. M/c.

Daniel Binek motioned to approve the June Special Meeting Minutes. Colton Medley 2nd. Colton Medley, Daniel Binek and Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. M/c.

Daniel Binek motioned to approve the June Financial Reports. Jeremiah Ewer 2nd. Colton Medley, Daniel Binek and Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. M/c.

Colton Medley motioned to approve the June Bills. Daniel Binek 2nd. Colton Medley, Daniel Binek and Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. M/c.

No Old Business.

New Business:

Larry Pavlenko turned in his resignation as Mayor of Dunn Center on June 24th, 2025. Colton Medley motioned to accept the resignation of Larry Pavlenko. Jeremiah Ewer 2nd. Colton Medley, Daniel Binek and Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. M/c.

Jeremiah Ewer motioned to remove Larry Pavlenko from all bank accounts and add Daniel Binek for approved signatures. Colton Medley 2nd. Colton Medley and Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. Daniel Binek stand-down. M/c.

Chantel Morris explained to council members the advice given by the city attorney to elect/appoint a new Mayor to Dunn Center. Council can either hold a special election or appoint a member of council as Mayor of Dunn Center. Informational only. No motions or actions were made at this month's meeting.

Colton Medley informs the council that the water tower for Dunn Center needs a new FAA Flight Beacon. Colton Medley received a quote from AH Inc. in the amount of \$3,001.94 for the labor, equipment, and materials to install and wire in a new FAA Flight Beacon. Jeremiah Ewer motioned to approve the installation of the new FAA Flight Beacon for the Dunn Center water tower by AH Inc. Colton Medley 2nd. Colton Medley, Daniel Binek and Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. M/c.

Discussion for the safest and most reasonable placement for the generator for the Dunn Center water tower. The council and city engineer have chosen to place the generator behind the park bathrooms. Informational only. No motions made.

Prairie Paving out of Dickinson will be to Dunn Center by the 15th of July to start work on patching and sealing the pump track in the park. The track will be closed to the public during this maintenance and will reopen when it has been finished. Dunn Center will post on their Facebook page when the pump track will be closed to public and when it will be reopened for use. Informational only. No motions made.

Some discussion on fixing the fence at the cemetery was made. James Meeker from City Maintenance recommends repairing the pillars prior to addressing the fence. Colton Medley tells James to go ahead and get quotes to get pillars and fence and gates repaired. Shasta Blackford informs James that none of the materials removed from the cemetery should be discarded. If any items are designated for removal, the museum will be consulted to determine whether they wish to display them. Informational only. No motions made.

Vice President Shasta Blackford asks James Meeker and Chantel Morris what their normal work hours for the week are. Shasta instructs James Meeker and Chantel Morris to use the time clock instead of paper time sheets from now on. Shasta says this will keep the council informed about work hours until a new mayor is appointed. Informational only. No motions made.

Colton Medley says that there are not enough shut off notice going out to those who are behind on their city service bill. He would like to see Chantel Morris and James Meeker in front of the situation more and start hand delivering shut off notices until past due bills are all caught up. Informational only. No motions made.

Vice President Shasta Blackford had been contacted by Dunn Center resident Alan Pavlicek about hosting a movie in the park and another individual about a meet and greet in the park for Jaylyn Hicks who was awarded Miss Rodeo North Dakota 2026. Discussion for date and budget to be had at a later date. Informational only. No motions made.

Engineer Report:

Discussion was made about the city opening their own Ezry account. Informational only. No motions made.

Cory Ravnaas informs the council that phase 2 of the MIP is complete and that there will be a BEK crew over the weekend starting July 12th on 2nd Ave working on installing the sanitary sewer. The council says to tell them to go ahead but to be mindful of the family reunion being held in the park. Cory also explains that \$300,000 of the BEK bill went to materials for project and was not all to the labor.

Maintenance:

City Maintenance, James Meeker, discusses his completed projects and upcoming projects expected to be completed throughout the summer. There is further discussion with James and the council about the city street sweeper and the repairs needed. Colton Medley motioned to approve the maintenance of the street sweeper back to working condition. Daniel Binek 2nd. Colton Medley, Daniel Binek, Jeremiah Ewer Ayes. M/c.

James Meeker lets the council know that the tornado siren is fixed and would like to collaborate weekly test with Killdeer's weekly tests which would be every Wednesday at noon. The council agrees.

New signs for the lagoon have arrived and been hung.

James Meeker proposes painting the floor in the pump house. Shasta Blackford asks him to call for quotes on painting pump house floor. James also points out that there still needs to be three trees bought and planted that have been removed from Main St. Cory Ravnaas suggests the city to buy Lyndon trees from Taylor Nursery as they are easier and more costly to maintain. Chantel Morris will call Taylor Nursery and get quotes on trees to be replaced. Informational only. No motions made.

James would like to see if the council will allow new tires to be purchased for the payload. Colton Medley asks Chantel Morris to check records for when/if tires had last been purchased for the payload and not to get any until the council has further information. Informational only. No motions made.

Colton Medley suggests getting burn permit application filled out and sent for approval.

Public Comment: No

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Meetings:

The council agrees that the meetings attended have all been recorded properly and accurately.

Bills:

Salaries: \$19,208.85; General: Aspen Chic Designs \$197.00; BEK Consulting, LLC \$370,496.65; Benz Oil Inc. \$1,526.78; BCBS \$8,080.43; Bosch Lumber \$42.34; Consolidated \$367.23; Dakota Party Rentals \$1,846.07; Dept. of Environmental Quality \$87.39; Dunn County JDA \$20,000.00; Dunn County Treasurer \$2,000.00; Farra Meeker \$250.00; Hyalite Engineering \$41,795.00; In Control \$782.25; Industrial Chem Labs \$560.44; London Foggers \$5,356.70; Mackoff Kellogg \$187.50; MDU \$1,395.18; MGM

\$3,031.26; Mosca Design \$1,246.74; Napa \$642.08; ND League of Cities \$542.00; ND One Call \$43.50; Paulson Fireworks \$5,000.00; PSN \$49.95; Preble Medical Services \$50.00; Pump Systems \$3,005.67; Quality Quick Prints \$155.00; State of ND Chem Lab \$87.39; Stray Creek Services \$600.00; SW District Health Unit \$25.00; SW Water Authority \$5,209.40; Total Control \$6,798.20; Western Choice \$748.00. Total: \$482,426.40

Auditor
Chantel Morris

Vice President
Shasta Blackford