

MINUTES OF THE STANLEY CITY COUNCIL

March 10, 2026

Mayor Marlin Ranum called the March 10, 2026, regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The following Council Members were present: Jesse Weyrauch (via Teams), Ty Taylor, Randy Jarmin and George Littlecreek. Council Members Darren LeRohl and Chad Hysjulien were absent. Others in attendance were City Auditor, Ada Arneson; Planning and Zoning Administrator, Amanda Dennis; Chief of Police, Samuel Pesik; Public Works Director, David Brown; City Attorney, Ryan Sandberg from Pringle & Herigstad Law Firm; Stanley City Administrative Assistant, Joan Hollekim and City Engineer, Patrick Carabello with Brosz Engineering.

MINUTES

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Littlecreek, to approve the minutes of February 10, 2026, regular meeting. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS

Todd Heidbreder, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission, presented the P&Z Commission report to the City Council.

STRIP ANNEXATION/JOHN RIAN ADDITION

Chairman Heidbreder informed the Council the P&Z Commission went on record opposing the exclusion of John Rian Phase 4 & 5 from the incorporated limits of the City of Stanley. Chairman Heidbreder stated after the last Council meeting, research was conducted on the strip annexation that connects John Rian Phase 4 to Wildflower Ranch Subdivision in Section 17 making this property contiguous to the City of Stanley. The Wildflower Ranch Subdivision consisting of approximately 471 acres was annexed to the City in 2018. If the John Rian property was allowed to “un-annex” from the City, the Wildflower Ranch Subdivision would no longer be contiguous. In addition, portions of John Rian Phase 4 & 5 were deeded to the City of Stanley so the developer does not have sole ownership. Chairman Heidbreder stated it would be more beneficial to the City of Stanley that this land in John Rian remain in the incorporated limits. Also, Chairman Heidbreder mentioned the strip annexation is not used to determine the City’s one-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction; it does not extend the City’s authority for zoning.

P&Z BOARD MEMBER

Chairman Heidbreder informed the Council Ben Wing resigned from the P&Z Commission as the meetings are not conducive with his work schedule. The P&Z Commission is recommending Tom Johnson to fill the vacancy as representative of the extraterritorial jurisdiction. Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Littlecreek, to appoint Tom Johnson to serve on the P&Z Commission for the unexpired five-year term ending 12/31/2030. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Amanda Dennis, P&Z Administrator, presented the following permits for the Council’s approval:

Building Permits

<u>Permit #</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Improvement</u>
1-26	225 Railroad Avenue	MDU	New Equipment on Existing Pole & New Generator with Building

Demolition Permits

<u>Permit #</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Improvement</u>
D1-26	15 2nd Street SE	John Lynch	Demolition of Existing House

Motion made by Littlecreek, seconded by Taylor, to approve the P&Z Administrator Report. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

VISITORS' COMMITTEE

Brandi Larson, Representing the Visitors Committee, presented applications for grant funding from the City Visitors Promotion Fund.

Motion made by Littlecreek, seconded by Taylor, to approve applications for grant funding as recommended by the Visitors' Committee as follows: \$2,000 to the Mountrail County Extension Office for the Mountrail County Horse Judging Contest on 3/18/2026; \$1,600 to the Mountrail County Garden Club for the Home & Garden Show on April 24 & 25, 2026; \$20,000 to the Sibyl Center for the 2026 season events; and \$3,000 to the Abrahamson Rodeo Company for the Mountrail County Bull Bash on 4/11/2026. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Tim Holte, Superintendent of the Stanley School, met with the Council to provide clarification on a grant request from the Junior Class for funding for the prom. Superintendent Holte explained that the request for funding should not have been \$15,000 and apologized for the misunderstanding. Superintendent Holte explained that the Junior Class fundraising is for prom and for graduation, and at the time of applying for funds, it appeared there was going to be a shortfall. This is no longer the case as the Junior Class has raised sufficient funds to cover graduation and prom and will not be seeking grant funding.

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Littlecreek, to deny the application tabled on 2/10/2026 from the SHS Junior Class for funding for the prom based on information presented by Superintendent Holte. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

GAMING PERMITS

Motion made by Littlecreek, seconded by Taylor, to approve Local Permits to the Mountrail County 4-H for a raffle on 4/12/2026 and the Mountrail County Health Foundation for a raffle on 6/6/2026; and a Restricted Event Permit to the Mountrail County Farm Bureau for a poker event on 3/28/2026. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

BID OPENING RESULTS FOR CITY PASTURE LEASE

The Council reviewed the bid results from the March 2, 2026 bid opening for lease of approximately 71 acres of City owned pastureland. Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Littlecreek, to accept the high bid of \$21.14/acre from Wade Skaar for lease of approximately 71 acres of City owned pastureland in the NW¼ of Section 33, Township 156N, Range 91W, north of the Little Knife Reservoir. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Littlecreek, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a 5-year Cash Rent Pasture Lease with Wade Skaar at annual rental of \$1,500.94 (\$21.14/acre) for the 71 acres of City owned pastureland in the NW¼ of Section 33, Township 156N, Range 91W, north of the Little Knife Reservoir. ON ROLL CALL VOTE, the following Council Members voted "AYE": Weyrauch, Taylor, Jarmin and Littlecreek and no "NAYS". Motion carried.

BROSZ ENGINEERING REPORT

City Engineer, Patrick Carabello, was present to update the Council on projects being handled through Brosz Engineering.

Capital Improvement Plan Phase 3 – District #62 Water & Sewer and District 63 Street (Schedule A) and District 64 Water & Sewer and District 65 Street (Schedule B)

Engineer Carabello informed the Council the State Water Commission approved cost share funding at 60% of eligible construction engineering and construction costs, not to exceed \$339,804, for the water portion of Schedule B of the CIP Phase 3 Project.

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Littlecreek, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement for Cost-Share Reimbursement for Capital Improvement Plan Phase III with the State Water Commission for replacement of the watermain in the Schedule B project area along 5th Avenue SE, 6th Street SE and 6th Avenue SE. ON ROLL CALL VOTE, the following Council Members voted "AYE": Weyrauch, Taylor, Jarmin and Littlecreek and no "NAYS". Motion carried.

Capital Improvement Project Phase 4

Engineer Carabello stated most of the televising of the sewers for the CIP4 Project is complete. Engineer Carabello stated there were three blocks of sanitary sewer that were about 90% full, and the contractor, Pipe Detectives, could not get a camera through these blocks. When weather permits, the contractor will return to clear the sewer blocks and complete the job. Brosz reviewed the video footage and there is indication of inflow and infiltration issues which means the pipe is aging and corroding and letting in groundwater. Engineer Carabello commented this explains why there are blocks in the system and also validates the why the City making improvements to this area. Engineer Carabello recommended submitting paperwork for cost share funding for the preliminary and design phase of CIP4 if the Council wants to proceed after the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) is complete. The DWR Cost Share Application for CIP4 must be submitted by 4/27/2026 to the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Motion made by Littlecreek, seconded by Taylor, to allow Brosz Engineering to complete paperwork and authorize City Auditor, Ada Arneson, and/or Assistant Joan Hollekim to act as signatories on behalf of the City of Stanley for the DWR Cost Share Application for CIP4. ON ROLL CALL VOTE, the following Council Members voted "AYE": Weyrauch, Taylor, Jarmin and Littlecreek and no "NAYS". Motion carried.

Engineer Carabello commented a public input meeting will need to be conducted on CIP4. A public meeting would be held Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. The public hearing will need to be advertised 21 days prior and there will be a comment period for 30 days after the public hearing.

Lead Service Line Phase 2

Engineer Carabello stated Brosz has checked 197 of the 429 private service lines that were identified as "unknown". Engineer Carabello mentioned 18 lead lines have been found which included the ones in CIP Phase 1.

DWR Water Development Plan

Engineer Carabello informed the Council that the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Commission are developing their 2027-2029 Water Development Plan for cost share grant funding. The Council should submit any potential water projects that will be done during this time frame. The Council would not be required to do these projects; the project submittal is to assist with the DWR budgeting. If approved for any projects, the cost share would be 60% of preliminary and construction engineering and the construction costs for the water portion of a project. Project submissions are due April 30, 2026.

Motion made by Littlecreek, seconded by Taylor, to approve having Brosz submit the following projects to the DWR/SWC for the development of their 2027-2029 Water Development Plan: CIP Phase 4 Project, 7th Avenue and 1st St SW. ON ROLL CALL VOTE, the following Council Members voted "AYE": Weyrauch, Taylor, Jarmin and Littlecreek and no "NAYS". Motion carried.

GIS Maintenance

Engineer Carabello requested Brosz be allowed access to the City's GIS System to allow for the transfer of information from the old system that was maintained by Brosz Engineering to the City's new GIS System and to add any new information in the future. The monthly fee that the City was charged will be eliminated. Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Littlecreek, to allow Brosz Engineering to be an authorized user on the City's GIS System and to allow for the transfer of data from the old system to the new system. ON ROLL CALL VOTE, the following Council Members voted "AYE": Weyrauch, Taylor, Jarmin and Littlecreek and no "NAYS". Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Chief of Police, Samuel Pesik, informed the Council that Officer Briana Dazell successfully completed the ICAC Training through the State of ND which means she is certified to investigate internet crimes against children. With Officer Dazell being ICAC certified, the Police Department is hoping to work with surrounding agencies to conduct their investigations. Also, Chief of Police Pesik commented that Lieutenant Officer, Chris Jenkins, is EMT certified and recommended he be reimbursed as the training is beneficial to the City. Motion made by Littlecreek, seconded by Taylor, to approve reimbursement of

\$1800 to Lt. Chris Jenkins for his EMT training out the Police Training Budget. ON ROLL CALL VOTE, the following Council Members voted “AYE”: Weyrauch, Taylor, Jarmin and Littlecreek and no “NAYS”. Motion carried.

Chief of Police Pesik discussed a recent incident involving an individual that was apprehended for felony warrants, resisting arrest and fleeing. This individual is currently in jail.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director, David Brown, informed the Council that Electric Pump is the sole provider for the Muffin Monster Grinder. The Council had requested additional quotes before proceeding with the quote that was presented at the last City Council meeting. PW Director Brown recommended purchasing one Muffin Monster Grinder which will be installed at the Main Lift Station. PW Director Brown indicated there was a five or seven-year warranty but would have to check to make certain. Motion made by Littlecreek, seconded by Jarmin, to approve the purchase of a Muffin Monster Grinder from Electric Pump in the amount of \$94,710 with payment made from Equipment Replacement Fund 38. ON ROLL CALL VOTE, the following Council Members voted “AYE”: Weyrauch, Taylor, Jarmin and Littlecreek and no “NAYS”. Motion carried.

PW Director Brown presented quotes from RDO and Butler for the purchase of a used 2019 John Deere 772G motor grader. The quotes included a trade allowance for the City’s 1999 motor grader. PW Director Brown stated RDO submitted the low quote, and the machine hours were also less than the machine in the Butler quote (6800 hours versus 7600 hours). Motion made by Littlecreek, seconded by Jarmin, to approve the purchase of a used 2019 John Deere 772G motor grader from RDO at a cost of \$140,000 less \$43,500 for the trade value of the 1999 John Deere 770CH for a net price of \$96,500 with payment made from Equipment Replacement Fund 38. ON ROLL CALL VOTE, the following Council Members voted “AYE”: Weyrauch, Taylor, Jarmin and Littlecreek and no “NAYS”. Motion carried.

CITY AUDITOR UPDATES

Sales Tax Measure for the Ballot

Motion made by Littlecreek, seconded by Taylor, to place a measure on the June 9, 2026 Primary Election ballot asking electors to vote on continuance of the 1½% city sales and use tax for community wide benefits, as specified in the Home Rule Charter as amended, for an additional six years ending December 31, 2032. ON ROLL CALL VOTE, the following Council Members voted “AYE”: Weyrauch, Taylor, Jarmin and Littlecreek and no “NAYS”. Motion carried.

Transfer from General to Funds 38 & 39

Motion made by Littlecreek, seconded by Taylor, to approve a transfer of \$750,000 from the General Fund to the Equipment Replacement Fund 38 and \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Building Reserve Fund 39. ON ROLL CALL VOTE, the following Council Members voted “AYE”: Weyrauch, Taylor, Jarmin and Littlecreek and no “NAYS”. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY UPDATES

City Attorney, Ryan Sandberg, had no updates for the Council.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

No concerns were brought forth by the Council.

JUDGES REPORT

Motion made by Littlecreek, seconded by Taylor, to approve the February 2026 Judge’s Report. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion made by Littlecreek, seconded by Taylor, to approve the following bills:

2342e	Bravera Bank	Idoc Mkt Fee; MS Monthly Fees; PD Adobe Subscr; Hotel Lodging – Brown & Sauber; K9	\$2,179.32
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		Supplies & Subscr; City Hall & PW Supplies; Assessor Supplies & Class Registration Fees	
2343e	Google LLC	Feb Email Workspace Fees	\$336.00
2344e	Holiday Fleet	Fuel	\$822.08
2345e	Montana Dakota Utilities	Utilities	\$9,642.73
2346e	Mo-Williams Electric	Electricity	\$1,093.00
2356e	Federal Tax Deposit	Payroll Tax	\$13,333.84
2357e	NDPERS	Deferred Comp	\$552.50
2358e	Federal Tax Deposit	Social Security	\$185.94
2361e	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phones	\$1,486.81
2362e	Federal Tax Deposit	Payroll Tax	\$12,816.69
2363e	American Family Life Assurance	March Premiums	\$765.48
2364e	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	April Premium	\$18,039.57
2365e	NDPERS	Deferred Comp	\$552.50
2366e	NDPERS	Retirement	\$13,386.55
2367e	Mutual Of Omaha	April Premium	\$874.83
2368e	VSP Insurance Co.	April Premium	\$391.62
2369e	Bravera Bank	Ach Fees	\$74.40
2370e	Payment Service Network	Monthly Fees	\$1,008.72
21756	Copper River Floral Design	Flowers For Pederson Funeral	\$323.00
21757	Farmers Union Insurance	Fire Dept Add'l Ins Premium	\$227.00
21758	PowerDMS Inc	FTO Eval Program	\$3,804.96
21759	ND Child Support Division	Child Support	\$323.08
21760	Abel Enterprises	January & February It Support	\$1,461.25
21761	Abrahamson Rodeo Co	VP Grant - Mo Co Bull Bash	\$3,000.00
		Meal & Mileage Reimburse for PZ Winter	
21762	Amanda Dennis	Workshop Bismarck	\$219.96
21763	American Welding & Gas Inc.	Oxygen Rental 5 Yr Lease	\$248.90
21764	Barnes & Noble	Library Books	\$281.45
		Reimburse For Overpmt on Wa Acct-1101 4 th	
21765	Boosalis Family LLP	St SE	\$267.22
21766	Brosz Engineering Inc	Engineering Fees	\$22,017.50
21767	Cash Drawer	Postal Receipts	\$26.64
21768	Card Services	Late Payment Fee	\$25.00
21769	Chris Jenkins	Reimburse for EMT Classes	\$1,800.00
		Feb. Garbage Service & RplcmntTotes @ 108	
21770	Circle Sanitation Inc	6th Ave SW & 301 10th Ave SE	\$18,175.50
21771	Core & Main	Water Meters	\$1,550.29
21772	Dakota Dust Tex Inc	City Hall Rug Services	\$917.50
21773	Dirty Diesel Repair	Rplcd Springs on PW Davies Vhcl	\$4,505.00
21774	First District Health Unit	Water Analysis	\$120.00
21775	Gaffaney's Of Minot	City Hall & PD Office Supplies	\$365.59
21776	Gene LeRohl	Reimbursed for PW Vehicle Plate Rplcmt	\$14.00
21777	Gustafson Septic Service Inc	Jetted Frozen Line Cell# 2	\$1,000.00
21778	Holiday Stationstores	Car Washes	\$49.50
21779	Hunter Firearms	PD Supplies	\$1,450.00
21780	Information Tech Dept	PD Netmotion Fees	\$881.40
21781	Kelly Kudrna	Reimburse for Mileage, Books &Supplies	\$640.13
21782	Larson Tire Service	New Tires for PW Lerohl & Sauber Vhcls	\$4,263.59
21783	Margaret Lager	City Hall & Library Cleaning	\$1,275.00
21784	Meiers Oil & Towing	Diesel, Fuel, Oil	\$988.51
21785	Mo Co Correctional Ctr	February Boarding Prisoners	\$40.00
21786	Mountrail Co Promoter	February Ads/Notices	\$1,013.30
21787	Mountrail Co Promoter	Library Ads	\$45.00
21788	Mountrail County Ext Office	VP Grant - Mo Co Hippology & Horse Judging	\$2,000.00

21789	Mo Co Garden Club	VP Grant - Home & Garden Show	\$1,600.00
21790	MCMC	February City Sales Tax	\$49,818.86
21791	ND Clerks Assoc	2026 Membership Dues	\$100.00
21792	ND Envelope Company	Clerk Of Court Office Supplies	\$903.40
21793	ND League Of Cities	Spring Workshop - Arneson & Pederson	\$400.00
		5yr Sprinkler Inspection, Annual Sprinkler	
21794	Nova Fire Protection Inc	Inspection LE Apts	\$915.00
21795	One Call Concepts	February Locates	\$15.00
21796	Oreilly Auto Parts	St Supplies	\$15.27
		Reimb of Ovrpmt on Wa Acct @ 605 Frontier	
21797	Paloma Salgado	Ln	\$66.38
21798	Pinnacle	Fuel	\$723.27
		Cutting Edge Blade for Grader, Rear View	
21799	Powerplan OIB	Mirror for Loader	\$1,279.16
21800	Prairie Motors Inc.	Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs	\$48.75
21801	Pringle & Herigstad	February Retainer Fees	\$12,304.62
21802	R&T Water	February Water	\$40,463.83
21803	RTC Networks	Phone, Fax & Internet Services	\$1,528.00
21804	Sibyl Center	VP Grant - 2026 Season Events/Concerts	\$20,000.00
21805	Stanley Auto & Truck	Supplies	\$802.08
21806	Stanley Hardware, Inc	Supplies	\$84.97
21807	Starion Bond Services	Bond Pmts – Int & Fees	\$406,031.25
21808	Western Area Water Supply	February Industrial Water Sales	\$447.39
21809	G&S Custom Deluxe Detailing	PD Supplies	\$1,000.00
21810	ND Child Support Division	Child Support	\$323.08
ACH	Payroll		\$83,746.01

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, the following Council Members voted “AYE”: Weyrauch, Taylor, Jarmin and Littlecreek and no “NAYS”. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one appeared for public comment.

Motion made by Littlecreek, seconded by Taylor, to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Accepted and approved this 14th day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:

Marlin Ranum, Mayor
Stanley City Council

Ada Arneson
Stanley City Auditor