

The Garrison City Council held a special meeting on Friday January 16, 2026, at 10:30 am in the city council room. Present: Mayor Stuart Merry, Shannon Jeffers, and David Reinarts. Billee Jo Iglehart and Bree Stumvoll by Teams. Absent: Britteny Gilbert and Otto Kinn. Others present: City Supervisor Greg Boucher in person, Kent Ritterman and Jesse Berg from Moore Engineering by Teams and Christopher McShane from Ohnstad Twichell by Teams.

Alderman Jeffers reported that after the Notice to Proceed, March 2022 to December 2022 the contractor was only on site eighteen days. In 2023, the contractor was on site ninety-two days.

The actual invoice costs beyond the completion date were discussed. The liquated damages should address these costs according to Chris McShane. Bills from Moore Engineering during the clarifier repair, should those be the responsibility of Rice Lake West. There is approximately \$611,000 in liquated damages. Rice Lake West cost is approximately \$300,000. The City wants no additional costs, get out with only the contract price. We can negotiate through Chris McShane or other parties.

Jesse stated that when the clarifier is completed then the final pay request will be submitted. The city, engineer and Christ McShane will review the pay request. We should be able to start filling the clarifier February 1. Jesse will provide an update to ND DWR. Rice Lake West is responsible for all costs on defective work.

Diane reported she has completed the COSA and Kent will review.

The city council meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Diane Affeldt, City Auditor

Stuart Merry, Mayor

The Garrison City Council met on Monday February 2, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the city council room. Present: Mayor Stuart Merry, Shannon Jeffers, Bree Stumvoll, and Otto Kinn. Absent: David Reinarts, Billee Jo Iglehart and Britteny Gilbert. Others present: City Supervisor Greg Boucher, and Assistant City Auditor Megan Carlson. Visitors: Adam Muus from CHI Hospital and Callie Calhoun. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment Period: None

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve the city council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

Adam Muus from CHI announced CommonSpirit Health and Altru Health System have signed a non-binding letter of intent to explore a potential agreement that would bring CHI St. Alexius Health in Bismarck, along with Turtle Lake and Garrison, into the Altru System. The transfer may take place around July 1st since that is the beginning of their fiscal year.

At 7:05 pm the bid opening on the city bicentennial lot was held. One bid was received from Jon and Callie Calhoun. The bid was \$17,752 with an escalation of \$1,000 increments until amount has climbed above any competing bidder. Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Stumvoll to accept Jon and Callie Calhoun's bid of \$17,752 for Lot 1R Block 5 Bicentennial Addition. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

Old Business: Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve second and final reading of Floodplain Management Ordinance. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

City Supervisor Greg Boucher gave his report. The clarifier has been changed over. The new street sweeper will arrive this week. City crew will be cleaning and sanding streets. Greg will be conducting four PFAS testing this year.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve the city auditor's monthly financial report. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

The municipal court report for January was presented and reviewed.

City Auditor Diane Affeldt report was presented. Completed all quarterly and year end payroll reports, W2's and 1099's. Yearly water, sewer and garbage reports and rates were completed. The 2025 COSA report was completed and sent to Garrison Rural Water. Deputy Auditor training continues. Attended special city council meeting and committee meeting.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to approve bills submitted for payment. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

RTC Networks	Telephone	1,422.43
One Call Concept	Fax calls	1.50
Verizon Wireless	City phones	235.21
UNUM Life Ins.	Insurance	21.45
Circle Sanitation Service	City garbage/dumpster	468.25
McLean Co. Sheriff	Contract	14,600.00
Garrison Park Board	State revenue	2,215.23
St. Paul Stamp Works	Pet tags	146.88
Western Agency	Insurance	1,170.00
Vestis	Service	259.50
Helms & Associates	Design	3,662.29

First District Health	Testing	60.00
MDU	Service	2,403.49
McLean Electric Coop	Power	2,200.46
ND Dept of Environmental	Testing	390.36
Hawkins	Chemicals	40.00
American Welding & Gas	Chemicals	83.97
Linde Gas & Equip.	Cylinder lease	399.95
Core & Main LP	Supplies	303.36
Aqua Pure Inc.	Chemicals	3,369.60
Burlington Electric	Heater	4,465.09
Steve's Plumbing	Compressor	382.16
US Postmaster	Presort fee	370.00
Advanced Engineering	Engineering	1,600.53
Drain Main Inc.	Sewer main	3,380.00
Pure Powersports	Parts	334.99
Semchenko Electric	Main street lights	745.15
Jared Johnson	Safety boots	89.97
Powerplan OIB	Repairs	1,816.08
Otter Tail Power	Power	8,432.94
Waste Management	Garbage	8,349.00
Gale/Cengage Learning	Library	269.64
Micro Marketing	Library	289.52
Loffler	Library	107.97
Penworthy	Library	323.47
NorDak North	Library	55.00
Amazon Capital	Library	643.88
Collaborative Summer Library	Library	110.20
Dakota Fire Extinguishers	Annual service	594.80
Acme Tools	Equipment	279.80
Share Corp.	Supplies	428.89
Vessco, Inc.	Services	4,400.00
Nygaard Construction	Rent	8,280.00
Lalanie Conception	Refund	70.72
S & J Hardware	Supplies	582.92
NorDak North	Printing/supplies	607.68
Black Mountain Software	Support	12,669.43
Elan Financial	Safety clothing	570.61
Farmers Union Oil	Gas	1,798.91
US Postmaster	Water bills	317.25
Garrison Chamber	Dues	250.00
Garrison CVB	Dues	250.00

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve Rath & Mehrer audit fee of \$15,000 for 2025. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Stumvoll to approve beer and/or liquor license transfer for Hometown Tavern February 14, 2026, to the city auditorium from 4pm to 10pm. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn approve Game of Chances for Apehangers Motorcycle Club and Garrison Fire Department. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve 2025 Budget Income and Expenditure over/under report.

Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to approve Annual Financial Statement for 2025 per NDCC 40-16-04. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve 20% Enterprise Revenue distribution: Library Fund \$4,000; Equipment Fund \$15,000; Fire Dept. Fund \$5,000; Cemetery Fund \$6,000; General Fund \$131,220. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Stumvoll to approve Garrison Chamber of Commerce dues of \$250 and CVB dues of \$250 for 2026. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve Burlington Electric proposal to rewire lights in the city auditorium/library for \$5,652.00. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

Moved by Jeffers, seconded by Stumvoll to accept the letter from Garrison Rural Water District in which Zachary Schlichting applied for a water hook-up and GRW is allowing a one-time exception to the waterline boundary and allow Schlichting, a single-family home, to hook into the City of Garrison's waterline. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

Moved by Kinn, seconded by Stumvoll to approve Garrison Rural Water 2026 rate of \$4.78 and 2025 capital improvement cost of \$127,993.85. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

The city council recognized a grant application for the Airport Terminal Building Project.

Mayor Merry's monthly report was presented. He took part in teams meeting regarding water plant financials. He attended regular meetings of the Garrison Chamber of Commerce. Has not heard from ND Dept. of Transportation officials regarding if they have taken any action on possible safety solutions of the Highway 37 and US 83 intersection, six miles east of Garrison.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve sending a letter requesting time extension for the DWR Cost Share program. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Kinn to approve payment to Moore Engineering Inc. for Raw Water Project for \$40,815.00 and Michels Trenchless, Inc. for Raw Water Project for \$16,550.00. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, and Kinn. Nay: None.

A bill from Moore Engineering for the Water Treatment Plant Project was not acted upon.

Alderman Jeffers reported for the Cemetery. Mobile Housing, Public Buildings and Landfill Committee. Jeffers has three-fourths of plans and specifications completed for the lift station.

The next regular city council meeting will be on Monday March 2, 2026, at 7:00 pm. The city council meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Diane Affeldt, City Auditor

Stuart Merry, Mayor