

On October 2, 2025, a Special City Council Meeting of the Minot City Council was held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall (10 3rd Ave SW). Mayor Jantzer called the meeting to order at 04:26 PM.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mike Hayes, Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Scott Samuelson

Members Absent: Paul Pitner

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mark Jantzer led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CITY MANAGER SELECTION

3.1. POTENTIAL SELECTION OF CITY MANAGER

The City Council can motion and discuss extending an offer to one of the three finalists:

- 1. Tom Joyce**
- 2. David Kees**
- 3. David Lakefield**

The motion to offer the City Manager position to Tom Joyce was initiated by City Council Member Blessum, seconded by City Council Member Samuelson, and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mike Hayes, Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Scott Samuelson; nays: None.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION: CITY MANAGER CONTRACT NEGOTIATION

The topic and purpose of the executive session is to allow the City Council to discuss negotiating strategy and provide negotiating instructions to its attorneys and other negotiators regarding the City Manager contract. An open meeting on this topic would have an adverse fiscal effect on the bargaining position of the City. See N.D.C.C. 44-04-17.1, 44-04-19.1(9), and 44-04-19.2.

The next item on the agenda is an executive session. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-19.1(9) and 44-04-19.2.

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The motion to move the City Council into executive session was initiated by City Council Member Blessum, seconded by City Council Member Fuller and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mike Hayes, Mark Jantzer, Lisa

Olson, Scott Samuelson; nays: None.

The executive session will be recorded and all members of the Council are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. Any collective decision, collective commitment, or other final action by the Council will occur after it reconvenes in an open meeting, unless final action is specifically required by law to be taken during the executive session.

Since this executive session is being held to provide guidance and instructions to our attorney and other negotiators pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 44-04-19.1, the prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing negotiating instructions to the City's attorneys and other negotiators.

At this time, the Council will relocate to the City Council conference room adjoining Council Chambers. During the executive session, members of the public attending the meeting are welcome to remain in Council Chambers. We anticipate adjourning the executive session and returning to the dais to reconvene the open portion of this meeting, at approximately 5:00 pm.

The minutes will show that the executive session began at 4:41 pm and was attended by the Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, Human Resource Director, and City Clerk.

The motion to adjourn the executive session and return to the open portion of the City Council meeting was initiated by City Council Member Fuller, seconded by City Council Member Blessum and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mike Hayes, Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Scott Samuelson; nays: None.

The minutes will show that the executive session was adjourned at 5:33 pm. The City Council has returned to the dais in Council Chambers, and we are now back in open session.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 pm was initiated by City Council Member Fuller, seconded by City Council Member Blessum and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mike Hayes, Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Scott Samuelson; nays: None.