

On February 2, 2026, 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 04:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: POTENTIAL LAND PURCHASE (UNADDRESSED MULBERRY LOOP NE)

The next item on our agenda is an executive session regarding a potential land purchase.

Mayor Jantzer mentioned that before the Council decides whether to enter executive session, the Council needs to address a conflict-of-interest question.

Under NDCC 44-04-22, if a member of a governing body has a direct and substantial personal or financial interest in a matter before the body, that member must disclose it. They may not participate or vote unless the majority of the remaining members agree to allow it.

In this case, the potential land purchase involves property the City is considering for a regional detention pond. Negotiations have been ongoing since June 2024. City Engineer Lance Meyer provided the City Council with background information on the project. City Council Member Michael Hayes disclosed his conflict of interest.

The motion to acknowledge the conflict of interest and agree that Council Member Hayes should abstain from participating or voting on this matter was initiated by City Council Member Pitner, seconded by City Council Member Blessum and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Paul Pitner, Scott Samuelson; nays: None. Council Member Hayes abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest.

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Mayor Jantzer stated the legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code Sections 44-04-19.1(9) and 44-04-19.2. The purpose is to discuss negotiating strategy or provide negotiating instructions to our attorney and negotiators. Discussing this in open session would harm the City's bargaining position.

The motion to move the City Council into executive session was initiated by City Council Member Pitner, seconded by City Council Member Olson and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Paul Pitner, Scott Samuelson; nays: None. Council Member Hayes abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest.

The executive session will be recorded. Members are reminded that discussion must stay within the announced topic. Any final action will occur after we reconvene in open session, unless the law specifically requires action during the executive session. Because this session is held under NDCC 44-04-19.1, providing negotiating instructions is permitted during the closed session.

We will now relocate to the City Council conference room. Members of the public may remain here in Council Chambers. We expect to return to open session at approximately 5:20 pm.

The minutes will show that the executives session began at 5:02 pm and was attended by the Mayor, City Council Members (excluding Council Member Hayes due to the conflict of interest), City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, and Finance Director.

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

The minutes will show that the executive session was adjourned at 5:28 pm. The City Council has returned to the dais in the Council Chambers, and we are now back in open session.

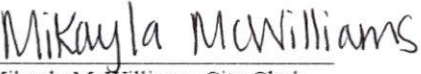
POTENTIAL ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no potential action following executive session

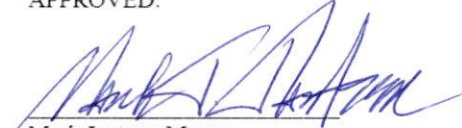
ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm was initiated by City Council Member Pitner, seconded by City Council Member Blessum and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Paul Pitner, Scott Samuelson; nays: None.

ATTEST:


Mikayla McWilliams, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Mark Jantzer, Mayor