On March 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 4:30 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 to discuss purchasing land for a regional detention pond. As the Council will recall, at a previous meeting, the Council reviewed a conflict of interest disclosure from Alderman Hayes, who stated he has a direct and substantial personal and financial interest in this matter. The Council voted that he should recuse himself. Accordingly, this discussion will proceed without his participation, and he will abstain from any related votes moving forward.

We are now moving to the question of whether to convene in executive session to discuss negotiating parameters for the potential land purchase.

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 Blessum and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Paul Pitner, Scott Samuelson; nays: None.

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 5:15 pm.

The minutes will show that the executive session began at 4:35 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 minutes will show that the executive session was adjourned at 4:45 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

The motion to approve the Right of Entry and Disposal Agreement; approve the Purchase Agreement; approve the budget amendment on first reading; and authorize the Mayor and staff to sign the agreements was initiated by City Council Member Olson, seconded by City Council Member Fuller and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Paul Pitner; nays: Mike Blessum, Rob Fuller, Scott Samuelson. The motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 pm was initiated by City Council Member Olson, seconded by City Council Member Pitner 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

Mikayla McWilliams, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Mark Jantzer, Mayor