

On March 4, 2026, an ALPR Committee Meeting was held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall (10 3rd Ave SW). Chairman Mike Blessum called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mike Blessum, Kyler Collom, Tom Hancock, Mark Jantzer, Mike Nason

Members Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Mike Blessum led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE WELCOME & OVERVIEW

The committee members provided a brief introduction.

SYSTEM OVERVIEW & DEMONSTRATION

Deputy Chief Dale Plessas presented on Axon LPR and provided frequently asked questions and answers to the committee members. The presentation is attached to the agenda for further review. Chairman Mike Blessum questioned the public records laws when involving ALPR. ND Century Code 44-04-18.17 provides an exemption for criminal intelligence information and criminal investigative information. City Attorney Stefanie Stalheim has a meeting scheduled with the Attorney General's Office about interpreting the open records laws concerning the ALPR program.

Captain Justin Sundheim provided insights and a brief, simple demonstration of the system. City staff will inquire about CJIS options for the City Council members on the committee.

POLICY REVIEW - AXON LPR POLICY FOR MINOT POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Minot Police Department will provide an updated policy for review under the City Manager's Report on the March 16, 2026, Regular City Council meeting.

DATA SUMMARY & SEARCHES PERFORMED COMMITTEE EXPECTATIONS

Open police case information cannot be information that is publicly shared. CJIS requires users to be at least considered an employee of the City of Minot. Discussion ensued about what the responsibilities of the committee would be. The committee can provide policy recommendations to the City Council, can review different reporting options with potential confidential information redacted, and can be provided with results of a search once the case is no longer open.

The motion to hold the next ALPR meeting on Thursday, May 7th at 3:00 pm was initiated by Committee Member Collom, seconded by Committee Member Hancock and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Blessum, Collom, Hancock, Jantzer, Nason; nays: None.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION - POTENTIAL CITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no potential recommendations to the City Council provided at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm was initiated by Committee Member Jantzer, seconded by Committee Member Hancock and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Blessum, Collom, Hancock, Jantzer, Nason; nays: None.