

# **Cavalier City Council**

**August 3, 2026**

**7:00 PM**

**Roll Call:** Mayor Hinkle, council members Cluchie, Beard, Vaughn, Hunter, Hay

**Absent:** Koenig

**Guests:** Auditor Blair, OM Walton, Attorney Fleming, Rec Director Muth, COP Osvold, Library Director Olmstead, Michael Miller, 1 unidentified phone user, Robin Hartz, Sara Hinkle, Ron Jenson, Scot Becker

Mayor called the meeting to order and requested a roll call; with 5 members present a quorum was declared.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Amendments**

Dollars for Scholars

## **Approve Minutes**

Motion made to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 6, 2026. M/S/P- Beard, Cluchie; 5:0 mc.

## **Approve Bills & Financials**

Motion made to approve the payment of all city and CMU bills and financials as submitted for July 2026. M/S/P- Cluchie, Vaughn; 5:0 mc.

## **Gaming/Raffle/Special Event Permits**

Motion made to approve gaming permits for Cavalier Tornado Boosters, Cavalier Ag Ed Travel Group, PCMH Auxiliary, and Dollars for Scholars. M/S/P- Beard, Hay; 5:0 mc.

## **Development**

Motion made to approve demo grant application for the Cavalier Baptist Church for up to \$3,000. M/S/P- Vaughn, Beard; 5:0 mc. Motion made to approve demo grant application for the Cavalier Thrift Store for up to \$3,000. M/S/P- Vaughn, Hunter; 5:0 mc. Motion made to approve demo grant application for Dennis Morrison for up to \$3,000. M/S/P- Cluchie, Vaughn; 5:0 mc. Discussion on the Spark homes incentive. CHDO is asking if we can reimburse the approved \$20,000 per lot before construction begins. Motion made to approve paying the \$20,000 now after a contract is signed stating the property will be built on or the lot returns to the city. M/S/P- Vaughn, Hunter; 4:1(Beard voted nay) mc.

## **Pembina County Museum**

Scot Becker spoke on the history of the Machinery show and asked the council for their consideration in a sponsorship. Motion made to approve a \$1,000 sponsorship for the Pembina County Machinery Show. M/S/P- Beard, Vaughn; 5:0 mc. Scot also requested if he could get a picture of the current sitting council for the Time Capsule ceremony the Historical Society is holding. The office ladies will send the photo to Scot.

### **Flood Mitigation Study-Zach Hermann**

Zach Hermann updated the council on the flood mitigation study that was put on hold for funding. The funding has been approved and we are able to move forward with this study. The city portion is still \$19,200.

### **Alley's- AE2S**

Invoice was presented to the council for payment. Discussion on contract requirements and reimbursables. Motion made to pay AE2S invoice 112110 plus the \$89.70 for reimbursables on previous bill. Total payment of \$4,529.70. RCV M/S/P- Beard, Cluchie; 5:0 mc.

### **Football Field Lights**

The school football field lights are needing to be completely replaced. The school is asking the city if they could donate \$25,000 to help with the project. Motion made to donate \$25,000 towards the football field lights with funds coming from special projects. RCV M/S/P- Cluchie, Vaughn; 5:0 mc.

### **Rec Report**

Rec Director Muth updated the council.

### **Library Report**

Library Director Olmstead updated the council. Would like to start looking at new computers.

### **PD Report**

Chief Osvold updated the council. Quote presented to seal the roof at the PD. Motion made to approve quote from Hoople foam in the amount of \$10,816 with funds coming out of PD budget. RCV M/S/P- Beard, Hay; 5:0 mc. Discussion held on swatting calls. Earth Cam camera on Main has been turned back on. Any swatting calls will be sent to LE first before sending out all EMS. Osvold was able to get clarification on how to distribute the back the blue grant from the state. Will pay Osvold \$2,800 in Dec and decide on the remainder in March of 2027. Mayor Hinkle asked Osvold to sit at Park St to try catch speeding trucks.

### **Attorney Report**

Attorney Fleming presented to the council a new WAPA contract that gives municipalities the ability to sell RECs. Motion made to approve WAPA contract. M/S/P- Vaughn, Beard; 5:0 mc.

### **Administrative Reports**

Auditor Blair presented TextMyGov to the council. This was presented a couple months ago after we had the power outages. This would allow the city to send out text alerts to everyone or just certain parts of city at any given time. The customer is able to opt out if they do not want to receive them. Motion made to approve the TextMyGov contract as presented. M/S/P- Hay,

Hunter; 4:1 (Cluchie voted no) mc. Discussion on preliminary budget. Motion to approve the preliminary budget as presented. RCV M/S/P- Vaughn, Cluchie; 5:0 mc.

| Annual Budget for the Year Ended December 31, 2027 |                            |               |                  |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| City of Cavalier                                   |                            |               |                  |              |
|                                                    |                            |               |                  |              |
|                                                    |                            | Maximum Mills | 2027 Proposed    | 2027 Mills   |
|                                                    | General Fund               | 105           | \$139,026        | 33.22        |
|                                                    | City Special Assessments   |               | \$ -             | 0.00         |
| 110                                                | JDA                        | 4             | \$ 4,185         | 1.00         |
| 120                                                | Library                    | 4             | \$ 16,740        | 4.00         |
| 130                                                | Cemetery                   | 2             | \$ 8,370         | 2.00         |
| 140                                                | Recreation                 | 2.5           | \$ 10,463        | 2.50         |
|                                                    | Airport                    | 4             | \$ 11,718        | 2.80         |
|                                                    |                            |               |                  |              |
|                                                    | <b>TOTAL AMOUNT LEVIED</b> |               | <b>\$190,501</b> | <b>45.52</b> |
|                                                    | <b>Increased Amount</b>    |               | <b>\$ 5,550</b>  | <b>0.39</b>  |

Final budget hearing will be September 8, 2026 at 6:45PM. We have permission from the ND DOT the change the crosswalk at the Park St crossing to push button style as long as the city is purchasing and installing. Motion made to purchase new crosswalk for \$ 7974.36 with funds coming from special projects. RCV M/S/P- Vaughn, Hunter; 5:0 mc. Mayor asked Auditor Blair to contact DOT and see if we can add crosswalk by Brian Ratchenskis house. OM Walton was able to purchase potholing equipment and has tested it and seems to be working great. They will try to get some potholing done this fall. The NDLC conference is September 17 and 18 in Grand Forks. Councilman Cluchie stated we needed to pick back up on getting potholes and cracks filled on the streets as he has had some complaints in town. The speaker system we are currently using does not pick up everyone in the room for the audio recording or for phone users. Discussion on getting new speaker system.

Mayor and council comments

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CHS graciously donated a new fogger for mosquitos.  
Confirm what our trailer ordinance is for parking trailers on the street.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn 8:31 pm Beard

**Approved By:**

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**Lacey Hinkle, Mayor**

**Attested To:**

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**Danielle Blair, City Auditor**