Elkton City Council Minutes
July 9, 2026

The Elkton City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Remund at 6:00 PM. Council members present were David Bierman, Tal Farnham, Brooke Greve, Scott Stuefen and Rick Weible. Council member Emily Schelske was not in attendance.

Motion by Farnham, second by Weible to approve the agenda as printed. All in favor – motion carried.

During citizen comments a letter was read about visibility issues at 3rd Street and Beaver Street. They suggested maybe making this intersection a 4-way stop. The council discussed the concern and decided to put "No Parking Here to Corner" signs up, looking into what the ordinances say about parking near a curb and also speaking with the property owners. A citizen voiced their concerns about the number of rabbits in town and wondered if the city could do something about them. No action was taken.

Motion by Bierman, second by Weible to approve the June 4th planning and zoning meeting minutes. All in favor - motion carried.

Motion by Bierman, second by Weible to approve the June 4th regular meeting minutes. All in favor - motion carried.

Motion by Greve, second by Bierman to approve the June 23rd special meeting minutes. All in favor - motion carried.

A temporary alcohol permit was requested for Fire Department to provide Maui Wowi alcohol to use in their drinks at the Harvest festival. Motion by Greve, second by Weible to approve the alcohol permit. All in favor – motion carried.

A temporary alcohol permit was requested by the Legion to have a beer garden at the park during the Harvest Festival. Motion by Stuefen, second by Bierman to approve the alcohol permit. All in favor – motion carried.

The council held the second reading for Ordinance No. 385 – Regulating the operation of wheeled electronically propelled devices. Motion by Farnham, second by Stuefen. Weible voted no, motion carried.

In old business, utility improvement updates, Phase III all utilities are completed, and work continues on concrete surfacing and street reconstruction. Asphalt surfacing is scheduled for July 7th and 8th weather permitting. Contractor's application for Payment #7 in the amount of $254,771.68 has been submitted to the council for approval. Change Order #2 has been prepared to adjust quantities to actual installed quantities for the utility work and to adjust quantities for revisions to the Elk Street and Nort Drive intersection to account for Brookings County's proposed improvements. The change order is an increase in contract amount of $9,663.24. Motion by Farnham, second by Weible to approve pay request #7 in the amount of $254,771.68. All in favor – motion carried. Motion by Weible, second by Bierman to approve change order #2 in the amount of $9,663.24. All in favor – motion carried.

The council reviewed the budget overview.

Payment of bills, motion by Farnham, second by Weible to pay half of the Midwest Alarm bill until they pay for the bills related to the damage. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Weible, second by Bierman to pay the July bills with the one change. All in favor - motion carried.

Motion by Stuefen, second by Farnham to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM. All in favor - motion carried.

The council reconvened with administering the Oath of office to returning council members Tal Farnham and Brooke Greve and Mayor, Charles Remund. Mayor Remund thanked council member, Emily Schelske for her time, effort and help during her time on the council.

The council held council president, vice president appointments. Stuefen made a motion to appoint Dave Bierman council president, second by Farnham. All in favor – motion carried. Bierman made a motion to appoint Tal Farnham council vice president, second by Stuefen. All in favor – motion carried.

Committee appointments will stay the same.

Motion by Farnham, second by Weible to designate the Elkton Record as the official newspaper. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Greve, second by Bierman to designate BankStar Financial as the official depository. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Bierman, second by Farnham to appoint Steve Britzman as the city attorney. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Bierman, second by Stuefen to appoint Susan Schuurman as finance officer. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Weible, second by Bierman, to accept the following roster for the Fire Department and Ambulance. Fire Department roster: Brady Alberts, Chris Alberts, Mason Alberts, Ryan Bebensee, John Boltjes, John Christianson, Josh Crofutt, Kendall Dentlinger, Yulissa Enriquez, Tal Farnham, Joel Gindo, Tanner Greve, Jon Kopecky, Marcus Kopecky, Justin Kor, Kayla Kor, Grant McGill, Peter McMahon, John Neill, Taylor Pals, Jacob Portz, Charlie Rackley, Tim Schelske, Arend Schuurman, Matt Wiskur, Mike Wiskur and Sam Wiskur. Ambulance roster: Nikki Anderson, Tal Farnham, Brooke Greve, Carol Jensen, Shelby Kampmann, Grant McGill, Mike Olson, Wendy Olson, Brittany Pals, Mark Potthast, Arend Schuurman, Berniece Stuefen and Scott Stuefen. All in favor – motion carried.

Public Works Director, Steve Jensen was on hand to give his report. They continue to mow and spray weeds. Mosquito spraying is done on Thursdays. The water tower was drained for maintenance to replace some fittings. Street sign at 2nd and Cornell was run over.

Jennifer McBrien, Bar manager was not in attendance but left her report. Assistant Manager Erin Stueven has turned in her resignation. McBrien would like to hire bartender Mary Boorman at $17.50 per hour to fill the position. She would start training before Stueven leaves. Council agreed to the hire.

There was no report for the Finance Office.

There was no report for the Fire Department.

Ambulance Director, Scott Stuefen shared that Brittany Pals will be joining the department. He found a medical director for Minnesota. Stuefen is working on a syllabus for the EMTA class and has been asked to teach an EMR class in Colman.

City Librarian, Sherry Bauman was not in attendance but left her report. Daycare deliveries continue every two weeks. The summer reading program has been a log of fun, 34 kids are registered. The library will host a book discussion on Tuesday, July 14th at 7 PM. The next library board meeting will be Thursday, July 9th at 6:30 PM.

Park and Rec is going well. The Park and Rec committee spoke with a representative of Burke Playground equipment. They feel 2 different units would be best, one for younger kids and one for older kids. There are grants available through Burke and the representatives is able to help with seeking community donations. The council agreed to have the committee and the representatives draw up a layout for the equipment and cost.

In new business, the council discussed the deterioration of the North Badger Street road due to standing water. There is clarification on if this is actually a city street or privately owned. Schuurman looked through the documents from the project when Twin City Fan was first brought to Elkton and the construction of the road to the facility to see if there was any agreement or paper work mentioning the owner ship of Badger Street. She also spoke with the Brookings County Register of Deeds to see what was listed on the plat. The council will wait for the information from the Register of Deeds. A proposal to irrigate and resod the south softball field was received by Austreim Landscaping in the amount of $19,870.00 The proposal is for the city, Elkton School and GeoPro to split this cost. Motion by Weible, second by Bierman for the city to pay $6,623.33 to irrigate and resod the south softball field. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Weible, second by Stuefen to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM. All in favor - motion carried.

July 2026 payments

Absolute Zero 1500.00 bar entertainment; A-OX welding 43.29 shop supplies; Austreim Landscaping 2950.00 lawn service at park; Avid Hawk 45.00 website monthly fee; BankStar 44,493.75 insurance; BankStar 9.55 petty cash; Beal Distributing 5337.75 beer purchases; *Big Sioux Painting 6120.00 bar upgrades; Britzman, Steve 964.50 lawyer fees; Br. Co. Sheriff's Dept 2952.00 contract law enforcement; Br. Deuel Rural Water System 6140.50 water purchased; Br. Equipment 823.62 vehicle maintenance; Cash-Wa 3021.05 bar supplies; Century Business Products 84.56 library copier lease, copies; Chesterman 607.65 pop purchased; CHS 948.90 propane, supplies; City of Elkton 854.25 utility fees; Colonial Life 621.81 insurance; Cook's Wastepaper 4686.86 contract garbage; DANR 260.00 Drinking Water fee, Crofutt, Tammy 52.61 reimbursement for supplies; Dakota Beverage Co 7648.70 beer purchases; Dept of Rev & Reg 3486.70 sales tax remittance; *EFTPS 10854.48 federal tax payments; Elkton Electric 10,531.89 bar upgrades; Elkton Lumber 2049.82 park maintenance, bar upgrades; Elkton Plumbing 813.01 water tower repair; Friendly's 216.70 fuel purchases; Gebhart Painting 3952.50 bar upgrades, Harry's Frozen Food 1609.25 pizzas for bar; Henry's 3160.81 bar supplies; Hills Refrigeration 165.00 bar cooler maintenance, ITC 603.34 phone & internet service; Jensen, Steve 70.00 phone reimbursement; Johnson Bros 6921.36 liquor purchases; Kuehl Heating and Cooling 6425.00 firehall /bar furnace; LEAF 101.00 finance office copier lease; Martin Marietta Materials 2721.76 Aglime at park; McBrien, Jennifer 30.00 phone reimbursement; Midwest Alarm 21,088.24 install smoke alarms, partial payment; Miss Elkton Organization 100.00 donation; Nelson, Terry 30.00 phone reimbursement; One Office Solution 65.98 copier maintenance, copies; Ottertail 3276.28 electricity; Pepsi 252.00 pop purchases; Postmaster 261.00 postage; RFD Newspapers 183.78; Runnings 228.68 shop; Schuurman, Susan 339.24 phone, millage, meal reimbursement; SD Health 106.00 sewer test; SDRS 4072.70 retirement contributions; Sioux Valley Electric 96.00 lagoon electricity; Southern Glazers 1231.62 liquor; US Bank 6258.31 SRF lagoon loan payment; US Bank 22,942.04 SRF phase I payment; US Bank 12,597.53 SRF Phase 11 payment; Verizon 159.50 cell service; Vestis 916.43 bar, c-ctr mats; Visa 605.18 bar, library, finance office supplies; Visa 456.05 bar; Wellmark BC/BS 4758.20 health insurance; Wex 96.37 fuel.

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