

REGULAR MEETING

The Finley City Council met Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Present were Mayor Brian Tuite and Council Members, Merle Ferry, Chad Aberle, and Paul Kroeplin. Absent was Tori Archer. Also, present Steve Fiebiger, Wayne Beckman, Laurie Tuite, Randy & Cathy Good, George Braun, and Catherine Abrego.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Park board report was given by Chad Aberle.

The Sheriff report was given by Wayne Beckman.

Randy and Cathy Good were present to discuss property interest of the city however, the property was not enough footage, majority of interest was not city property.

Water rate increase from Dakota Rural Water district was discussed and city will raise the facility rate change in April from \$5.00 to \$7.50 and water from \$7.00 per 1000 gallons to \$7.50 per 1000 gallons to make up for the increase to the city. It was moved by Ferry, seconded by Kroeplin to approve the increase as stated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Aberle, seconded by Kroeplin to approve Midwest Management to complete USDA Rural Development Report for USDA Loans. Motion carried.

Community Center was discussed, planning informative public meeting to be held at the former grocery store on the evening of Wednesday, April 8th, at 5:00, to focus on continued fund raiser. Burgers and Brats will be served as part of City Government Week.

It was moved by Ferry, seconded by Aberle to approve gaming permit to American Legion for raffle. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kroeplin, seconded by Aberle to set the date of the Equalization Meeting on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6PM with City Council meeting to follow. Motion carried.

Notice was given of yearly filing of Statement of Interest for council members must be filed with the city auditor each year regardless of running for an election or not. Subject to penalties for non-compliance.

Catherine Abrego was present to discuss interest in a Community Garden. City council thought that would be a very good thing to have as a community and she was given the go ahead to see if she can arrange to get one up and running and what kind of interest the citizens might have in doing this. Locations to check out were also discussed.

It was moved by Aberle, seconded by Ferry to approve the bills. Motion carried.

99206	BRAVERA	1,801.10
99205	Heartland Payment Systems	33.50
99204	STEELE COUNTY JDA	500.00
34984	STEPHEN FIEBIGER	2,197.27
34985	Marci Johnson	1,080.01
34986	Advanced Business Methods	148.50
34987	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	2,646.50
34988	Colonial Life	153.52
34989	DAKOTA RURAL WATER DISTRICT	5,013.75
34990	FINLEY FARMERS ELEVATOR	13.62
34991	FINLEY MOTORS INC.	77.58
34992	Grand Forks Utility Billing	26.00
34993	Midco	37.50
34994	OTTER TAIL POWER CO.	2,173.54

34995	STEELE COUNTY	1,800.00
34996	THOMAS R. MOE	150.00
34997	Verizon Business	38.26
35003	WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE	1,542.44
35004	Kat & Company	750.00
35005	BRAVERA	958.61
35006	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	3,749.86
35007	MLGC	451.47
35008	NODAK REC. INC.	697.33
35009	North Star Electric	1,571.74
35010	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	16.50
35011	TOWN & COUNTRY COOP.	3,156.61
35012	VESTIS	443.20
35013	Chad Aberle	161.61
35014	Tori Archer	161.61
35015	STEPHEN FIEBIGER	1,980.08
35016	Merle Ferry	161.61
35017	Marci Johnson	1,080.01
35018	PAUL KROEPLIN	161.61
35019	Brian Tuite	230.87
35021	LESLIE JOHNSON	1,291.00
35022	STEPHEN FIEBIGER	1,291.00
35023	Marci Johnson	277.05
35024	TYLER MIDSTOKKE	1,817.10
35025	EFTPS	2,523.97
35045	FINLEY PARK BOARD	671.58

There being no other business, Kroeplin moved to adjourn at 7:45 PM.  
 Next city council meeting was set for Monday March 3rd, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Finley City Hall.

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