

**CITY OF EDGELEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, February, 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Cal Triepke. Council members in attendance were Dan Schlosser, Preston Sitzmann, Chris Brummund, Cory Koenig, Jonas VanEnk and Sally Caudillo. Also in attendance were city employee Glen Fischer, Art Hagebock from the LaMoure County Chronicle, City Auditor Jessica Irey, and City Attorney Kim Radermacher via Teams. Mayor Triepke called for any corrections or additions to the January minutes; Sitzmann moved to approve, seconded by Schlosser; all voted in favor and the motion was approved. Mayor Triepke called for a motion to approve the monthly expenditures. Motion was made by Caudillo and seconded by Sitzmann to approve; motion carried on a roll call vote with all voting yes.

February 2026 Expenditures

Paychex TPS Taxes	Paychex	1,551.17
Edgeley Library	31260	1,000.00
Advanced Business		
Methods	31261	134.80
AFLAC	31262	65.70
Allied Energy	31263	395.90
Anderson Bros	31264	15.39
Butler	31265	145.50
Dakota Valley Electric	31266	136.54
Glen Fischer	31267	269.35
LaMoure County Chronicle	31268	122.10
Millers Fresh Foods	31269	16.29
NDDEQ	31270	111.12
Interstate Engineering	31271	132.50
Otter Tail Power Co	31272	4,016.20
PFS Shareholder Services	31273	2,663.43
Recycling Center of ND	31274	8,571.20
Southeast Water Users	31275	7,187.50
Cal Triepke	31276	40.00
Ron Wald	31277	107.74
WaterSmith	31278	1,082.00
WSI	31279	977.22
Visa	ACH	519.63
DRN	31280	184.49
Vestis	31281	79.60
ND Dept of Health	31282	54.00
Black Mountain Software	31283	1,335.00
Paychex Invoice	Paychex	287.50

Paychex TPS Taxes	Paychex	1,628.94
Edgeley Fire Dept	31284	37,500.00
USPS	31285	199.47
Bank of North Dakota	ACH	1,575.00
Glen Fischer	Paychex	1,375.53
Jessica Irey	Paychex	1,709.41
Ronald M. Wald	Paychex	1,680.74
Glen Fischer	Paychex	1,494.44
Jessica Irey	Paychex	1,709.39
Ronald M. Wald	Paychex	1,790.00
		81,864.79

FLEXIBLE TRANSPORTATION GRANT UPDATE

Irey reported that the City did not receive any of the grant money applied for from the state.

STREET IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Street committee will meet and present recommendations to the council at the March meeting for street improvement projects for 2026.

TREE REMOVAL BID

Bids were presented from two companies to remove 20 trees along 3rd St as designated by the EAB grant recently received by the City. Motion by Sitzmann, seconded by VanEnk to accept the bid from Mike Cuypers' tree service, conditional upon the company having appropriate insurance coverage. If appropriate insurance coverage can't be determined, the bid from Northland Tree service will be accepted. All voted in favor on a roll call vote, motion carried.

BMS ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

Irey presented a proposal from Black Mountain Software to upgrade the city's accounting. BMS is our current the utility billing provider, and the accounting software offers many features to improve security and transparency of city funds. Motion by Caudillo, seconded by Koenig to adopt the new software. All voted in favor on a roll call vote, motion carried.

ARMORY RENTAL RATES

The armory committee reviewed the current rental rate structure and recommended the following updates: All large events (use of gym) will be \$400, regardless of season, with an additional \$250 deposit that can be returned or kept if proper cleanup isn't done. Small events (gym or classroom) will be \$75, regardless of season, with a \$50 deposit for cleanup. Motion by Sitzmann, seconded by Brummund to approve the recommendations of the committee. All voted in favor on a roll call vote, motion carried.

RESIGNATION

Council was presented with a letter of resignation from city employee Ron Wald, effective October 1, 2026. Motion was made by Caudillo, seconded by VanEnk to approve the resignation. Due to Ron's long service to the community, and the desire for adequate training for a new employee and a smooth transition plan, it was discussed to waive the requirement for Mr. Wald to lose any vacation leave over 280 hours April 1, and instead allow him to spread all remaining vacation hours more equally throughout the coming months. Motion was made by Sitzmann, seconded by Schlosser to override this requirement from the employee handbook. All voted in favor on a roll call vote, motion carried. The employee relations committee will work to being the process of hiring a new employee.

EMPLOYEE SALARY UPDATE

The employee relations committee met to discuss employee salaries. After comparing with other nearby communities of similar size, and the date of the last salary increases, the committee recommended and to increase the salary for Glen Fischer to \$27.00/hr and Ron Wald to \$29.00 per hour effective February 1, 2026. Motion was made by Schlosser, seconded by Sitzmann, to approve the salary increases recommended by the committee. All voted in favor on a roll call vote, motion carried.

FRANCHISE FEES

Council members will continue to brainstorm ideas on the best use of future franchise fees.

PERMIT APPROVALS

Motion by Sitzmann, seconded by Caudillo to approve gaming permits for Edgeley Youth Program (raffle) and the Millie McLean benefit (raffle board).'

WATER COMPLAINT UPDATE

City attorney Kim Radermacher updated the council on the progress of the water issue with the Steffes property. She will work to schedule a special meeting for discussion between landowner and city council, along with attorneys and engineers for both parties.

OTHER BUSINESS

Irey informed the council that the water project previously approved in the fall will postponed to attempt to take advantage of new grant funding that has become available.

Mayor Triepke adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Cal Triepke, Mayor

Jessica Irey, City Auditor