

**Maddock City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2025**

Mayor Sarah Dove called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present for roll call were council members Bradley Hermanson, Jamie Wentz, Dusty Pierson, and Teresa Dosch. Also in attendance were Jamie Green, Keith Winson, Cathy Faleide, Rachel Markestad, Alex Ertelt, Alana Erickson, Terry Morrow, Katie Palacios and Nathan Hazard.

A motion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Wentz, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025 regular meeting and the August 4, 2025 special meeting. All voting yes, motion carried.

A motion made by Hermanson, seconded by Dosch to amend the agenda to add additional items. All voting yes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Pierson, to approve the following bills. All voting yes, motion carried.

Wages		6,663.51
Benson Co. Farmers Press	22269	655.92
Benson Co. Sheriff's Dept.	22270	600.00
Cendak	22271	813.09
Double M Sanitation	22272	6000.00
Ferguson Waterworks	22273	1,125.66
Grand Forks Utility Billing	22274	26.00
Hawkins, Inc.	22275	586.48
Johnson Ag Resources	22276	9.40
Maddock Opera House	22277	200.00
MRES	22278	200.00
Northern Plains Electric	22279	10,516.01
Pace Analytical National	22280	396.00
Quill	22281	1,322.92
Valli	22282	25.00
Vesti's	22283	106.60
VISA	22284	1,393.66
Western Area Power Adm.	22285	5,327.40
Northern Plains Electric	22286	55,920.41
NDPERS	ACH	3,589.59
Northern Plains Electric	ACH	18,980.25
NDTC	ACH	423.26

The City Council discussed the Benson County Sheriff's Department contract and the monthly payment, noting that services are not currently being provided by the Sheriff's Department.

Alex Ertelt was present to discuss the chicken ordinance and the chicken-keeping permit application. He asked the Council to consider allowing more than four chickens. The City Council stated they would proceed with the current chicken ordinance as adopted and review how it works over the next year.

Rachel Markestad and Cathy Faleide were present to discuss establishing a beautification committee, with a focus on the Maddock signs located on the north and south edges of town. They

noted that improvements such as replacing shrubs should be considered and requested that the City Council review the two areas and provide input. They also inquired about possible funding to purchase shrubs. A motion was made by Dosch, seconded by Pierson, to allocate \$200.00 for shrubs for the Maddock signs north and south of town. All voting yes, motion carried.

Alana Erickson, representing the Active Women of Maddock, inquired about City funding for Christmas lights and banners. The council will discuss the matter with the Park Board and respond with an amount at a later time.

Jamie Green's Report:

- Reported on the backflow preventor at the Maddock Business and Technology Center.
- Discussed mowing private lawns.

Keith Winson's Report:

- Reported that there were two power outages in town.
- Noted Faul Excavating repaired a water leak on Central Ave.
- Provided an update on the Water Treatment Plant.

Pam Lee's Report

- Noted the ND League of Cities Annual Convention on Sept. 17-19, 2025, and inquired about Council attendance.
- Reported that a Quit Claim Deed for the house at 706 4th Street is expected soon.

Terry Morrow, Central Plains Water District, requested an easement for an emergency water line across City property near the water plant site. The Council referred the request to the City Attorney for review.

Katie Palacios and Nathan Hazard were present to discuss a building permit application for a fence.

The council discussed the ongoing monthly summer projects with Keith and Jamie.

The Council received a letter from Megan Olson Follman requesting permission to establish a "give and take" stand for garden produce and other homemade or homegrown items, and inquiring where it could be placed on city property. A motion was made by Pierson, seconded by Hermanson, to approve the give-and-take cart and to grant permission to place it in the City Park at the corner of Central Avenue and 1st Street, with the condition that no items be sold and all contributions be by donation only. All voting yes, motion carried.

The council members each gave a portfolio report.

A motion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Pierson, to accept the resignation of Council Member Jamie Wentz, effective August 12, 2024. All voting yes, motion carried.

Council discussed the baseball diamond and proposed a special meeting with the Park Board on August 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., pending confirmation.

A motion was made by Dosch, seconded by Hermanson, to approve the estimate from Terpening Construction for replacement of the sidewalk with a handicap-accessible ramp by the museum at the corner of 1st Street and Dakota Avenue. All voting yes, motion carried.

The Council discussed funding for campground upgrades and renovations and decided to provide funding contingent upon the Garrison Diversion Recreation Grant.

The Council reviewed a letter from Gibbens Law Office, on behalf of Scott Foss, concerning unauthorized use of his private road off Railway Avenue to access the Benson County Event Center. The letter outlined two options: (1) the City purchase an easement from Mr. Foss, including costs of survey and legal description, or (2) Mr. Foss will close the road if an easement is not obtained. The Council referred the matter to the Benson County Commissioners and States Attorney James Wang, since the County owns the property being accessed.

Review of Ordinance Chapters 11 and 12 regarding fines was tabled until the next meeting.

There were four building permits presented as follows:

1. Damian & Jody King -siding, windows and doors.
2. Tate Benson-siding.
3. Katie Palacios-fence.
4. Michael & Melissa Thomas-gazebo and concrete.

A motion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Pierson to approve the building permits. All voting yes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Pierson, seconded by Wentz to approve two raffle permits for the Rural Renaissance Festival/125th Celebration. All voting yes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dosch, seconded by Wentz, to approve a special event permit for the Active Women of Maddock for a wine walk, scheduled Sept.11, 2025. All voting yes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m. The next council meeting will be Tuesday September 9, 2025.

Pamela Lee, City Auditor

Sarah Dove, Mayor