

**City of Forman, North Dakota  
Regular City Council Meeting  
January 13th, 2026**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Kevin Bopp. Present were council members, Luke Anderson, Mark Wyckoff, and John Stenvold. Also attending were Mayor Kevin Bopp, City Auditor Alicia Thompso, City Superintendent Donavon Hajek, City Coordinator Sara Dux, and City Attorney Lyle Bopp.

Guest/ Public Comments: Ottetail Power and Mike Keiper

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Mark Wyckoff and seconded by John Stenvold to approve the agenda for the regular city council meeting. Motion carried.

Operation manager Dale Rubish was present from Ottetail power with the 20-year agreement to allow infrastructure on our right ways. Luke Anderson made a motion to approve the first reading of Ottetail Power ordinance granting Ottetail Power acers to the City of Forman. John Stenvold seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Mike Keiper was present on behalf of the Forman Park Board to discuss the sand volleyball court at the fairgrounds.

Luke Anderson made a motion that the Park Board put a Sand volleyball Court at the Sargent County Fair grounds, Mark Wyckoff seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Mark Wyckoff made a motion to approve the November 11<sup>th</sup> city council meeting minutes. Luke Anderson seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff Report- Sherrif Paeper was present, said it's been an average month. He spoke about some drug activity that has been going on in the county and working with the Drug Task Force. Also, gave a big thank you to our city Superintendent Donavon Hajek for bringing gravel down to a local fire.

City Superintendent Donavon Hajek provided an update on recent maintenance activities and ongoing issues. He reported that the garbage truck continues to experience mechanical problems. The new tires for the payloader have arrived. The city will be looking for summer help to assist with mowing around town. Donavon and JT are currently studying for upcoming certification tests.

Luke Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution for Sargent County emergency Management and John Stenvold seconded it. Motion carried.

City Coordinators Report- gave an update on the recent grant she is working on. She also shared the consistent increase in number of patrons for both the Library and Food pantry in the last year.

Luke Anderson made a motion to transfer 2000.00 from Forman Improvement Funds to help cover expenses for the libraries 2026 payroll.

John Stenvold made a motion to pay EDC Coordinator a salary of 400.00 a month and \$25.00 per hour for extra project work on a contract basis. Mark Wyckoff seconded that motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Luke Anderson and seconded by Mark Wyckoff to approve an extension for 1 year on Glen and Leah Schulz Renaissance Zone Tax Credit, giving a full 5 years on the tax credit. Years 2027-2031. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Luke Anderson to work with Brittnay Hatting from PLLP law with annexing, zoning and future city expansions. Mark Wyckoff seconded that motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Stenvold and seconded by Mark Wyckoff to approve the City Auditors' report, delinquency report and payment of the bills. Motion carried.

DONAVON HAJEK 13.63, RUTLAND OIL 2601.00, BOPP LAW OFFICE 500.00, SARGENT COUNTY AUDITOR 877.29, JP MORGAN 1098.56, OTTERTAIL POWER 3865.77, DAKOTA PLAINS 584.12, DICKEY RURAL 515.14, SOUTHSIDE AUTOMOTIVE 81.82, HARRINGTON 617.99, JOHNSON PEST CONTROL 125.00, WELTONS TIRE SERVICE 8634.00,

RIERSIDE BUILDING CENTER 159.00, CITY OF FARGO 14.00, BADGER METER, INC 30.90, SARGENT COUNTY TELLER 174.46, FORMAN LUMBER AND FIREWORKS 13.78, COMPUTER EXPRESS 235.99, RAY-MAC INC 48.00, FORMAN GOLF 508.27, FORMAN PARK BOARD 1524.80,

Adjourn Regular Council meeting at 8:00