

Turtle Lake, North Dakota
City Commission Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

Date: June 11th , 2026

Commissioners: Dianne Zenker, Stacie Adams, Rick Schwalk, Tim Britton, Matt Lang - Absent

Auditor: Michelle Pickett

Also present: Alexis Nienow

Public Attendance: 2

Review of prior meeting minutes:

City Commission Special Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of May 14th, 2026

Made by: Adams

Seconded: Schwalk

Roll call vote: Unanimous

Outcome: Motion Passed

Regular city commission meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of May 18th, 2026

Made by: Adams

Seconded: Schwalk

Roll call vote: Unanimous

Outcome: Motion Passed

Review of financial reports & bills as presented:

Review and discussion:

Motion to approve financial reports and bills as presented:

Made by: Britton

Seconded: Adams

Roll call vote: Unanimous

Outcome: Motion passed

Moore Engineering:

Moore Engineering provided a monthly engineer's report, the report was reviewed by the commissioners.

New Business-

Auditor Evaluation- started in the position February 16th 2026

The council expressed that Mrs. Pickett is performing well in the role of City Auditor. Discussion followed regarding increasing her hourly wage to twenty five dollars.

Motion to approve a pay increase for the City Auditor Position:

Made by- Adams

Seconded-Britton

Roll Call- Unanimous

Outcome- Motion Passed

Garbage Rates:

The commissioners discussed raising the residential garbage rate. The current rate is sixteen dollars and twenty five cents per tote. It was noted that the city's garbage expenses are significantly higher than the revenue collected, resulting in a loss to the city. New rate will take effect in July 2026 and be billed in August 2026

Motion to raise the Garbage rate to \$18.00

Made by: Schwalk

Seconded: Adams

Outcome: Motion Approved

Increased Complaints: Loose Dogs, Parked Vehicles, Rv's and Boats for extended amount of timeframes:

The council noted an increase in complaints regarding long term parking of both trailered and un-trailered vehicles, along with concerns involving loose dogs, disabled vehicles, and excessive speed within city limits. The city will be monitoring these issues and will refer ordinance violations to the McLean County Sheriff for enforcement. Ordinances can be found on the city website. www.turtlelakend.org

Old Business:

Lagoon Maintenance:

The TeamLab boat will be arriving June 19-22

Contract with Mclean Sheridan for water samples:

A contract with McLean Sheridan Rural Water was reviewed. MSRW will provide water testing on a monthly basis. The contract term is 3 years.

Motion to contract with Mclean Sheridan to do water samples:

Made by: Adams

Seconded: Schwalk

Roll Call Vote- Unanimous

Outcome- Motion Carried

City wide Rumage Sale will be June 26th-27th

Sign up forms for the city-wide rummage sale can be picked up in the City Auditor office, The bank, and the grocery store.

Website update-

It is encouraged that everyone should sign up for alerts on the Turtle Lake Website.

www.turtlelakend.org

In doing this, The public will be able to receive alerts through your email or text message.

This is one the quickest ways for you to receive updates involving the city.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn:

Made by: Schwalk

Seconded by: Adams

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous

Outcome: Motion passed

Next Regular Meeting Date: July, 13th. 2026

Attest: _____

Auditor, City Commission

President, City Commission

Minutes By: Alexis Nienow

Financials by: Michelle Pickett

