

North Powder Council Meeting
Minutes
December 5, 2025
City Hall (340 E Street)
6PM

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor John Frieboes called the meeting to order 6PM. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Roll Call: Don McClure, Tonya Dias, John Frieboes, Becky Sturm Midge Clause, Josh Guthrie, Lindsey Thompson. Alan Brown was not present.

Public Comment:

Barbara Weeks stated that the parade was wonderful, the Grange had several people show up to watch and thank you to the City and everyone involved to make it a success.

Bonnie Finley announced that she will be new chairperson for the annual Huckleberry Fest. Stated that the first meeting to anyone that would like to be involved will be January 7, 2026 at 6:00 pm and the Wolf Creek Grange. She is wanting to start off strong in her new position and would love to have community support and volunteers.

Amend/Accept Agenda: Agenda approved.

Amend/Accept Minutes: No minutes at this time.

Accounts Payable: Council approved accounts payable list.

Library Report: Mike Schoeningh stated that there is good progress with the library. Stated that the Ford Foundation will be happy to help with anything that is needed.

Clarification on the Hiring Committee for the Library position, the Board will consist of Mike Schoeningh, Josh Guthrie and Alan Brown. The Library Board will notify them with interview dates and times.

Public Works Report:

Jake stated that OTEC fixed 13 street light that were out or cycling. Stated that the City building that is down by the recycle should have power restored to it. He will speak to OTEC on what the cost will be. Plow is fixed and fueled. The power steering is out and will need to be repaired. Estimated cost \$600-\$800. Back hoe is a good except for the rear main seal, which will be fixes.

Taping water main – The waste water guy will do that. Will need a special bit, cost is \$150. Council approved to order.

It is imperative that we get water to Myron Miles. Will need to modify equipment to pump water outside city limits. The stock water can be a pliable system. Will need back flow assembly, vault, and meter. We will need to keep track of the water supplied. We can switch from galvanized pipe to PEX. Will get price on this. Another option would be to drill a well for him which will cost \$7,500 - \$10,000.00

Water leaks – RV Park has a leak that was found during an inspection. The last time it was inspected was 2020. Owner stated that there is a natural spring there, tested water and it has chlorine in it. The leak is in the City Easement. Midge suggested owner come to meeting. Stated that the artesian well was established by Rick & David last year and that it is not a leak.

Stated that the inspector said that there is less water quality this year. Will get files in order and do better.

Recorder Report: There are still billing issues with the software. The program did not download the reads so there are some billings that have a zero balance. Stated that she needs help with allocating funds. Council agreed to help. Stated that there is a real need to get an Ordinance officer in sooner rather than later. Don McClure stated that we needed to go over the Ordinances and set fines. Need to look for funding for this position. Don McClure also, stated that the Sheriff's Department will not enforce City ordinances. They will enforce State and Federal ordinances.