

**City of Flaxton
Council Proceedings
Approved Minutes
January 6, 2026**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kalmbach @ 7:30 p.m. Present were council members Justin Adamietz and Jeremy Ragle by conference call, Public Works Director, Barb Cron and City Auditor, Amy Ones. Absent was council member, Dan Snyder. Members of the public present were Colette Walker.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public comment.

Motion J. Adamietz, second J. Ragle to approve the December 2, 2025 regular council meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion J..Adamietz, second J. Ragle to approve the financial report and bills as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Overdue utility accounts and bulk water activity were reviewed.

Sean Weeks representing Ackerman Estvold was absent from the meeting, therefore there was no engineering report presented.

B. Cron presented the Public Works report. Total hours worked for the month of December were 78.00. Tasks completed include the following: snow removal & completion of the 2025 water use & sales annual report.

Motion J. Ragle, second J. Adamietz to designate both Dacotah Bank & Ameriprise Financial as the depositories of public funds for the City of Flaxton. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2026 city election. There are (2) four-year term positions up for election which are currently held by Justin Adamietz & Jeremy Ragle. The deadline for filing to have a candidate's name listed on the ballot is April 6, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m. The election will be held June 9, 2026.

Discussion was held on 2026 pay increases for city staff positions. For council reference, Auditor Ones stated that the 2026 "Cost of Living Adjustment" (COLA) published by the Social Security Administration is 2.80%. Motion J. Adamietz, second J. Ragle to approve a 2.80% increase for both the Public Works Director (PWD) & Auditor positions. All in favor, motion carried. The increase equates to \$57.20 / month (\$686.40 annually) for the PWD position & \$53.60 / month (\$643.20 annually) for the Auditor position.

Discussion was held on scheduling conflicts for the February 2026 city council meeting date. Motion J. Adamietz, second J. Ragle to move the February city council meeting date to Thursday, February 12, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Flaxton City Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the numerous water shut-off notices sent to the residents at 301 2nd St. E. C. Walker requested additional time to make a payment on the outstanding utility balance due. Council agreed that C. Walker must make a minimum payment of at least \$150.00 no later than January 10, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday, February 12, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Flaxton City Hall.

Approved Bills:

December Payroll: 5,161.95, ND State Tax Commissioner: 342.00, BC Treasurer: 51.24, BC Tribune: 78.85, Circle Sanitation: 497.75, Dacotah Bank: 5.00, Dacotah Insurance: 1,373.00, FDHU: 30.00, Lignite Oil: 698.97, Melby Construction: 1,150.00, MDU: 1,340.68, NCC: 197.14, NDPRA: 105.00

City Auditor: Amy Ones
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