

Maddock City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Mayor Sarah Dove called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present for roll call were Council Members Bradley Hermanson, Deedee Olson, Dusty Pierson, and Teresa Dosch (via phone). Also in attendance were Jamie Green, Mya Ertelt, and Randy Thompson.

A motion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Pierson, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 regular meeting. A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Pierson, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026 special meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

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

Wages		9,372.07
Wiegand's Victory Enterprises, Inc.	22454	2,500.00
Benson Co. Farmers Press	22455	198.12
Benson County Sheriff's Office	22456	600.00
Benson County Tax Equalization	22457	1,300.00
CenDak	22458	836.73
Double M Sanitation	22459	6,000.00
Grand Forks Utility	22460	26.00
Howatt's Excavating	22461	4,000.00
Johnson Ag Resources	22462	120.25
Junior Library Guild	22463	721.40
Maddock Opera House	22464	200.00
MRES	22465	200.00
NAPA	22466	874.62
Northern Plains Electric	22467	4,354.00
Vestis	22468	162.44
VISA	22469	589.03
Maddock Opera House	22470	600.00
Maddock Active Women	22471	250.00
NDPERS	ACH	2,473.54
NDTC	ACH	417.47
Northern Plains Electric	ACH	43,503.34
Western Area Power Adm.	ACH	8,269.40

Pam Lee's Report:

- Presented quarterly reports

Jamie Green's Report:

- Discussed garbage totes for the RRF/125th Celebration
- Discussed the landfill road

There was discussion regarding the LED street light installation project and the installation of additional lighting in the gray shop. The Council decided that no additional lighting would be installed in the gray shop.

The City Council designated June 1-5, 2026, as City Clean-Up Week. Pam was asked to send notices to all city residents informing them of the schedule, dates and details.

Jamie and Keith are to obtain quotes for the water tower project and street repair project and submit them at the next City Council meeting.

Mya Ertelt was present to discuss a future Memorial Home building permit setback variance. The proposed project includes a six-plex that will be located 5 feet closer to the curb along 4th Street than the ordinance allows. A motion was made by Dosch, seconded by Olson, to approve the 5-foot setback variance. All voted yes, motion carried.

The Council directed Jamie to coordinate with Keith to inspect all city curb stops and identify any faulty ones. This is to be completed by May 15, 2026 with repairs to be completed by July 1, 2026. They are to bring a list of inspected curb stops to the May 12, 2026 City Council meeting. They are also to provide a list of contractors contacted for this project.

Pam informed the Council that the city was awarded \$750.00 from the Community Foundation grant for the campsite project. The Council decided to use the funds for a sewer dump station manhole cover at the campsite.

A motion was made by Dosch, seconded by Pierson, to hire McKenzie Melaas for summer office help, along with assisting with projects in preparation for the RRF/125th Celebration. She may work 25–30 hours per week, not to exceed 35 hours per week. All voted yes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Olson, to approve four 10-hour workweeks for all city employees during the summer, from June 1 through August 31. All voted yes, motion carried.

The council members each gave a portfolio report.

Benson County Assessor Randy Thompson was present to conduct the annual tax equalization meeting. A motion was made by Pierson, seconded by Hermanson, to approve the proposed changes. All voted yes, motion carried.

The Council reviewed the entries for the slogan and logo contest. Kaitlyn Palacios was selected as the slogan winner, and Jayla Smith was selected as the logo contest winner. Each will receive \$125.00 in Maddock Bucks.

Mayor Dove recapped the RRF/125th Celebration logistics meeting held on April 8, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Dove, Jamie Green, Keith Winson, Pam Lee, Rachel Markestad, Cathy Faleide, and Michele Herrington.

The Council discussed the City's relationship with CPWD regarding the water treatment plant.

A motion was made by Pierson, seconded by Dosch, to approve the city paying the ongoing electricity usage costs for the new pocket park located between First United Bank and Thrifty White Drug Store. All voted yes, motion carried.

Philip and Carol Backstrom applied for a building permit for shingles and a roof addition, as well as a small deck with steps requiring a setback variance. The deck encroaches 9.5 feet beyond what the ordinance allows. A motion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Olson, to approve the setback variance. All voted yes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Hermanson, to approve a gaming site authorization permit for the Maddock Rural Fire Protection District and a gaming permit for the Special Needles Quilters. All voted yes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next regular council meeting will be May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Pamela Lee, City Auditor

Sarah Dove, Mayor