Kramer City Council Meeting – Sunday, August 3, 2025, 4pm, Firehall Community Rm

Call to Order. Recognition of Members Present: E Timbrook, M Timbrook and J Peters

Members Absent: T Bacon and no guests

We waited about 10 minutes for the arrival of T Bacon. When she did not arrive, we prepared to depart for the tour. While pulling out of the parking lot, we were approached by David Boals. He stated that he wanted the resignation of Judy Peters and that if she did not resign his followers would petition for a recall election, which would be very costly. I asked him if he was coming to the council meeting and he said he had other work to do with the incoming weather. I asked him if he wanted to go on the tour and again, he said no. I asked him why he didn’t come before the council and officially announce his intention to conduct a recall election. He got very agitated, and I told him to calm down. He apologized and we pressed on with the tour.

The council returned at approximately 5:25 and moved to the Firehall Community Room to commence business. The agenda was read, seconded and approved. The previous meeting minutes were read, seconded and approved. Financial reports and reconciliations were presented, seconded and approved, with no reported findings reported.

In unfinished business, Attorney Rachael Mickelson-Hendrickson was appointed as the city attorney. E. Timbrook was appointed as the city auditor. There were no objections.

The city preliminary budget was discussed in detail, highlighting the taxable valuation, the mill levy, and various financial challenges and adjustments. M. Timbrook motioned to approve the budget, Peters seconded. Motion passed. Furthermore, the North Dakota League of Cities reviewed the budget and likewise found it to be sound and in compliance with recent legislative budget requirements.

M Timbrook issued an apology for the handling of the June meeting. Everyone contributed to the chaos, and he failed to control it. M Timbrook noted it was a hollow apology as there was nobody to hear it. He reminded everyone to adhere to the City Policy on Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics. The council discussed the need for transparency and safeguards in financial controls and handling of public monies based on the appointment of E Timbrook as auditor. While this will be short-lived, we must practice every safeguard.

No public session was conducted as no members of the community were present.

The meeting concluded with a motion for adjournment at 7:27pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 September 2025.