

**CITY OF KANDIYOHI
MEETING OF COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

The Kandiyohi City Council held their regular meeting on Monday, November 17, 2025, at the City Hall/Civic Center located at 432 Atlantic Avenue Kandiyohi, MN 56251. Present were Mayor Jon Lindstrand; Council Members Scott McGillivray, Toby Giese, and Jeff Clark; Public Works Supervisor, Brandon Huls; and City Clerk/Treasurer, Julie Woltjer; Absent: Council Member Spencer Hunt and Fire Chief Jamie Swanson.

Mayor Lindstrand called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting Guests: Jon Pauna from Moore Engineering

Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of November 3, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes

Approval of Claims List(Payments) November 17, 2025

Department Reports: October 2025 Water Report

- Gallons of Fresh Water Pumped 782,000
- Gallons of Wastewater Pumped 1,095,000

Council Member Giese motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Council Member Clark seconded the motion, motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

No new items were brought forward during Public Forum.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Congressionally Directed Spending – Water Treatment Plant: Mayor Lindstrand reported that the City of Kandiyohi has been awarded \$4,167,900 in Congressionally Directed Spending for the water treatment plant project. The Mayor stated that this is expected to move the water treatment plant project ahead by approximately five years, easing financial pressure on the community and helping to minimize future water rate increases.

The Mayor credited U.S. Representative Michelle Fischbach as well as, U.S. Senators Tina Smith and Amy Klobuchar, for their efforts in advocating for the City's project.

Property Tax Concerns: The Mayor and Council discussed recent property valuation and property tax increases, noting that many properties, including the Mayor's, experienced increases of around 20%. The Council expressed concern about the impact of the current housing market on valuations and the effect on residents.

It was noted that the increases are largely driven by state-mandated valuation changes and affect the county and school district taxes as well, rather than being primarily the result of City levy changes.

Matching DNR Grant: PW Supervisor Huls on behalf of the Fire Chief requested authorization to apply for a 50/50 matching DNR grant to purchase Wildland gear for a total cost of about \$1,700. If awarded, the City's share would be half of the total project cost. Council Member McGillivray motioned to allow the application. Council Member Clark seconded the motion; motion passes with Council Member Giese abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Center Park Shelter: No current updates

NEW BUSINESS

Moore Engineering / Water Infrastructure Projects Update: Jon Pauna of Moore Engineering provided an update that the federal government reopened, so Moore Engineering and City staff are moving forward with contractual items, which have been sent to the City Attorney and the USDA RD for review. He anticipates that the final contract documents will be ready for Council consideration and signature at the December Council meeting.

Pauna also noted that the change order for the water tower project, which was contingently approved approximately two months ago, can now be formally executed. He plans to submit updated project information to the applicable state agencies after January to ensure that scoring and cost estimates remain current.

An assessment hearing for the street project is expected to be scheduled after the holidays once key project elements and timelines are finalized.

The Council expressed appreciation for the update and the continued coordination between Moore Engineering, City staff, and funding agencies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2026 Christmas Light Contest

Santa Night: **December 13, 2025, 7:00PM**

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Clark motioned to adjourn at 7:26 PM, Council Member Giese seconded the motion. No objections were made, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woltjer, MCMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Claims List(Payments):

American Solutions for Business	Laser Checks	\$226.91
Anderson, Larson, Klassen	Attorney Fees	\$208.00
General Mailing	Water Sample Shipping	\$37.95
GLSSWD	October Sewer Processing	\$18,192.94
Immense Impact	Annual Website Subscription	\$737.00
MN PEIP	Employee Insurance	\$3,877.34
MN Revenue	Employee Taxes	\$386.31
NCPERS	Employee Paid Taxes	\$32.00
OM, LLC	Vehicle Fuel/Supplies	\$242.22
Paul Wennerberg	IT Support	\$174.00
Payroll	11-7-25	\$1,764.45
PERA	11-7-25	\$321.50
Payroll	11-14-25	\$1,857.92
PERA	11-14-25	\$331.32
US Treasury	Employment Taxes	\$2,158.73
West Central Sanitation	Refuse Collection	\$188.18
X-cel Energy	City Gas	\$46.22
Total Expenditures		\$30,782.99

City Portion of Fire Department Expenditures \$792.71

Phase 1 Project Costs:

Moore Engineering	Phase I – Construction Services	\$8,365.00
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