July 6, 2026

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
July 6, 2026

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

Maureen Storstad, City Auditor/Director of Finance, administered the oath of office to Kerry Rosenquist, as reelected Municipal Judge. Judge Rosenquist made comments regarding his experience in his first term and changes that will be implemented for Municipal Court operations, becoming a court of record, due to action approved in the 2025 State Legislative Session.

Judge Rosenquist then administered the oaths of office to Council Members Rebecca Osowski (Ward 2), Angela Salentiny (Ward 4) and Dana Sande (Ward 6).

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The city council of the city of Grand Forks, North Dakota met in Council Chambers on Monday, July 6, 2026, 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Bochenski presiding. Present at roll call were Council Members Weigel, Osowski, Berg, Salentiny, Fridolfs, Sande and Vein - 7; absent: None

ACTION ITEMS

1) Consideration of election to the office of City Council President were considered. Council Members commented on the dedication and leadership that Council Member Sande has provided in the role of Council President in prior years. Council Member Fridolfs moved and Council Member Osowski seconded to elect Dana Sande as President. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Consideration of election to the office of City Council Vice President were considered. It was noted Council Member Weigel's past service as vice president in addition to his leadership within the community being an example of a true servant leader. Council Member Sande moved and Council Member Osowski seconded to elect Danny Weigel as Vice President. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Consideration of appointment of the City Attorney and approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for services was considered with Dan Gaustad, Pearson, Christenson, PLLP. Mayor Bochenski commented regarding the service that has been provided by Mr. Gaustad and his recommendation to approve the appointment and associated agreement. It was noted that the City Attorney's office now directly handles Prosecution within their office and has seen a considerable increase in activity, and a resulting increase in court fine and fee revenue. This also reflects the diligent efforts of the Police Department in addressing community safety. Council Members echoed the support for Mr. Gaustad and his team and their work on behalf of the community.

Council Member Osowski moved and Council Member Berg seconded the approval of the appointment and agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Osowski and second by Council Member Berg to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Storstad
City Auditor

Approved:

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Brandon Bochenski, Mayor