September 28, 2026
Morton City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Rick Mead
Councilman Jason Sawyer
Councilwoman Maria Gonzalez
Councilman Peter Hansen
Councilman Jeff Johnson
Councilman Charlie Clevenger

7:00 pm – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Rick Mead

Councilman Sawyer read an email he received late in the afternoon from Tara Chestnut disputing the meeting minutes from August 24, 2026 meeting. Other councilors had not yet received the email and elected to table the minutes until an investigation could be done. (Motion by councilman Hansen, 2nd councilman Sawyer, all in favor)

Consent Agenda vouchers and EFTs from August 24, 2026 (Motion by councilman Hansen, 2nd councilwoman Gonzalez, all in favor)

Public comment:

None

Council Committee Update

Councilman Sawyer – Morton clean-up day went very well and had about 20 people showed up to pick-up garbage and a thank you to Sara for the disposal of the garbage that was picked-up. A townhall meeting was held Aug. 25th with business owners expressing making downtown beautiful again and encouraging all businesses to paint and upkeep, the possibility of garbage cans, murals and maps.
Councilman Hansen – City started working on budget
Councilman Johnson – The park clean-up had 34 people including kids and was a success. FOMP along with park committee members is working on designated tent sites and park caretaker.
Councilman Clevenger – PW plan to have Bingaman Dr. paved by end of year, working on grants for 2 or 3 more streets in 2027.

Discussion:

A discussion regarding bee complaints, the "2" people in town with bees are in full compliance and there isn't anything the city can do.
Councilman Hansen & Councilman Clevenger, have a facebook page "Heart of Morton" where people can reach out if they need help with yard maintenance or other small tasks.

New business:

- Council approved Ordinance 2026-08 regarding Town Hall meetings (Motion by councilman Sawyer, 2nd councilman Hansen, all in favor)
- Council approved Ordinance 2026-09 amending MMC 15.04 (Motion by councilman Johnson, 2nd councilman Clevenger, all in favor)

- Council approved Ordinance 2026-10 new tax application for tourism funds (Motion councilman Hansen, 2nd councilman Clevenger, all in favor)

- Councilman Clevenger stated community member brought to his attention about painting the curb in front of the hospital bus stop, councilman Sawyer expressed extending another 5 – 10 ft as the buses are large. Council also advised signage stating "tow away zone"

Old business:
None

Public Participation:

Citizen Patricia stated she was happy with the park clean-up day and wished the Journal had been there to cover it.

Councilman Johnson stated they are working on trunk or treat and Christmas lighting in the park.

Citizen Ralph questioning something about former Mayor Gerwig, but was unclear in what he was asking.

Mayor Mead thanked his wife for keeping the bathrooms clean at Backstrom Park.

Motion to adjourn councilman Johnson, 2nd councilwoman Gonzalez, all in favor.

Adjourn 7:40 pm

Respectfully, LuAnn Ward, City Clerk

Ricky Mead, Mayor