



January meetings

City Commission, Jan. 5, 5:30 p.m., and Jan. 19, 5 p.m., City Hall

School Board, Jan. 4, 5:30 p.m., and Jan. 19, 7 p.m., City Hall

Park Board, Jan. 11, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

County Commission, Jan. 14 and 26, 5:30 p.m., Morton County Courthouse

City Planning and Zoning Commission, Jan. 25, 5:15 p.m. City Hall

MPO Annual Meeting, Jan. 25

Celebrate Mandan's successes with the Mandan Progress Organization on Jan. 25 at the Harvest Grill. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.mandanprogress.org.

Benefits of shopping local

One percent of each dollar spent on taxable sales is retained by the City for property tax buy down, infrastructure improvements, debt reduction and economic development. Another 0.75 percent sales tax became effective Oct. 1 to pay for a new sports complex.

By shopping local, you're increasing chances for new services and more merchandise to come our way by demonstrating hometown loyalty.

Mandan businesses donate to youth and civic groups, events and charities, making our community a better place to live and play.

Give the gift of Mandan Bucks

Looking for a great gift? Mandan Bucks are gift certificates redeemable for products and services at most Mandan businesses. To purchase Mandan Bucks, visit the Mandan Progress Organization office, 411 West Main Street, phone 751-2983.

City Commission approves hub city projects

The City Commission authorized staff to move forward with nine projects related to population growth at a November meeting. The projects will use hub city funds appropriated through oil impact legislation during the 2015 legislative session. The \$4.3 million in funding will be used toward infrastructure improvements, including:

- construction of a north side fire station,
- the purchase of land in northwest Mandan for a future water reservoir,
- expansion of an Old Red Trail water transmission line from 6 to 12 inches to coincide with the road-widening project,
- Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization studies for low-cost road improvements, the Mandan downtown subarea and school area safety,
- a hydrocarbon detector to be used at the Water Treatment Plant,
- a stormwater master plan,
- engineering fees to assess and plan sanitary sewer line improvements from the master lift station to the Waste Water Treatment Plant, and
- a Public Works salt and sand storage structure, cold storage and department office areas.

As a growing city, Mandan has a multitude of projects in need of funding. Selected projects include those that may have otherwise been special assessed city-wide, had mill levy implications city wide or affected utility rates.

City names Ziegler new Chief of Police



Jason Ziegler was named Mandan's new police chief at a special meeting of the City Commission in November. Ziegler will start his new duties after the holidays.

Ziegler has served in law enforcement for 25 years, 14 in supervisory roles. He most recently worked as a lieutenant at the Osceola County Sheriff's Office in Florida. He has his master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Single-sort recycling to begin in January

Residential single-sort recycling collections will begin Jan. 2, 2016. Recyclables will be collected every other week on the same day as each household's regular garbage collection.

Collection weeks will be organized by address, with odd-numbered and even-numbered properties scheduled on opposite weeks. Collection for odd-numbered houses will begin Jan. 2. Due to the New Year's holiday, odd-numbered households regularly scheduled for collection on Fridays are asked to place their containers out for pick-up on Jan. 2. Collection for even-numbered houses will begin Jan. 4. A collection calendar is available at www.cityofmandan.com/recycle or at City Hall.

Containers should be placed alongside the curb, 5 feet away from any obstructions such as vehicles, garbage cans or containers, with the wheels of the container facing your home. Households with alley pick-up for regular garbage are to place recycling containers at the street curb in front of the house.

For more information, visit www.cityofmandan.com/recycle or call Dakota Sanitation at (701) 258-4679.





"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

Commercial & residential development remains strong

Mayor Arlyn Van Beek spoke at the Chamber of Commerce State of the Cities breakfast in November. He talked about Mandan's growth trends, business developments and city

projects. Residential development remains strong. New businesses are opening, existing businesses are expanding, and the City is looking at several projects to improve streets and other infrastructure. The complete presentation is posted at www.cityofmandan.com in the News section. Here are some of the latest statistics:

- **Residential building.** The City issued building permits for 224 new residential units in 2015 through Nov. 24. Single-family home construction is above last year at 131 units; however multi-family construction is not as strong with 93 units permitted to date compared to 295 in all of 2014.
- **Commercial and industrial building.** Permits for new construction, remodeling and additions total \$52 million, the second highest year on record and far above the \$24 million in activity recorded for 2014.
- **Local usage taxes.** Revenue from the 1 percent sales tax through October is down 4 percent as compared to the same 10-month period a year ago. Given that sales tax revenue for 2014 was at an all-time high and 13 percent above 2013, the statistics for the current year remain strong historically.

The City Finance Director expects revenue from the 0.75 percent sales tax that began Oct. 1 will start coming to the City between December and February. This portion of the sales tax is devoted to a new sports complex being planned by the Park District. The timing lag is because retailers file their sales tax collections with the N.D. Tax Department on either a monthly or quarterly basis.

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Respondents split on Mandan's willingness to invest in its future

Online polls over the next several months are exploring how Mandan rates with respect to a number of attributes associated with successful communities. November's poll asked, "How would you rate Mandan's willingness to invest in its future?" Of the 68 respondents, 28 percent rated Mandan as very willing, 34 percent rated it as somewhat willing, 29 percent rated it as not at all willing and 9 percent were uncertain.

According to the Heartland Center for Leadership Development, a community's willingness to invest in its future includes public and private brick and mortar investments, residents who are willing to invest time and energy on community improvements, sustainable planning and implementation and paying attention to how today's actions will affect future generations. Here are a few examples in Mandan:

- **Voter-approved improvements.** Voters in the last 10-plus years have approved investment in a new middle school, new elementary school, and recently a new sports complex.
- **Downtown revitalization.** The private sector has invested nearly \$17 million in the rehabilitation and construction of 31 commercial buildings in the Renaissance Zone, a 28-block area along Main Street and north, since it was established in 2005.
- **Citizen involvement in committees.** Dozens of business and citizen volunteers serve on standing committees that help direct community improvements. These include the Airport Authority, Architecture Review Commission, Cemetery Advisory Committee, Community Beautification Committee, Growth Fund, Library Board of Trustees, Planning and Zoning, Renaissance Zone Committee, and Visitors Committee.
- **Recycling.** The City adopted a curb-side recycling program to begin in 2016.

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

How would you rate Mandan's awareness of competitive positioning?

Visit www.cityofmandan.com by Dec. 22 to respond.