

The Garrison City Council held a special meeting on Wednesday February 11, 2026, at 9:00 am in the senior citizen center due to the number of individuals present for the meeting. Present in person: Mayor Stuart Merry, Shannon Jeffers, David Reinarts and Billee Jo Iglehart from the city council. Absent: Britteny Gilbert and Otto Kinn. Others present in person: City Supervisor Greg Boucher, Kent Ritterman and Jesse Berg from Moore Engineering: Steve Seidler, Karmen Seidler, Keith Hunke from Garrison Rural Water: Tucker Toelke, Ryan Ward, Jon Benep-Bischoff, and Mike Ghormley from Michels Trenchless; and Jarrett Hillius from HDR Engineering. Present on Teams Meeting: Bree Stumvoll from city council; Dylan Kruzel from Moore Engineering; Brian King, Billy Hymes, Reilley Schoo and Paul Bearden from HDR Engineering.

The meeting purpose was the 30% Workshop for the Garrison Raw Water Intake Improvements. Agenda items: Introductions were made. The 30% project layout/alignment/update was presented by Moore Engineering. The schedule and 2026 construction goals, depending on environmental permitting, were reviewed. The environmental permitting was presented by Dylan Kruzel of Moore Engineering. The 30% plan with Michels Trenchless was discussed. This included HDD, intake structure and pump house building. The cost estimate was reviewed and compared to engineers estimate. The value engineering proposals were reviewed. These items were new caisson vs bypass pumping, confirm month by month lake levels, geophysics in lieu of deep-water boring, reduce/eliminate deep water pile driving, eliminate 8" casing for air blow off and chemical lines, and shorten HDD/raise the intake elevation.

Information provided: The new caisson is 2300 feet in length and will be at 1768 elevation. The existing caisson is at 1780 elevation. The target depth is 1770 elevation. The deeper we go, the more risks are to the divers. It may result in a larger barge and extra personnel. The engineers would like directions from the city to the depth.

The pump house building is 28' x 28'. It will have an eye washing station and chemical room. The building may be a precast structure. The city council prefers a steel single slope roof with a hatch and no rail system. A water line to the building with a small water heater was discussed. No fence around the building is required at this time.

The city council wants to keep the existing caisson in place and the skid in the lake. The new pumps are six to nine months out for delivery. The boring permit was submitted on December 23, 2025, for land and water. The desired date to have the boring permit received is April 15, 2026. The pump house will take longer than the civil items. The intake will be last item to install.

Dylan spoke on the environmental permitting. Federal government has protected species like whooping cranes, piping plovers and pallid sturgeons. The time frame is April 15 to August 15.

The screen size is 1500 gallons per minute, and the HDD intake pipe is sixteen inches.

The estimated is \$16,257,400. This amount does not include pre-construction costs, geotechnical, structural engineering and other engineering. The engineer's estimated cost is \$8,570,000.

The city council meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Diane Affeldt, City Auditor

Stuart Merry, Mayor

The Garrison City Council held a special meeting on Tuesday February 24, 2026, at 2:00 pm in the city council room. Present: Shannon Jeffers and David Reinarts in person. Mayor Stuart Merry, Bree Stumvoll, Todd Joersz and Carl Meyer from FEMA on Teams Meeting. Others present: Greg Boucher and Megan Carlson.

The Water Intake Project and CMAR were discussed. The city will be terminating the agreement between Owner and CMAR. Todd mentioned the CMAR would not have passed the BCA test with the price they presented to the city council. The was discussion on creating a new scope of work in which the pumps will be upgraded to still achieve the same outcome. The design, bid, and build concept were discussed. A Request for Proposal for engineering was discussed. The project deadline is January 2027, and a one-year extension may be possible but has to be filed in November 2026.

The steps moving forward are: new scope of work to be approved by FEMA, project cost needs to pass the BCA test, increase capacity, order pumps, permitting if needed.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Diane Affeldt, City Auditor

Stuart Merry, Mayor

The Garrison City Council met Monday March 2, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the city council room. Present: Mayor Stuart Merry, Shannon Jeffers, Bree Stumvoll, David Reinarts and Billee Jo Iglehart. Absent: Otto Kinn and Britteny Gilbert. Others present: City Supervisor Greg Boucher, and Assistant City Auditor Megan Carlson. Visitors: Steve Seidler and Keith Hunke from Garrison Rural Water. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment Period: None

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Iglehart to approve the city council minutes as presented and correct the special city council minutes referencing the caisson and inlet pipe. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Steve Seidler and Keith Hunke from Garrison Rural Water were present to hear the decision from Garrison City Council on the CMAR Michels Trenchless, Inc. Moore Engineering drafted a Termination for Convenience letter of Michels Trenchless, Inc. Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve Termination for Convenience letter of Michels Trenchless, Inc. and Moore Engineering, Inc. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Garrison Rural Water is looking at placing a building over the north pump by the city cemetery.

City Supervisor Greg Boucher gave his report. Painting began on the other clarifier today. The main lift station and trailer park lift station will be cleaned out this week. Training on the new street sweeper will be this week.

Greg would like to hire Terry Dewitz as manager of the city inert site at \$24.00 per hour. Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to hire Terry Dewitz at \$24.00 per hour. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Greg would like to purchase a welder for the city shop for \$579.99. Moved by Iglehart, seconded by Stumvoll to authorize the purchase of a welder for \$579.99. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Greg is researching a blade for the bobcat.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve the city auditor's monthly financial report. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts and Iglehart. Nay: None.

The municipal court report for February was presented and reviewed.

City Auditor Diane Affeldt report was presented. Garrison Airport leases were sent. Records retention from the basement vault was completed, waiting approval in May. Deputy Auditor training continues. Attended special city council meeting and committee meeting.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Jeffers to approve bills submitted for payment. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Cash	Petty cash	50.00
RTC Networks	Telephone	1,423.23
Verizon Wireless	City phones	235.21
UNUM Life Ins.	Insurance	21.45
Circle Sanitation Service	City garbage/dumpster	468.25
McLean Co. Sheriff	Contract	14,600.00
Garrison Park Board	State revenue	3,024.37
Western Agency	Insurance	423.00
Vestis	Service	259.50
Garrison Lumber	Supplies	160.09
Syn Tech Systems	Airport contract	640.30
MDU	Service	2,588.39
McLean Electric Coop	Power	1,547.22
ND Dept of Environmental	Testing	133.99
Hawkins	Chemicals	50.00
American Welding & Gas	Chemicals	83.97
USA Blue Book	Supplies	1,433.45
Micro-Comm Inc.	Subscription	400.00
Northern Plains Equip.	Parts	84.70
Powerplan OIB	Repairs	156.53
Otter Tail Power	Power	8,213.87
Waste Management	Garbage	9,694.08
Gale/Cengage Learning	Library	414.59
Micro Marketing	Library	44.94
Loffler	Library	92.00
Penworthy	Library	288.02
Amazon Capital	Library	454.12
Barnes & Noble	Library	214.79
Junior Library Guild	Library	782.81
Michael Frederick	Library	50.00
Helms & Associates	Airport terminal	4,863.06

Ecolab Pest Elimination	Service fee	195.72
Garrison Fire Dept.	2025 expenses	11,533.43
NorDak North	Publications/supplies	556.46
S & J Hardware	Supplies	247.81
Elan Financial	Training	46.36
Farmers Union Oil	Gas	1,551.66
US Postmaster	Water bills	316.64
Sanitation Products	Sweeper	306,220.00

Moved by Iglehart, seconded by Jeffers to approve payment to Moore Engineering Inc. for Raw Water Project for \$76,015.00 and Michels Trenchless, Inc. for Raw Water Project for \$19,790.00. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Sales & Use Tax Committee reported the request by Partners Alliance 1 falls outside Sales & Use Tax parameters and thus does not qualify for consideration for funding.

Planning & Zoning Commission minutes were reviewed on two possible zoning changes.

Mayor Merry’s monthly report was presented. He attended the design meeting with Moore Engineering, Michels Trenchless and HDR regarding the status of the water intake project. He attended regular meetings of the Garrison Chamber of Commerce and GAIA/BLFG annual meetings. Has not heard from ND Dept. of Transportation officials regarding whether they have taken any action on possible safety solutions of the Highway 37 and US 83 intersection, six miles east of Garrison.

Alderman Jeffers reported for the Cemetery, Mobile Housing, Public Buildings and Landfill Committee. Jeffers is working with PKG Inc. on the main lift station.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Iglehart to approve beer and/or liquor license transfer for Hometown Tavern March 28, 2026, to the city auditorium. Time has not been determined. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Reinarts, seconded by Stumvoll to accept the resignation of Otto Kinn with regrets. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Moved by Stumvoll, seconded by Iglehart to set Board of Equalization meeting for April 14, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Voting Yea: Jeffers, Stumvoll, Reinarts and Iglehart. Nay: None.

Aldersperson Stumvoll stated her committee is drafting an ordinance on city council member attendance.

The city garbage contract expires in 2026. City Auditor Affeldt will be preparing the bid notification.

The next regular city council meeting will be on Monday April 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm. The city council meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Diane Affeldt, City Auditor

Stuart Merry, Mayor