

**On February 8, 2024, a Special Meeting of the Minot City Council was held at Minot State University Dome.**

**Members Present:**

Burlingame, Jantzer, Olson, Podrygula, Ross

**Members Absent:**

Evans, Pitner

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At 12:00 pm Harold Stewart, City Manager, introduced Emerson Eads, who sang the national anthem. A representative from Bishop Ryan Catholic School, Chinello Udekwe, provided the crowd the invocation. The Minot Commission on Aging provided the meal for the State of the City. At 12:20 pm, Harold Stewart, City Manager discussed the year of 2023 for the City of Minot and introduced the video created by Jennifer Kleen.

Mayor Ross began his speech by thanking Minot Commission on Aging, city employees, citizens, council members, state representatives, partners at Minot AFB and more. He spoke about the difficult decisions of past officials and how we are seeing the benefits now. Mayor Ross talked about the ND State Fair and Norsk Hostfest, the key roles of the Minot Air Force Base, the long-time partnership with the Minot Park District, the Magic City Discovery Center, Minot State University, and the recent changes at the Dakota Square Mall.

Mayor Ross mentioned how the City of Minot is investing in the basic infrastructure such as roads, water lines, and sewer lines. Fire Station 5 opened in 2023, City Hall transitioned to the new location, NAWA is still under construction, the recycling program has begun, and so much more. He highlighted staff from the Landfill for an event in May of 2023 that had them performing CPR and using a portable AED on a customer who experienced a medical emergency.

Mayor Ross introduced Brekka Kramer, CEO/President of MACEDC, and Stephanie Schoenrock, Executive Director of Visit Minot, spoke about their organization's activities and the upcoming year. He ended his speech reminding everyone we are seeing the benefits of the past and future generations will be depending on us to do the same for them.

The State of the City Address ended at 1:41 pm.