

City Council Proceedings.

The City Council of the White Lake, South Dakota met in regular session on Monday, May 4th, 2026 at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following council members present: Sharon Reeves, Mark Guericke, Nathaniel Schroeder, and Tia Hetland, together with the Mayor Kim Ehlers, Finance Officer Kimberly York, Public Works Director Josh Podzimek, and Daycare Director, Brooklynn Kieffer. There were also two patrons present.

Motion was made by Guericke, seconded by Schroeder to approve the agenda with the addition of appointing council members for Ward 1 and Ward 2. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schroeder, seconded by Hetland to approve the minutes from the April 6th, 2026. Motion Carried.

Public comments were invited. Barb Becker expressed concerns about the current ordinance book. She found a 2004 Ordinance Book for the council to reference as they begin the ordinance review process.

Daycare P&L was reviewed by council. Brooklynn updated council. The Curriculum was purchased for next school year. State inspection was performed at the end of April. No citations were issued. Daycare wanted to recognize Kieffer Trucking for donating 100 pounds of hamburger to the daycare.

April 2026 Financial reports were reviewed. Checking account: \$66,085.81, Savings Account: \$110,660.21, Library Account: \$4,985.74, and CDs: \$120,191.83. Motion was made by Schroeder, seconded by Hetland to approve the financials. Motion carried. Kim York updated. The office will be closed on June 5th but will be open on June 4th. All agenda items will be due Thursday at noon. The Finance office will be closed on June 10th – 12th for finance office school.

We received estimates from Zach Scott Construction for \$5,500.00, Scott Construction for \$5,918.38, and Berens Excavating for \$6,875.00 to put in new construction water and sewer. Motion made by Schroeder seconded by Guericke to approve Zach Scott. Motion carried.

New playground will be put into the park this summer for toddlers. Placement is yet to be determined.

Summer reading program will be beginning in June and running through July.

May 4th, 2026 Vouchers: AgriMax – Weed Chemical - \$100.00, ATCO – Water Supplies - \$423.00, Aurora Brule Rural Water-Monthly Water Purchase- \$5,462.00, Badger Meter, Monthly Communication Fees-\$130.56, CHS-Monthly LP-\$610.00, Collaborative Summer Library Program – Summer Reading Program Supplies - \$212.67, Consumer Reports-Magazine Subscription-\$52.04, GEOTEK-Core Sampling-\$2,900.00, Jake's-Fuel-\$218.93, Konechne Hardware-Pool and Shop Supplies-\$237.74, Krohmer Agency- Yearly Insurance-\$29,762.00, L&L Sanitation-Monthly Garbage-\$105.00, Maguire Iron, Inc.-Service Agreement-\$1,650.00, Menards-Water Supplies-\$129.93, Midstate Communications-Monthly Internet/Telephone-\$360.11, Northwestern Energy-Electric-\$2,814.93, Pheasant Land Balloon Rides-Promoting the City-\$500.00, Postmaster, Utility Postage-\$122.00, Public Health Laboratory-Monthly Sample-\$40.00, Ron's Market-Daycare Food/Supplies-\$254.43, SDRS-Monthly Contribution-\$1,835.78, Standard Publishing-publication-\$343.74, White Lake School- Daycare Meals-\$934.50. Motion by Hetland, seconded by Guericke to approve bills. Motion Carried.

Paid Bills in between April 1-30th: Aflac-Monthly insurance-\$550.22, Cellphone-\$99.64, Payroll-\$19,155.71, FM Bank-ACH Feeds/Loan/VISA-\$1,35.90, IRS-Federal Tax Deposit-\$3,746.78, National Rural Water Association-Water Tower Loan-\$859.27, USDA-Water/Main Street Loan-\$2,435.00, and SD Department of Labor-Unemployment Taxes-\$224.05.

Received bids from L&L sanitation for City Wide Cleanup. The original bid was requested for curb side. Be bid received was for a roll off dumpster. Motion by Schroeder, seconded by Reeves to reject L&L sanitation due to not matching the bid. Motion carried.

Building permit ordinance was addressed. Council decided to clarify the verbiage and will schedule a public meeting for an ordinance change before the next regular council meeting.

Received a building permit from Jed Chelmo. He is requesting to build a new 3 bedroom Dakotaplex duplex in town. The council would like a drawing of the placement on a plot map. Once received the finance officer will be able to approve the permit per ordinance.

JaBaS came to city council asking if they can block off 3 parking spots weather permitting on May 30th for their customer appreciation. Time will be from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm. Motion made by Hetland, seconded by Reeves to approve the parking lot blocking. Motion carried.

Cats around town were brought up. Council stated that there is nothing we can do. They recommend to call the sheriffs office.

John and Patti Sudtelge, 208 W Railroad St S, asked for a culvert extension. Motion made by Reeves, seconded by Schroeder to approve the culvert extension at their expense from the City. Motion Carried.

Russ Ehlers would like to put in a driveway at 206 W Railroad Street S. The current driveway is on the neighboring property. Motion made by Hetland seconded by Guericke that the city will purchase the culvert to put in. Motion carried.

Mayor brought sample ordinances addressing distressed and/or vacant buildings for council to review. No decisions were made at this time.

Donna Steichen, Russ Ehlers, and Dan Cudmore for Ward 1 and Mark Guericke for Ward 2. Mayor asked for councils opinions. After discussion, Mayor has appointed Dan Cudmore for Ward 1 and Mark Guericke for Ward 2. They will serve on term until the next election.

Motion by Reeves, seconded by Hetland to enter executive session at 8:20 pm for personnel.

Mayor declared executive session over at 8:58 pm.

Motion by Hetland, seconded by Schroeder to approve the following applications. Motion Carried.

Kyza Johnson - \$15.25/ hour - Lifeguard

Macayla Gerlach - \$15.25/hour – Lifeguard

Arianna Renteria - \$1,200 – Summer Reading Program Director

Darron Moeller - \$15.00/hour – Helping Josh

Next council meeting- June 8th, 2026 at 7pm.

Motion was made by Schroeder, seconded by Reeves to adjourn at 9:04 pm. Motion Carried.

Kim Ehlers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly York, Finance Officer