City Council Proceedings

The City Council of White Lake, South Dakota met in regular session on November 16, 2026 at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following council members present: Mark Guericke, Nathaniel Schroeder, Dan Cudmore, and Tia Haines via phone. Also present was Mayor Kim Ehlers, Public Works Director Josh Podzimek, and Finance Officer Kimberly York. There were also four patrons present.

Motion was made by Schroeder, seconded by Guericke to approve agenda Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Guericke, seconded by Cudmore to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2026, meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

Public comments were invited. No public comments were made.

Daycare P&L was reviewed by council. Daycare is looking for a part-time worker. Advertisement has started.

October 2026 Financial reports were reviewed. Checking account: $61,103.40, Savings Account: $111,015.86, Library Account: $4,985.74, and CDs: $122,869.19. Motion was made by Schroeder, seconded by Cudmore to approve the financials. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

Weston with Banner Associates reached out about the 2027 Chip and Seal project for Main Street. Josh requested crack sealing on Main Street before the chip and seal. Motion made by Cudmore, seconded by Guericke to join the project and get crack sealing done. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

Josh has talked to Benders about the Sewer project out to lagoon. They are hoping to get started on it later in the week of November 16 or beginning of November 23rd.

Derek with Morris Electric was looking at Hanten Park. He found bare wires. Josh schedule time for him to come get fixed as soon as possible.

Community Block grant will be awarded in February 2027 meeting. Kim York has more information in the office. Deadline is January 15th 2027.

October 9, 2026 Vouchers: Aurora County Auditor-2nd half law enforcement contract-$20,094.00, Aurora Brule Rural Water-Monthly Water Purchase- $4,142.50, Badger Meter-Monthly Communication Fees-$131.28, CHS Budget LP -$440.00, Hillman's Repair-Government vehicle repair-$74.99, Jake's-Fuel -$341.40, Konechne Hardware- Shop Supplies-$277.57, L&L Sanitation-Monthly Garbage -$105.00, MAS Modern Marketing-Library Supplies-$238.65, Midstate Communications-Monthly Internet/Telephone-$407.10, Morris Electric-Repairs at shop-$163.27,Northwestern Energy-Electric-$2,785.17, Plankinton Lumber-Supplies-$52.33, Post Master-Utility Postage -$130.00, Public Health Lab-Monthly Samples-$270.00, Ron's Market-Daycare Food/Supplies-$354.79, Runnings-Park Supplies-$120.00, SDRS-Monthly Contribution-$1,995.48, SDML Work Comp Fund-2027 Renewal-$6,016.00, TilTechDoUsPart-Safety Days-$320.00, White Lake Plumbing-Winterization of Concession Stands-$85.27, White

Lake School District-daycare food-$982.50. Motion by Cudmore, seconded by Guericke to approve bills Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

Paid Bills in between October 1-31, 2026: Aflac-Monthly insurance-$612.45, Cellphone-$99.64, Payroll-$20,446.95, FM Bank-ACH Feeds/Loan/VISA-$1,692.39, IRS-Federal Tax Deposit-$4,145.23, National Rural Water Association-Water Tower Loan-$859.27, USDA-Water/Main Street Loan-$2,435.00, SD Dept of Labor-Unemployment Taxes-$103.50.

Further discussion was made on Vacant Building Ordinance. Lawyer sent back pros and cons on ordinance. Council discussed different options in regards to the ordinance. After further discussion the ordinance will be dropped.

Pet registration form was presented to council. Voluntary register pet will help the city if a pet gets lost. Motion was made by Schroeder, seconded by Cudmore to approve the voluntary pet registration. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0. The forms will be available on the website or at City Hall.

Dog Park was discussed further. With discussion from the city council, it was decided to not move forward with dog park unless there is more community interest.

Ron's Market, The Pour House, The Ranch, and Benny's are due to renew liquor licenses for 2027. Motion made by Guericke, seconded by Schroeder to approve the renewals. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

Cudmore brought to the council about adding to building permit. He would like to get clarifications about surveys. This is tabled until next month for additional information.

Motion by Schroeder, seconded by Guericke to enter executive session for personal at 7:35 pm. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

Motion made to leave executive session at 8:02 pm by Guericke, seconded by Schroder. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0. No public business conducted.

Next council meeting- December 6, 2026 at 7:00pm.

Motion was made by Cudmore, seconded by Schroeder to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

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Kim Ehlers, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Kimberly York, Finance Officer