City Council Proceedings

The City Council of White Lake, South Dakota met in regular session on October 7, 2026 at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following council members present: Mark Guericke, Nathaniel Schroeder, Tia Hetland and Dan Cudmore. Also present was Mayor Kim Ehlers and Finance Officer Kimberly York. There were also five patrons present.

Motion was made by Cudmore, seconded by Schroeder to approve agenda with the addition to Hanten Park discussion and Dog Ordinance Discussion. Motion carried by voice vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Schroeder, seconded by Hetland to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2026, meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 4-0.

Public comments were invited. Brad Green came to council about helping with sound systems for different activities. He has the necessary equipment. He would not charge the city as it is a hobby of his. Council recommended also talking to Commercial Club, as they more frequently host events.

Daycare P&L was reviewed by council.

The 2027 Daycare Parent Handbook was discussed. No major changes other than rate increase January 1, 2027.

September 2026 Financial reports were reviewed. Checking account: $42,090.32, Savings Account: $110,945.19, Library Account: $4,985.74, and CDs: $121,367.69. Motion was made by Schroeder, seconded by Guericke to approve the financials. Motion carried by voice vote 4-0. The second reading of budget was completed. Motion by Guericke, seconded by Schroeder, to approve the 2027 budget. Motion carried by voice vote 4-0. Reviewed law enforcement contract. Concerns and questions were discussed and answered. Motion by Guericke, seconded by Schroeder. Motion carried by voice vote 4-0. Safety First visited with the City last week. It was recommended that we implement a safety policy. Motion made by Cudmore, seconded by Schroeder to approved and send policy to lawyer to approve. Motion carried by voice vote 4-0.

Josh has us on the list with Bender’s to camera and jet going out to the Lagoon. We are waiting for area to dry up before starting.

Winterization for the pool will be done on October 20th. Discussion was brought up in regards to Kim Ehlers donating the old Gillen School house to be placed in Hanten Park as a potential museum. Cudmore brought up different concerns and would like to see a proposal before moving forward. Cudmore also asked when she would like to complete it. Ehlers stated that she would like to have it done next year sometime. Hetland commented that further planning and conversation needs to be made before any final decisions are made. Discussion is tabled.

White Lake Ambulance and White Lake Fire department roster were announced in public meeting. Copies of rosters are at the finance office.

Hetland read a resignation letter from Librarian Linda Dodds. The letter announced that she will be retiring at the end of 2026. Motion made by Schroeder, seconded by Hetland to accept her

resignation. Motion carried by voice vote 4-0. Motion made by Cudmore, seconded by Hetland to start advertising for a Librarian. Motion carried by voice vote 4-0.

October 9, 2026 Vouchers: Aurora Brule Rural Water-Monthly Water Purchase- $4,650.00, Badger Meter-Monthly Communication Fees-$70.92, Book Systems- Yearly Atriuum Subscription-$1,210.00, CHS Budget LP -$440.00, Hillman's Repair-Government vehicle repair-$194.99, Jake's-Fuel -$434.61, James Valley Nursery-Irrigation Maintenance-$413.00, Kim Ehlers-Reimbursement City Promotion-$89.95, Konechne Hardware- Shop Supplies-$71.23, L&L Sanitation-Monthly Garbage -$105.00, Menards-Pool Supplies-$156.05, Midstate Communications-Monthly Internet/Telephone-$406.89, Northwestern Energy-Electric-$2,962.53,PostMaster-Utility Postage -$130.00, Public Health Lab-Monthly Samples-$40.00, Ron's Market-Daycare Food/Supplies229.14, SDRS-Monthly Contribution-$1,958.64, The Library Store-Library Supplies-$102.05, White Lake Plumbing-Water Hookup-$761.63, White Lake School District-daycare food-$939.75, White Lake Welding-Banner Supplies-$3.50. Motion by Schroeder, seconded by Guericke to approve bills Motion carried by voice vote 4-0.

Paid Bills in between September 1st-30th: Aflac-Monthly insurance-$612.45, Cellphone-$94.50, Payroll-$19,852.18, FM Bank-ACH Feeds/Loan/VISA-$1,599.54, IRS-Federal Tax Deposit-$3,982.71, National Rural Water Association-Water Tower Loan-$859.27, USDA-Water/Main Street Loan-$2,435.00.

Further discussion was made on Vacant Building Ordinance. It was sent to lawyer for review and council reviewed his recommendations. After discussion, council decided to table until further conversation with lawyer was made.

Cudmore discussed creating an ordinance for pet licensing. After further discussion, decision was made that it would not work to have an ordinance. Motion was made by Cudmore, seconded by Schroeder to have a Pet Census taken to let the City know what pets were in town. This would include what breed, color, age, and owner of pet. Motion was carried by voice 4-0.

Next council meeting- November 9th, 2026 at 7:00pm.

Motion was made by Schroeder, seconded by Hetland to adjourn at 8:33 pm. Motion carried by voice vote 4-0.

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Kim Ehlers, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Kimberly York, Finance Officer