

REGULAR WHITEWOOD COUNCIL MEETING**October 5, 2026**

The Whitewood City Council met in regular session on Monday the 5th of October 2026 at Whitewood City Hall. Mayor Sara Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, with Council members Jerry Davidson, Ken Noren, Shelbi Bulat, Darrell Smith, Jeremy Noren, and Roxie Cooper present. City Attorney Fitzgerald, Police Chief Bach, Public Works Werlinger, and Assistant Finance Officer Bestgen were also present.

Action 2026-173

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Davidson, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 21, 2026, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-174

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Bulat to approve the claims as presented. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

CLAIMS- October 5, 2026**ESTIMATED WAGES –OCTOBER 2026 (3 pay periods)**

MAYOR	0.00
COUNCIL	2,700.00
CITY ATTORNEY	1,000.00
BUILDING INSPECTOR	300.00
CHIEF OF POLICE- Josh Bach	7,200.00
POLICE OFFICER- Anthony Spencer	6,480.00
POLICE OFFICER- Dykes	6,480.00
POLICE OFFICER- Hebda	6,480.00
WASTE/WATER OPERATOR- DJ Werlinger	7,440.00
WASTE/WATER OPERATOR- Derek Daniels	6,960.00
WASTE/WATER OPERATOR- John Cooper	6,720.00
LIBRARIAN – Deb Terhue	2,576.64
LIBRARY ASST.- Donna Willson	945.00
LIBRARY ASST- Sandy Huffman	855.54
LIBRARY ASST.- Ester Walker	733.32
LIBRARY ASST.- Olyn Smith	197.20
FINANCE OFFICER – Cory Heckenlaible	7,680.00
FINANCE & PW- Jessica Bestgen	6,162.00
TOTAL	\$70,909.70

GENERAL LEDGER

SD DEPT REVENUE & REGULATION- Garbage Tax	358.83
CITY OF WHITEWOOD- Take Deposit for Bills- McBroom, Johnson	183.00
JESSICA McBROOM- Refund Deposit after Bill	17.00
SD RETIREMENT- Employee Retirement	6,101.26
TOTAL	\$6,660.09

GENERAL FUND

WASTE CONNECTIONS- Garbage Collection	5,984.52
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS- City Hall 238.40, Police 181.45	419.85
ALL NET CONNECTIONS-Police 136.50, PW 91.00, City 407.41	634.91
AT&T	356.84

GREAT WESTERN TIRE- Parks	27.90
WESTERN STATIONERS- City Hall	121.96
WELLS FARGO VISA- City Hall 42.77, Streets 88.17, Vision 33.52	164.46
MARTY GOETSCH- City Hall Wall Repair	654.39
JOHNSON SOUTH DAKTOA- September Liquor	18,426.60
LIGHTING MAINTENANCE- Exit Lights	58.52
SOUTHERN GLAZERS- September Liquor	2,332.85
TOTAL	\$29,182.80

LIBRARY

AMAZON CAPITAL- Books & Supplies	21.42
DEB TERHUNE- Supplies	75.62
TOTAL	\$97.04

WATER/SEWER FUNDS

WELLS FARGO VISA	76.90
TOTAL	\$76.90

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Water Project Loan	4,028.00
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Trunk Sewer Project	1,057.00
FORD CREDIT- Pickup Lease	1,237.44
EFTPS- Payroll Taxes 10/02/26	6,336.04
TOTAL	\$12,658.48

Action 2026-175

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Cooper, to lift the open container ordinance at Memorial Park ball field for a softball tournament November 7 & 8, 2026, from 8:00 AM till 8:00 PM. Roll Call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-176

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Cooper, to put hard deadline of October 14, 2026, for Roger Riley's attorney to contact City attorney to plan next steps. Motion was amended by J. Noren, seconded by Cooper, to add keeping the \$12,666 in escrow account and moving forward with distributing taxes accordingly. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-177

Motion by Cooper, seconded by K. Noren, to proceed with Attorney Fitzgerald updating the Comprehensive Plan. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-178

Motion by Smith, seconded by J. Noren, to approve lifting the burn ban and water restrictions in the City of Whitewood effective immediately. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-179

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Bulat, to approve second reading of Ordinance 2026-05- Oak Street speed limit change. Roll call, Davidson yes, Bulat yes, Cooper yes, J. Noren yes, K. Noren no, Smith yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

SARA J. FITZGERALD
Mayor

Attest:

JESSICA BESTGEN
Assistant Finance Officer