

**REGULAR WHITEWOOD COUNCIL MEETING****May 5, 2025**

The Whitewood City Council met in regular session on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Harmon called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, with Council members Roxie Cooper, Jeremy Noren, Jerry Davidson, Sara Fitzgerald, Randy Wiege, and Monica Burke present. Attorney Fitzgerald, Police Chief Bach, Building Official Smit, Public Works Werlinger and Finance Officer Heckenlaible were also present.

The 8-10 Club Community Club was in attendance to present their annual \$1,000 scholarships. This year's recipients were Grace Hill, Bennett Gordon, and Liberty Herweh. Congratulations to those three.

**Action 2025-061**

Motion by Noren, seconded by Davidson, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 21, 2025, with amendment. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Action 2025-062**

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

**CLAIMS-May 5, 2025****ESTIMATED WAGES –MAY 2025**

MAYOR	550.00
COUNCIL	2,250.00
CITY ATTORNEY	1,000.00
BUILDING INSPECTOR	300.00
CHIEF OF POLICE- Josh Bach	6,518.40
POLICE OFFICER- Anthony Spencer	5,464.80
POLICE OFFICER- Greg Meyer	6,477.60
BUILDING OFFICIAL- Jim Smit	2,366.10
WASTE/WATER OPERATOR- DJ Werlinger	5,865.60
WASTE/WATER OPERATOR- Derek Daniels	5,736.00
WASTE/WATER OPERATOR- John Cooper	5,426.40
LIBRARIAN – Deb Terhue	3,459.84
LIBRARY ASST.- Donna Willson	729.00
LIBRARY ASST- Racine Morgan	729.00
LIBRARY ASST.- Olyn Smith	358.32
FINANCE OFFICER – Cory Heckenlaible	6,451.20
FINANCE & PW- Jessica Bestgen	3,917.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$57,599.81</b>

**GENERAL LEDGER**

SD DEPT REVENUE & REGULATION- Garbage Tax	388.53
SD RETIREMENT- Employee Retirement	4,867.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,256.36</b>

**GENERAL FUND**

WASTE CONNECTIONS- Garbage Collection	6,445.33
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS- Police 162.61, City Hall 256.66	419.27

A&J CLOTHING-PW Uniforms	343.98
ALL NET CONNECTIONS- Police 91.00, Backup 217.79	308.79
AT&T	391.11
RUNNINGS SUPPLY- Parks	74.93
CHAIN SAW CENTER- Parks	32.99
FOOTHILLS SEED- Parks	187.25
LIGHTING MAINTENANCE- Exit Lights	58.52
MOTOROLA- Police Video Manager Annual License	2,437.50
RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL- Shop Water Heater	299.84
SD GOV FINANCE OFFICER ASSN- School	75.00
SD GOV HUMAN RESOURCE ASSN- School	50.00
SOUTHERN GLAZERS- April Liquor	1,672.59
STURGIS TIRE PROS- Police	60.45
SUMMIT SIGNS- Streets	50.00
WAL-MART	3.20
WELLS FARGO VISA- Police 24.98, CH 62.33, Cncl 91.67, Election 78.28, Vision 56.84	314.10
WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS- City Hall	15.98
JOHNSON SOUTH DAKOTA- April Liquor	10,062.65
WELLS PLUMBING- Parks	66.93
A&J SLUPPLY- Police 5.99, Parks 36.67, Streets 155.48, Shop 86.53	284.67
REPUBLIC NATIONAL- April Liquor	2,476.02
BJ'S COUNTRY STORE- City Hall 16.45, Police Fuel 667.37	683.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,814.92</b>

#### LIBRARY

ALL NET CONNECTIONS	43.42
AMAZON CAPITAL	140.74
BH LIBRARY CONSORTIUM	2.54
DEB TERHUNE- Supplies	139.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$325.80</b>

#### WATER/SEWER FUNDS

CLARK PRINTING- Receipt Cards	60.00
MONTANA DAKOTA- Generator Biiling Error	520.39
POSTMASTER	280.00
WELLS FARGO VISA	315.44
WELLS PLUMBING- Parts	524.75
RITEWAY BUSINESS FORMS- Water Bills	460.80
A&J SUPPLY	17.59
RAPID DELIVERY	52.33
BJ'S COUNTRY STORE- PW Fuel	166.13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,397.43</b>

#### AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Water Project Loan	4,028.00
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Trunk Sewer Project	1,057.00
EFTPS- Payroll Taxes 05/02/25	5,467.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,552.87</b>

Action 2025-063

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Fitzgerald, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 PM. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

City Attorney Fitzgerald gave the oath of office to the new council members, Shelbi Bulat, Raymond Huseby and Jerry Davidson.

The new Whitewood City Council met in regular session on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Harmon called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm, with Council members Roxie Cooper, Jerry Davidson, Jeremy Noren, Shelbi Bulat, Ray Huseby, and Sara Fitzgerald present. City Attorney Fitzgerald, Police Chief Bach, Building Official Smit, Public Works Werlinger and Finance Officer Heckenlaible were also present.

Action 2025-064

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Noren, to approve the 2025-2026 Mayoral appointments as follows: All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**2025-2026 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:** Irv Stone, Rob Oviatt, Shane Garry, David Morgan, Mike Day

**STREET COMMISSION:** Roxie Cooper, Jerry Davidson

**WATER/WASTEWATER COMMISSION:** Sara Fitzgerald, Ray Huseby

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:** Roxie Cooper, Shelbi Bulat

**FINANCE COMMISSION:** Jeremy Noren, Shelbi Bulat

**LIQUOR COMMISSION:** Sara Fitzgerald, Jeremy Noren

**POLICE COMMISSION:** Roxie Cooper, Jerry Davidson

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION:** Shelbi Bulat, Jerry Davidson

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES COMMISSION:** Mayor & Council

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Bob Haiwick,

**FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE:** Jerry Davidson

**RAILROAD AUTHORITY:** Gerald Frame

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR:** Police Chief, Public Works Director

**FREEHOLD APPRAISERS:** Dan Schmidt, Bob Haiwick, Travis Barker

**LIBRARY BOARD:** Shelbi Bulat

Action 2025-065

Motion by Cooper, to nominate Noren as President of the Council, motion by Noren to nominate Fitzgerald as President of the Council. Nomination ceased. Ballots were cast for President of the Council. With 3 votes for Noren and 3 votes for Fitzgerald, Mayor Harmon broke the tie and declared Noren as President of the Council. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2025-066

Motion by Huseby, to nominate Cooper as Vice-President of the Council, Motion by Noren, to nominate Fitzgerald as Vice-President of the Council. Nominations ceased. Ballots were cast for Vice-President of the Council. With the majority of the votes, Fitzgerald was declared the Vice-President of the Council. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2025-067

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Noren, to approve the mayor's appointment of Jim Smit as the City Building Official, and John Fitzgerald as the City Attorney. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2025-068

Motion by Noren, seconded by Davidson, to approve a \$100,000 Economic Development loan to Whitewood Creek Chiropractic for a term of 10 years with an interest rate of 4.5%, with the stipulation that their current loan with the city be paid in full, and the agreement be drawn up by City Attorney Fitzgerald. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Deb Phillips, representing P.I.E., Inc., was present to voice her concern about access to their property besides the Railroad right-of-way. If the railroad decided to close that portion of the right-of-way there would be no access, She was advised to contact the railroad about the issue and look at ways to make access off the service road. No action was taken.

Action 2025-069

Motion by Noren, seconded by Noren, to approve the cost share with the Whitewood Chamber of Commerce and the 8-10 Club to purchase 120 folding chairs for Hale Hall. The city's share will be \$1,000.10. Roll call, Davidson yes, Bulat yes, Cooper yes, Huseby abstaining, Fitzgerald abstaining, Noren yes. Motion carried.

Action 2025-070

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Noren, to approve the special event liquor license for the Iron Horse Inn, June 28, 2025, at Arehardt's Rods and Restoration, for the car show. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2025-071

Motion by Noren, seconded by Cooper, to approve the final plat for Lot B1, in Lot 4, Block 1. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2025-072

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Fitzgerald, to approve a 160-hour sick leave donation to Sargent Meyer. Bach, Heckenlaible, Daniels and Smit donating 40-hours each. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2025-073

Motion by Fitzgerald, seconded by Davidson, to approve the \$1,960 quote from Motorola Solutions for 4 police wifi docks for vehicles. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2025-074

Motion by Noren, seconded by Fitzgerald, to not approve the quote for security cameras at the booster station, and get a few more quotes, and investigate more options. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

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MITCHELL U. HARMON  
Mayor

Attest:

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CORY HECKENLAIBLE  
Finance Officer