

REGULAR WHITEWOOD COUNCIL MEETING**September 8, 2026**

The Whitewood City Council met in regular session on Tuesday the 8th of September 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, and Finance Officer Heckenlaible were also present.

Action 2026-151

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Davidson, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on August 17, 2026, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-152

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

CLAIMS- September 8, 2026**ESTIMATED WAGES –SEPTEMBER 2026 (2 pay periods)**

MAYOR	0.00
COUNCIL	2,700.00
CITY ATTORNEY	1,000.00
BUILDING INSPECTOR	300.00
CHIEF OF POLICE- Josh Bach	4,800.00
POLICE OFFICER- Anthony Spencer	4,320.00
POLICE OFFICER- Dykes	4,320.00
POLICE OFFICER- Hebda	4,320.00
WASTE/WATER OPERATOR- DJ Werlinger	4,960.00
WASTE/WATER OPERATOR- Derek Daniels	4,640.00
WASTE/WATER OPERATOR- John Cooper	4,480.00
LIBRARIAN – Deb Terhue	2,147.20
LIBRARY ASST.- Donna Willson	648.00
LIBRARY ASST- Sandy Huffman	648.00
LIBRARY ASST.- Ester Walker	238.88
LIBRARY ASST.- Olyn Smith	197.16
FINANCE OFFICER – Cory Heckenlaible	5,120.00
FINANCE & PW- Jessica Bestgen	4,160.00
TOTAL	\$48,999.24

GENERAL LEDGER

CITY OF WHITEWOOD- Take Dep for Bill- Burns,Sweet, Anderson	270.00
SD DEPT REVENUE- Garbage Sales Tax	325.65
SD RETIREMENT- Employee Retirement	5,451.66
TOTAL	\$6,047.31

GENERAL FUND

A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS- City Hall 250.19, Police 171.37	421.56
ALL NET CONNECTIONS0 Microsoft 365 Premium 5061.50, Backup 216.96	5,278.46
AMAZON CAPITAL- Police	218.79
AT&T	356.84
JOHNSON SOUTH DAKOTA- August Liquor	21,440.21

LIGHTING MAINTENANCE- Exit Lights	58.52
QUALITY BRANDS- August Liquor	996.25
SOUTHERN GLAZERS- August Liquor	1,246.38
WELLS FARGO VISA- Vision	33.52
A&J SUPPLY- Streets 15.58, Parks 45.98	61.56
BJ'S COUNTRY STORE- Police Fuel	1,265.77
WASTE CONNECTIONS- Garbage Collection	5,455.31
SONSET STATION- PW Fuel	205.44
TOTAL	\$37,038.61

LIBRARY

ALL NET CONNECTIONS	22.75
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	156.30
DEB TERHUNE- Supplies	34.27
MIDWEST TAPE- Books	42.48
AMAZON CAPITAL	349.03
TOTAL	\$604.83

WATER/SEWER FUNDS

DAN'S DUMPSTERS	100.00
HAWKINS CHEMICAL	562.58
LEGENDARY ELECTRIC	171.37
WESTERN PEAKS- Samples	20.41
WELLS FARGO VISA	76.90
A&J SUPPLY	157.78
SONSET STATION- PW Fuel	205.44
TOTAL	\$1,294.48

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
EDTPS- Payroll Taxes 08/21/26	5,346.25
EFTPS- Payroll Taxes 09/04/26	6,032.55
TOTAL	\$17,701.24

Action 2026-153

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Davidson, to seek further quotes for the City Hall outside wall repair. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-154

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Bulat, to approve first reading of Ordinance 2026-04- The 2027 Appropriation Ordinance. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-155

Motion by Bulat, seconded by Cooper, to approve the representation letter from Ketel Thorstenson accepting the year ending 2025 audit. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-156

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Bulat, to approve hiring Aric Homola as a certified part-time police officer at \$27.00 per hour. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-157

Motion by Smith, seconded by Bulat, to postpone donating the DARE bus back to the Black Hills Baptist Church until the next regular meeting. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-158

Motion by Davidson, seconded by J. Noren, to have public works remove the two stop signs on Hooker Street at the Oak Street intersection. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-159

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Bulat, to postpone any action on a Data Center Moratorium until further information can be obtained. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-160

Motion by Bulat, seconded by J. Noren, to postpone any action on South Streets second phase until further information can be obtained. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Mayor Fitzgerald announced there was no need for executive session that was on the agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

SARA J. FITZGERALD
Mayor

Attest:

CORY HECKENLAIBLE
Finance Officer