

AGENDA
REGULAR WHITEWOOD COUNCIL MEETING
May 18, 2026, 5:30 PM
CITY HALL

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER.
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVE MINUTES from Regular Meeting on May 4, 2026.
4. APPROVE THE CLAIMS.
5. BRUSH PILE ISSUES.
6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.
 - Police Department Library Board Street Department
 - Water Department Finance Commission Liquor Commission
 - Sewer Department Parks Department Economic Development
 - ADA Commission Railroad Authority NH Waste Management
 - Emergency Management Historic Dist. Commiss.
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL MATTERS PURSUANT TO SDCL 1-25-2 (3).
9. NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, June 1, 2026, at 5:30pm
10. ADJOURN

REGULAR WHITEWOOD COUNCIL MEETING

May 4, 2026

The Whitewood City Council met in regular session on Monday the 4th of May 2026 at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Harmon called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, with Council members Jeremy Noren, Sara Fitzgerald, Jerry Davidson, Ken Noren, Shelbi Bulat, and Roxie Cooper present, City Attorney Fitzgerald, Police Chief Bach, 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 Brooklynn Baird, Dagen Mutchler, Quinn Bruch, and Ethan Graf. Congratulations to those four.

Action 2026-073

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Fitzgerald, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 20, 2026, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-074

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

CLAIMS- May 4, 2026

ESTIMATED WAGES --MAY 2026 (3 pay periods)

MAYOR	550.00
COUNCIL	2,250.00
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	6,000.00
POLICE OFFICER- Hebda	6,000.00
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 Terhuc	4,216.32
LIBRARY ASST.- Donna Willson	945.00
LIBRARY ASST- Sandy Huffman	855.54
LIBRARY ASST.- Racine Morgan	810.00
LIBRARY ASST.- Olyn Smith	197.20
FINANCE OFFICER – Cory Heckenlaible	7,680.00
FINANCE & PW- Jessica Bestgen	5,421.00
TOTAL	\$71,025.06

GENERAL LEDGER

SD DEPT REVENUE & REGULATION- Garbage Tax	319.89
SD RETIREMENT- Employee Retirement	6,017.52
TOTAL	\$6,337.41

GENERAL FUND

WASTE CONNECTIONS- Garbage Collection	5,291.46
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS- City Hall 223.00, Police 171.37	394.37

ALL NET CONNECTIONS- Server Mtn 152.00 Police 136.50, City Hall 22.75, Backup 226.71	537.96
AT&T	394.66
FORD CREDIT- Pickup Lease	1,237.44
LIGHTING MAINTENANCE- Exit Lights	58.52
PIONEER BANK & TRUST- Riley TIFD March 2026	9,233.18
SOUTHERN GLAZERS- April Liquor	547.05
STURGIS AUTO- Streets	275.69
TAYLOR DYKES- Fuel for School	44.16
WELLS FARGO VISA- Dist 10 150.00, Vision 33.52, Shop 142.48	326.00
REPUBLIC NATIONAL- April Liquor	3,701.84
JOHNSON SOUTH DAKOTA- April Liquor	14,955.69
BJ'S COUNTRY STORE- Police Fuel	351.95
A&J SUPPLY- Parks 52.73, Streets 442.58	495.31
TOTAL	\$37,845.28

LIBRARY

AMAZON CAPITAL- Books & Supplies	474.32
BH LIBRARY CONSORTIUM	36.75
DEB TERHUNE- Reimburse Supplies	149.66
TOTAL	\$660.73

WATER/SEWER FUNDS

POSTMASTER- Water Bill Postage	305.00
WESTERN PEAKS LOGISTICS- Samples	16.34
WELLS FARGO VISA	76.90
FEURSON WATERWORKS- Water Supplies	76.80
A&J SUPPLY	7.99
TOTAL	\$483.03

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Water Project Loan	4,028.00
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Trunk Sewer Project	1,057.00
EFTPS- Payroll Taxes 05/01/26	6,016.00
TOTAL	\$11,101.00

At 5:30 PM, Mayor Harmon opened the Public Hearing for the petition to vacate a portion of Walnut Street. With no comments or objections from the public or Council, Mayor Harmon closed the Public Hearing.

Action 2026-075

Motion by J. Norem, seconded by Davidson, to adopt the following Resolution. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-01

RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF WALNUT STREET

WHEREAS, Samuel Scott Lagge has presented to the Common Council of the City of Whitewood pursuant to SDCL 9-45-7, a petition requesting vacation of a portion of Walnut Street within the City of Whitewood, Lawrence County, South Dakota and

WHEREAS, the foregoing are all of the adjacent landowners to that portion of Walnut Street sought to be vacated, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Whitewood caused a Notice of Hearing on said Petition to be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Black Hills Pioneer, a legal daily newspaper printed and published in Lawrence County, South Dakota, and the publication most likely to give notice to the public of the proposed vacation, and

WHEREAS, hearing was held before the Common Council in the Council Chambers in City Hall in the City of Whitewood, Lawrence County, South Dakota on the 4th day of May 2026, at the hour of 5:30 o'clock P.M., and,

WHEREAS, no one appeared in opposition to the proposed vacation, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Whitewood has concluded that the vacation of Walnut Street between Lots 1-5, Block 21, Original Town and that portion of Outlot B of Whitewood Outlots, Original Town, City of Whitewood, Lawrence County, South Dakota, would not deny access to any land within the City of Whitewood, and that portion of the street has never been used as a public street and is in the best interest of the City and the Petitioners, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEWOOD AS FOLLOW:

That that portion of Walnut Street between Lots 1-5, Block 21, Original Town and that portion of Outlot B of Whitewood Outlots, Original Town, City of Whitewood, Lawrence County, South Dakota, is hereby vacated according to the map which is attached hereto and incorporated by express reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Officer of the City of Whitewood is hereby authorized and directed to cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be recorded with the Register of Deeds of Lawrence County, South Dakota.

Dated this 4th day of May 2026.

CITY OF WHITEWOOD

BY: _____

Attest:

Mitchell U. Harmon, Mayor

Cory C. Heckenlaible, Finance Officer

Action 2026-076

Motion by K. Noren, seconded by Fitzgerald, to upgrade to M365 Business Premium with All Net Connections at \$5,164 per year, for security on the city's network system. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-077

Motion by Bulat, seconded by Fitzgerald, to approve lifting the open container ordinance at Memorial Parks ballfield on Friday, May 29, 2026, from 4:00 PM till 11:00 PM, and Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 7:00 AM till 11:00 PM. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-078

Motion by J. Noren, second by Davidson, to approve an allocation of \$3,000 to the Whitewood Chamber of Commerce from the 3rd Cent Fund, so they may produce a community brochure. Roll call, Davidson yes, Bulat yes, Cooper yes, J. Noren yes, Fitzgerald abstaining, K. Noren yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-080

Motion by Fitzgerald, seconded by K. Noren, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2026-01- An Ordinance Amending Title III, Chapter 31, City Officials and Employees. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-081

Motion by K. Noren, seconded by J. Noren, to approve applying for the following Malt Beverage License renewals. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

- Hideaway Diner Bar LLC

Action 2026-082

Motion by Bulat, seconded by Fitzgerald, to set the dates of June 11 through June 14, 2026, for the City Clean Up Days, with minor price increases on tires and large items. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

MITCHELL U. HARMON
Mayor

Attest:

CORY HECKENLAIBLE
Finance Officer

CLAIMS- MAY 18, 2026

GENERAL LEDGER

DELTA DENTAL- Employee Dental Insurance	628.70
HEALTH POOL OF SD- Employee Health Insurance	8,966.43
UNITED HEALTH CARE- Employee Life Insurance	78.00
TOTAL	\$9,673.13

GENERAL FUND

A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS- Police	59.99
A&J CLOTHING- PW Uniforms	82.60
AMAZON CAPITAL- Parks	60.19
BH PIONEER	219.50
BH ENERGY- HH 105.96,CH 95.79,Shop 199.52,Police 190.40,Parks 81.20, Lights 1100.95	1,773.82
BUTTE ELECTRIC- Exit Lights	411.30
RUNNING'S- Streets 89.99, Hale Hall 10.40	100.39
KETEL THORSTENSON- 2025 Audit Progress Billing	2,060.00
MEADE LUMBER- Parks	136.95
MONTANA DAKOTA- Hale Hall 196.64, City Hall 77.08, Shop 69.23. Police 85.71	428.66
SONSET STATION- PW Fuel	142.50
SOUTHERN GLAZERS- May Liquor	1,751.81
SOUTHSIDE OIL- PW Fuel	844.12
TAYLOR DYKES- Reimburse Fuel to School	156.65
TRUGREEN COMMERCIAL- Parks Spraying	1,136.68
ULINE SHIPPING SUPPLY- City Hall	85.50
WHITEWOOD CHAMBER- 2026 Allocation	3,000.00
BLUEPEAK- Police 375.09, City Hall 450.82	825.91
TOTAL	\$13,276.57

LIBRARY

AMAZON CAPITAL- Supplies & Books	722.45
BH ENERGY	127.77
BLUEPEAK	205.43
CE CONSTRUCTION- Front Door Repair	765.31
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	143.85
MONTANA DAKOTA	61.25
TOTAL	\$2,026.06

WATER/SEWER FUNDS

BH ENERGY	2,090.20
BUTTE ELECTRIC- Booster 624.66, Treatment Plant 2534.47	3,159.13
DAN'S DUMPSTERS	100.00
ALLIANCE TECHNICAL GROUP- Water Testing	59.75
MILBANK WINWATER- Meters	2,120.80
MONTANA DAKOTA	232.48
SDML WORKERS COMPENSATION- Reimburse Grant Overpayment	923.47
SONSET STATION- PW Fuel	142.50
SOUTHSIDE OIL- PW Fuel	844.14
TOTAL	\$9,672.47

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Storm Sewer	1,226.50
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Laurel Stret Project	3,254.00
EFTPS- Payroll Taxes 0/15/26	5,447.89
TOTAL	\$9,928.39

Congratulations! 36.5% principal forgiveness!

SANITARY/STORM SEWER FACILITIES FUNDING APPLICATION FINANCIAL ANALYSIS SUMMARY

APPLICANT: Whitewood CW-04

Total Project Cost: \$7,107,000
BWNR Funding Assistance Requested: \$1,942,000
Rate/Term: 4.0% / 30 years
Security Pledged For Repayment Of Loan: Surcharge

Staff Analysis

- 1) Whitewood's current wastewater rates are \$60.00 per 5,000 gallons. If funding is provided as all loan, a surcharge of \$21.00 would be needed to meet the required debt coverage, which would bring overall rates to \$81.00.
- 2) At the recommended funding level Whitewood will need to establish a \$13.30 surcharge resulting in cumulative rates of \$73.30 per 5,000 gallons.

Funding Recommendation: Award a \$1,942,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan at 4.0% for 30 years with 36.5% principal forgiveness not to exceed \$708,000.

Debt Service Coverage: 110% based on a \$13.30 surcharge

Loan Contingencies:

- 1) Contingent upon the Borrower adopting a bond resolution and the resolution becoming effective.
- 2) Contingent upon the Borrower establishing a surcharge at a level sufficient to provide the required debt coverage.
- 3) Contingent upon the receipt of the 2026 Clean Water SRF Capitalization Grant.

	Balance 3/31/2026	REVENUE	EXPENSES	Balance 4/30/2026
<u>CASH COMPUTER</u>				
GENERAL FUND	1,327,256.38	129,654.84	(118,938.27)	1,337,972.95
LIBRARY	108,556.65	1,379.59	(5,257.14)	104,679.10
3RD CENT SALES TAX	55,647.00	1,389.86	(338.92)	56,697.94
ADDITIONAL TAX FUND	56,555.30	1,480.00	0.00	58,035.30
DEBT SERVICE	16,940.50	2,922.13	0.00	19,862.63
TIFD FUND	10,383.21	9,223.18	0.00	19,606.39
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	59,063.08	1,036.38	0.00	60,099.46
CAPITOL PROJECT	-1,546,963.80	0.00	(11,059.90)	(1,555,370.60)
WATER	115,948.01	21,777.04	(26,226.10)	111,498.95
SEWER	672,337.22	28,476.43	(13,911.45)	686,902.20
Total Cash Per Computer	<u>\$875,723.55</u>	<u>\$197,339.45</u>	<u>(175,731.78)</u>	<u>899,984.32</u>

<u>CASH BANK</u>				
HIGHMARK F.C.U. ST SWR	14,205.44			14,206.03
PIONEER SAVINGS WATER	48,863.15			48,878.21
PIONEER SAVINGS ST ASSESS	32,020.99			32,030.86
PIONEER SAVINGS TRUNK SEW	15,568.42			15,572.90
PIONEER REG SAVINGS	208.88			208.91
PIONEER OPERATING ACCT	476,395.14			485,350.04
LESS O/S CHECKS	(1,179.75)			(22,370.59)
PLUS DEP IN TRANSIT	4,112.86			38,151.89
NSF CHECKS	0.00			0.00
N.M. CHECKS CLEARED	0.00			297.22
Total Cash Per Bank	<u>\$590,195.13</u>			<u>\$612,325.47</u>

Investments		<u>INTEREST</u>	
LPL FINANCIAL	286,854.97		287,658.85
Total Investments	<u>\$286,854.97</u>	<u>\$803.88</u>	<u>\$287,658.85</u>
LOSS/GAIN		<u>\$803.88</u>	
Total Cash Per Bank	<u>\$877,050.10</u>		<u>\$899,984.32</u>

Petty Cash:				
LIBRARY	\$50.00			\$50.00
WATER	\$150.00			\$150.00
POLICE	\$100.00			\$100.00
Total Petty Cash	<u>\$300.00</u>			<u>\$300.00</u>