

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 Terhue	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
FEGURSON 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: _____

Mitchell U. Harmon, Mayor

Attest:

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