

REGULAR WHITEWOOD COUNCIL MEETING**January 20, 2026**

The Whitewood City Council met in regular session on Tuesday the 20th of January 2026 at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Harmon called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, with Council members Roxie Cooper, Jeremy Noren, Sara Fitzgerald, Ken Noren, Jerry Davidson, and Shelbi Bulat present. City Attorney Fitzgerald, Police Chief Bach, Public Works Werlinger and Finance Officer Heckenlaible were also present.

Action 2026-008

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Davidson, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 5, 2026, All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-009

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

CLAIMS- JANUARY 20, 2026**GENERAL LEDGER**

DELTA DENTAL- Employee Dental Insurance	554.70
HEALTH POOL OF SD- Employee Health Insurance	8,966.43
UNITED HEALTH CARE- Employee Life Insurance	46.80
TOTAL	\$9,567.93

GENERAL FUND

A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS- Police	59.99
A&J SUPPLY- Police 34.98, Shop 13.98, Streets 71.49	120.45
ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS- Traffic Suite Support	3,825.00
AMAZON CAPITAL- Bldg Insp	51.75
BH PIONEER	169.64
BH ENERGY- HH 140.94,	
BLUEPEAK- Police 368.64, City Hall 444.01	812.66
BUTTE ELECTRIC- Exit Lights	530.60
MONTANA DAKOTA- Hale Hall 306.51, Police 193.78, City Hall 127.04, Shop 136.94	764.27
MONUMENT HEALTH- Police	100.00
PERFORMANCE AUTOMATICAS-Sander Starter	721.10
REPUBLIC NATIONAL- January Liquor	695.44
SOUTHERN GLAZERS- January Liquor	1,908.48
ADVANCED ENGINEERING- General Engineering	1,636.00
BH ENERGY- HH 140.94,CH 108.89,Police 240.88,Shop 282.73,Parks 136.60,Lights 1198.36	2,108.40
TOTAL	\$13,503.78

LIBRARY

A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	131.95
AMAZON CAPITAL	454.37
BH ENERGY	105.20
MONTANA DAKOTA	24.09
TOTAL	\$715.61

WATER/SEWER FUNDS

A&J SUPPLY	56.60
BUTTE ELECTRIC- Booster Station 805.72, Treatment Plant 1911.88	2,717.60
DAN'S DUMPSTERS	100.00
MONTANA DAKOTA- Well 4 Gen 66.57, Booster Station 186.42	252.99
SD ONE CALL	1.05
ADVANCED ENGINEERING- Treatment Plant Upgrade	11,648.00
BH ENERGY	1,960.62
TOTAL	\$16,736.86

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Storm Sewer	1,226.50
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Laurel Stret Project	3,254.00
EFTPS- Payroll Taxes 01/9/26	8,199.79
TOTAL	\$12,680.29

Action 2026-010

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Bulat, to donate \$500 to post-prom Sturgis. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-011

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by K. Noren, to approve the \$1,350.00 quote from Hills' Tree Service, LLC, for the removal of the large cottonwood tree on the corner of Laurel and Meade Street. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-012

Motion by K. Noren, seconded by J. Noren, to approve the \$46,252.75 quote from Spearfish Equipment for a used mini excavator with an extra bucket and an extended warranty. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-013

Motion by K. Noren, seconded by Fitzgerald, to approve the following resolution. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES FOR 2026.

WHEREAS, SDCL 9-14-28 requires that the governing body of every municipality shall fix and determine by ordinance or resolution, the amount of all salaries and compensation of all municipal officers and the time at which the same shall be paid;

And

WHEREAS, the City council shall publish the salaries for compliance with the provisions of SDCL,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City council that the following resolution, repealing all prior salary and wage resolutions, be passed, and approved. The Mayor and Council shall be paid once a month, and/or all other officers and employees shall be paid bi-weekly (26 weeks) at the following yearly salary or hourly wage.

	<u>Officer/Employee</u>	<u>Yearly</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
Mayor	Harmon, Mitch	\$6,600.00	
Council	Bulat, Shelbi	\$5,400.00	
	Davidson, Jerry	\$5,400.00	
	Cooper, Roxie	\$5,400.00	
	Noren, Ken	\$5,400.00	
	Noren, Jeremy	\$5,400.00	
Building Inspector	Cooper, John	\$3,600.00	
City Attorney	Fitzgerald, John	\$6,600.00	
Finance Officer	Heckenlaible, Cory	\$28.38	
Part-time Finance/PW	Bestgen, Jessica	\$21.59	
Police Chief	Bach, Josh	\$30.00	
Police Officer	Dykes, Taylor	\$25.00	
Police Officer	Spencer, Anthony	\$27.00	
Police Officer	Hebdah, Joseph	\$25.00	
Water/Wastewater Oper	Daniels, Derek	\$25.40	
Water/Wastewater Oper	Werlinger, David	\$25.94	
Water/Wastewater Oper	Cooper, John	\$24.11	
Head Librarian	Terhune, Deb	\$19.52	
Library Aide	Smith, Olyn	\$16.43	
Library Aide	Morgan, Racine	\$15.00	
Library Aide	Willson, Donna	\$15.00	
Library Aide	Huffman, Sandra	\$13.58	
Library Aide	Walker, Esther	\$13.58	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council shall determine all foregoing salaries and wages.

Dated this 20th day of January 2026.

CITY OF WHITEWOOD

BY: _____
MITCHELL U. HARMON
MAYOR

ATTEST

CORY HECKENLAIBLE
WHITEWOOD FINANCE OFFICER

Action 2026-014

Motion by K. Noren, seconded by J. Noren, to approve applying for the SDML Workers Compensation grant for a new trench box. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-015

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Cooper, to approve a \$1,000 donation to the Whitewood Senior Citizen Center. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-016

Motion by Bulat, seconded by Fitzgerald, to approve an update to Article IX, Personnel Records, Section 9.4, Performance Evaluations, in the employee handbook. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-017

Motion by Bulat, seconded by Cooper, to enter into Executive Session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) and legal matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3), at 5:53 PM. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

At 6:15 PM, Mayor Harmon announced the Executive Session had ended.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

MITCHELL U. HARMON
Mayor

Attest:

CORY HECKENLAIBLE
Finance Officer