

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

The Whitewood City Council met in regular session on Monday the 3rd of August 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, Public Works Werlinger and Finance Officer Heckenlaible were also present.

Action 2026-131

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Bulat, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on July 20, 2026, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-132

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

CLAIMS- August 3, 2026**ESTIMATED WAGES –AUGUST 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.- Racine Morgan	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 Deposit for Bill- Abraham/Tierney	200.00
KIM O'CONNOR- Refund Deposit	35.00
SD DEPT REVENUE- Garbage Sales Tax	418.17
SD RETIREMENT- Employee Retirement	6,143.58
TOTAL	\$6,796.75

GENERAL FUND

A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS- Police 171.37, City Hall 233.60	404.97
ALL NET CONNECTIONS- Police 45.75, City Hall 22.75, Server 211.00	279.50
AMAZON CAPITAL- City Hall 35.12, Hale Hall 46.44	81.56
AT&T	365.79

JOHNER GRAVEL- Base Course	7,260.65
JOHNER PAVING- Asphalt	218.25
LAWRENCE COUNTY- Police CentralSquare Fee	379.00
REPUBLIC NATIONAL- July Liquor	338.55
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE- Annual Insurance Renewal	21,181.12
SOUTHERN GLAZERS- July Liquor	3,196.26
WELLS FARGO- Safe Deposit Boxes	110.00
RUNNING'S- Streets	24.46
WELLS FARGO VISA- Vision 33.52, Mayors Cards 22.32, Shop 11.04	66.88
WASTE CONNECTIONS- Garbage Collection	6,928.48
LIGHTING MAINTENANCE- Exit Lights	58.52
JOHNSON SOUTH DAKOTA- July Liquor	28,454.11
TOTAL	\$69,348.10

LIBRARY

AMAZON CAPITAL	196.93
DEB TERHUNE	147.48
TOTAL	\$344.41

WATER/SEWER FUNDS

SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE- Annual Insurance Renewal	17,417.49
WELLS FARGO VISA	76.90
WESTERN PEAKS LOGISTICS	17.94
TOTAL	\$17,512.33

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
EFTPS- Payroll Taxes 07/24/26	5,275.84
TOTAL	\$11,598.28

Action 2026-133

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Bulat, to approve second reading of Ordinance 2026-03- An Ordinance Amending Title V, Chapter 53, Public Works, adding Brush Pile Restrictions. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-134

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Bulat, to table any action on adopting resolution 2026-03- A Resolution Setting the Fees for Contractors and Non-residents using the City Brush Pile, until the next regular meeting on August 17, 2027. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-135

Motion by Bulat, seconded by Davidson, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2026-04- An Ordinance Amending Title III, Chapter 32, Historic Preservation Commission. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-136

Motion by Bulat, seconded by J. Noren, to implement water restrictions effective immediately, even numbered addresses may only water on even numbered days and odd numbered addresses may only water on odd numbered

days, and watering may only be done from 6:00 PM until 8:00 AM. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-137

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Cooper, to implement a burn ban in city limits effective immediately, all open burning, campfires, charcoal grills, outdoor fireplaces and fireworks are prohibited. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-138

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Cooper, to approve closing Meade Street from Laurel to Pine Street and lifting the open container ordinance for the same, August 29, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 11:30 PM, for the Whitewood Chamber End of Summer Block Party. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-139

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Bulat, to approve the reading and review of the Open Meeting Laws Brochure. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-140

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Cooper, to adopt Resolution 2026-04- A Resolution Establishing a Moratorium for Data Centers. Roll call, all members voting no, motion failed.

Action 2026-141

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Bulat, to have City Attorney Fitzgerald proceed with establishing a 3-Mile Platting Jurisdiction Policy Agreement with Lawrence County. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-142

Motion by Bulat, seconded by K. Noren, to approve the two applications for abatement and/or refund of property taxes for the property at 667 Teton Way, as the property was valued with having a finished basement and garage, which it does not have. Total valuation to be abated is \$63,239.00. Roll call, Davidson yes, Bulat yes, Cooper yes, J. Noren yes, K. Noren no, Smith yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-143

Motion by J. Noren, second by Cooper, to enter into Executive Session for legal matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) at 6:11 PM. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

At 6:27 PM, Mayor Fitzgerald announced that Executive Session had ended.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

SARA J. FITZGERALD
Mayor

Attest:

CORY HECKENLAIBLE
Finance Officer