

REGULAR WHITEWOOD COUNCIL MEETING

April 6, 2026

The Whitewood City Council met in regular session on Monday the 6th of April 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, and Roxie Cooper present, Councilmen Shelbi Bulat was absent. City Attorney Fitzgerald, Police Chief Bach, Public Works Werlinger and Finance Officer Heckenlaible were also present.

Action 2026-050

Motion by Davidson, seconded by J. Noren, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 16, 2026, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-051

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

CLAIMS- April 6, 2026

ESTIMATED WAGES –APRIL 2026 (2 pay periods)

MAYOR	550.00
COUNCIL	2,250.00
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	4,000.00
POLICE OFFICER- Hebda	4,000.00
WASTE/WATER OPERATOR- DJ Werlinger	4,150.40
WASTE/WATER OPERATOR- Derek Daniels	4,064.00
WASTE/WATER OPERATOR- John Cooper	3,857.60
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	4,540.80
FINANCE & PW- Jessica Bestgen	2,374.90
TOTAL	\$44,086.94

GENERAL LEDGER

SD DEPT REVENUE & REGULATION- Garbage Tax	408.94
RYAN HUDSON- Reimburse Deposit	100.00
CITY OF WHITEWOOD- Take Deposit for bill- Hunter	100.00
SD RETIREMENT- Employee Retirement	6,030.47
TOTAL	\$6,639.41

GENERAL FUND

WASTE CONNECTIONS- Garbage Collection	6,912.16
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS- City Hall 231.80, Police 171.37	403.17
ALL NET CONNECTIONS- Server MainT. 136.50, Ibackup Renewal 99.50, Monthly Backup 226.71	462.71

AMAZON CAPITAL- City Hall	56.97
AT&T	394.76
RUNNINGS- Battery 193.58, Shop 19.16	212.74
FORD CREDIT- Pickup Lease	1,237.44
JOHNSON SOUTH DAKOTA- March Liquor	15,752.28
MEADE LUMBER- Shop	7.14
LIGHTING MAINTENANCE- Exit Lights	58.52
MS MAIL- Bldg Insp Cards	28.67
NH AREA CASA PROGRAM- Donation	1,000.00
NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT- Sander Repair	397.00
REPUBLIC NATIONAL- March Liquor	2,817.19
RICHTER'S TIRE & EXHAUST- Police A/C Unit	1,336.86
BJ'S COUNTRY STORE- City Hall 32.90, Police Fuel 562.34	595.24
SOUTHERN GLAZERS- March Liquor	1,165.52
TAYLOR DYKES- Reimburse Fuel School	296.07
WELLS FARGO VISA- Shop 171.60, Dist 10 200.00, City Hall 74.23, Vision 33.52, BI 170.00	649.35
A&J SUPPLY- Streets 127.18, Parks 104.91	232.09
TOTAL	\$34,015.88

LIBRARY

AMAZON CAPITAL	221.87
ALL NET CONNECTIONS	22.75
DEB TERHUNE- Supplies	92.77
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	141.15
CE CONSTRUCTION- Repairs	1,012.23
TOTAL	\$1,490.77

WATER/SEWER FUNDS

DAKOTA PUMP- Cloud 9 Contract	2,100.00
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING- Generator Annual Maintenance	550.00
HAWKINS CHEMICAL	402.76
POSTMASTER- Water Bill Postage	461.00
WESTERN PEAKS LOGISTICS- Samples	49.02
SPEARFISH ELECTRIC- Well 4 Motor Saver	1,360.13
WELLS FARGO VISA	76.90
A&J SUPPLY	31.98
TOTAL	\$5,031.79

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Water Project Loan	4,028.00
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Trunk Sewer Project	1,057.00
EFTPS- Payroll Taxes 04/03/26	6,043.77
TOTAL	\$11,128.77

Action 2026-052

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Cooper, to retain Attorney Fitzgerald as lead counsel on the Riley lawsuit. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-053

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Cooper, to table any action on moving over to SecureSD Microsoft GCC licensing, till the next regular council meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-054

Motion by Davidson, seconded by K. Noren, to approve the quote of \$575.52 from Richter's Tire and Exhaust for a new water pump in the police Durango. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-055

Motion by J. Noren, second by Fitzgerald, to approve the change to Article IV, Section 4.2, Standard Workweek, in the employee manual. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-056

Motion by Fitzgerald, seconded by Davidson, to approve the change to Article IV, Section 4.4, Overtime, in the employee manual. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-057

Motion by K. Noren, seconded by J. Noren, to approve the change to Article V, Section 5.3, Annual Leave, in the employee manual. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-058

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Cooper, to set May 4, 2026, at 5:30PM for the date and time for a Public Hearing on a petition to vacate a portion Of Walnut Street. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-059

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

Action 2026-060

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Fitzgerald, to approve the special event liquor license for the Iron Horse Inn (I-Bar) on June 27, 2026, at Arehart's Rods and Restoration. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-061

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Cooper, to enter into Executive Session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1), at 5:57PM. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

At 6:45 PM, Mayor Harmon announced that Executive Session had ended.

Action 2026-062

Motion by Fitzgerald, seconded by K. Noren, to give a \$1,000 bonus to Heckenlaible, Bestgen, Werlinger, Daniels, and Cooper, for back pay. Place Werlinger on salary at \$64,480 per year, and Heckenlaible on Salary at \$66,560 per year, and raise Daniels to \$29.00 per/hr., Cooper to \$28.00 per/hr. and Bestgen to \$26.00 per/hr. All further Public Works Department raises will be dependent on the licenses they hold. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

MITCHELL U. HARMON
Mayor

Attest:

CORY HECKENLAIBLE
Finance Officer