

REGULAR WHITEWOOD COUNCIL MEETING**July 6, 2026**

The Whitewood City Council met in regular session on Monday the 6th of July 2026 at Whitewood City Hall. Mayor Mitch Harmon called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, with Council members Sara Fitzgerald, Jerry Davidson, Ken Noren, Shelbi Bulat, Jeremy Noren, and Roxie Cooper present. City Attorney Fitzgerald, Police Chief Bach, Public Works Werlinger and Finance Officer Heckenlaible were also present.

Action 2026-110

Motion by Cooper, seconded by J. Noren, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 15, 2026, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-111

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

CLAIMS- July 6, 2026**ESTIMATED WAGES –JULY 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	4,320.00
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	\$49,099.24

GENERAL LEDGER

CITY OF WHITEWOOD- Take Deposit for Bill- Johnson	10.00
KIRK CALDWELL- Refund Deposit	100.00
SD DEPT REVENUE- Garbage Sales Tax	316.68
SD RETIREMENT- Employee Retirement	6,518.44
TOTAL	\$6,945.12

GENERAL FUND

A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS- Police 171.37, City Hall 245.69	417.06
ALL NET CONNECTIONS- Mayor Email 15.25, Server Maint 129.00, Backup 226.71	370.96
AMAZON CAPITAL- Parks	220.36
AT&T	394.66

CHAIN SAW CENTER- Parks	202.46
FERGUSTON WATERWORKS- Parks	83.78
FORD CREDIT- Pickup Lease	1,237.44
PIONEER BANK & TRUST- Riley TIFD May	4,648.59
REPUBLIC NATIONAL- June Liquor	1,466.49
RICHTERS TIRE & EXHAUST- Police Durango Repair	1,320.34
SOUTHERN GLAZERS- June Liquor	1,918.41
WASTE CONNECTIONS- Garbage Collection June 2026	5,253.35
WELLS FARGO VISA- FO School 477.07, Vision 33.52, Mayor 22.32, Police 220.00	752.91
A&J SUPPLY- Streets 127.25, Shop 74.44, Parks 28.17	229.86
LIGHTING MAINTENANCE- Exit Lights	58.52
JOHNSON SOUTH DAKOTA- June Liquor	26,005.60
BJ'S COUNTRY STORE- Police Fuel	1,206.71
SONSET STATION- PW Fuel	411.28
TOTAL	\$46,198.78

LIBRARY

DEB TERHUNE- Supplies	182.87
HOWARD UGLAND- Balloon Event	75.00
AMAZON CAPITAL- Supplies, Books, Chairs	624.69
TOTAL	\$624.69

WATER/SEWER FUNDS

BANYON DATA SYSTEMS- Meter Support	395.00
ALLIANCE TECHNICAL GROUP- Water Testing	59.75
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS	43.65
POSTMASTER	305.00
SD ASSOC OF RURAL WATER- Annual Dues	525.00
FERGUSON WATER WORKS- Water	142.23
WELLS FARGO VISA	76.90
A&J SUPPLY	19.57
SONSET STATION- PW Fuel	411.28
TOTAL	\$1,978.38

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Water Project Loan	4,028.00
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT- Trunk Sewer Project	1,057.00
EFTPS- Payroll Taxes 06/26/26	5,963.01
TOTAL	\$11,048.01

Action 2026-112

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Cooper, to table any action on the library back door replacement quotes until the next regular meeting on July 20, 2026, to get finalized up to date quotes. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-113

Motion by Fitzgerald, seconded by J. Noren, to approve second reading of Ordinance 2026-02- An Ordinance Amending Title III, Chapter 30 Mayor, Common Council and 31 City Officials and Employees. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-114

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Bulat, to approve first reading of Ordinance 2026-03- An Ordinance Amending Title V, Chapter 52 Public Works, adding Brush Pile Restrictions. Roll call, Davidson no, Bulat no, Cooper no, J. Noren no, Fitzgerald no, K. Noren no, motion failed.

There being no further old business, meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM.

At this time the oath of office was given by City Attorney Fitzgerald to incoming Mayor Sara Fitzgerald.

The Whitewood City Council met in regular session on Monday the 6th of July 2026 at Whitewood City Hall. Mayor Sara Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 5:51 PM with Council members Jerry Davidson, Ken Noren, Shelbi Bulat, Jeremy Noren, and Roxie Cooper present. City Attorney Fitzgerald, Police Chief Bach, Public Works Werlinger and Finance Officer Heckenlaible were also present.

Action 2026-115

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Cooper, to approve the 2026-2027 Mayoral appointments. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-116

Motion by Davidson to nominate K. Noren for President of the Council. Motion by K. Noren to nominate Bulat for President of the Council. With no further nominations, roll call vote for K. Noren. K. Noren no, J. Noren no, Cooper yes, Bulat yes, Davidson yes. Therefor by roll call vote the President of the Council is Ken Noren.

Action 2026-117

Motion by Cooper to nominate Bulat as Vice-President of the Council. Motion by Davidson to nominate J. Noren as Vice-President of the Council. With no further nominations, roll call vote for Bulat. Davidson yes, Bulat no, Cooper yes, J. Noren yes, K. Noren yes. Therefor by roll call vote the Vice-President of the Council is Shelbi Bulat.

Action 2026-118

Motion by Bulat, seconded by J. Noren, to approve the mayor's appointment of Martin Goetsch as the City Building Official. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-119

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Davidson, to approve the mayor's appointment of John Fitzgerald as City Attorney. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-120

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by K. Noren, to approve the flood risk assessment grant award through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program, contingent upon the state approving the boundary changes to include the area around Twin Parks and Haley Drive. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-121

Motion by J. Noren, seconded by Bulat, to appoint a resident from Ward 1 to fill the vacant seat left by Mayor Fitzgerald, for the remainder of that term, July 2027. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

Action 2026-122

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Davidson, to approve the quote of \$533.98 from Richters Tire & Exhaust to repair the transfer case on the Police Dodge Durango. Roll call, all members present voting yes, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

SARA J. FITZGERALD
Mayor

Attest:

CORY HECKENLAIBLE
Finance Officer