

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
CITY OF WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

Council room, City Hall, Webster, South Dakota, January 5, 2026, 6:30 p.m., a regular meeting of the Webster City Council was held with Mayor Mike Grosek presiding. Council members present: Derek Sinner, Wayne Klungseth, Toni Brown, Brian Vogl, Dale Miller and Stacy Mount. Staff: Hayley Dale. Reporter and Farmer: Leyton Beardslee. Others: Jeff Smidt, Eric Kwasniewski, Craig Baumgarn and Chris Gravley.

Motion by Sinner, seconded by Klungseth to amend the agenda as presented to include the Fire Department annual report. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Miller, seconded by Mount to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2025, regular meeting and December 29, 2025, special meeting. Motion carried.

PAYROLL AND BILLS: Motion by Brown, seconded by Vogl to approve the following payroll and bills: Payroll (net) Mayor and Council Special Meeting M. Grosek 18.47, T. Brown 18.47, W. Klungseth 18.47, D. Miller 18.47, S. Mount 18.47, D. Sinner 18.47, B. Vogl 15.47, Admin. 6447.88, Liquor 7825.71, ST T. Woodell 227.65, Library 4543.86, ST P. Proctor 285.59, Street 9459.13, ST/OT D. Kirchmeier 806.97, OT J. Van Beek 199.70, OT R. Wolff 170.97, Police 14147.79, ST/OT C. Baumgarn 845.93, ST D. Collins 758.54, ST/OT J. Hoffard 1012.77, ST/OT A. Maldonado 1082.58, HWY Grant A. Maldonado 32.74, Sewer 5922.98, Water 3583.16, ST C. Goehring 186.52, Gov Building 3289.55, ST S. Sjurson 493.57.

Bills: Postmaster 319.24- bulk mailing, City of Webster 100,000.00-funds transfer, Dacotah Bank 171.22-service charge, A&B Business 244.50- printer contracts, AFLAC 297.89- dental insurance, AFLAC 652.14- insurance, American Solutions for Business 49.50- supplies, A-Ox Welding Supply 22.95-supplies, AT&T Mobility 133.60-cell phones, Auditor's Office-Petty Cash 112.61-postage/license, Auto Value Parts 290.35-parts, Bigfoot Distributing 140.00-merchandise, Block Equipment & Service 700.00-service, Cardmember Service 5.49- book, City of Webster 472.17- city water bills, City of Webster 220.00- employee pre-pay water bills, Coca Cola 497.50-merchandise, Colliers Securities 300.00- service, Colonial Life 243.52- insurance, Cortrust Bank 2558.27-loan payments, Dacotah Bank CC 1415.99-supplies/merchandise/garbage pickup/service/registration, Dakota Custom Turf 41000.00- equipment, Doll Distributing 25688.55- merchandise, EBSCO 297.18- magazine subscriptions, Glacial Lakes Excavating 1024.10- service, Chad Harmening 252.36- refund water bill credit, Health Pool of SD 30081.02-insurance, Helms & Associates 28977.49-pay requests industrial/airport AWOS/fuel projects, ITC 973.98-phone/internet service, JGE Inc 301.94- supplies, Johnson Brothers 35325.69-merchandise, Just Ice 337.50-ice, Kevin's Service 500.00- service, Lake Region Electric 628.03- electric, Madison National Life Insurance 90.50- life insurance, Marko Canning 45.00- merchandise, Midcontinent Communications 371.68-cable/internet, Mike's Jack & Jill 165.08-supplies, NAPA 309.69-supplies, NE Council of Governments 1806.63-dues, Northwestern Energy 11242.79- utilities, Olson Consulting/Contracting 3038.50-2026 retainer fee/service, Pfitzer Pest Control 352.26-service, Porter Distributing 18010.55-merchandise, RDO 406.90-parts, Reliance Standard 71.24- insurance, Reporter and Farmer 302.62-legals, ad, supplies, Republic Distributing 6086.56-merchandise, Running Supply 218.99-supplies, Ryan's Candy 534.10-supplies/resale/rent, Safe Life Defense 781.20- police vest, Safety Service 55.15- part, SD Assoc. of Rural Water System 640.00-annual dues, SD Dept of Ag & Natural Resources 50.00- wastewater fee, SD Public Health Lab 30.00- water testing, SD Lumber & Design 1243.90-supplies, SD Municipal League 2059.00- municipal membership, SD Public Health Lab 914.00- water samples, SD Unemployment Insurance 74.64- unemployment insurance, SDML Work Comp Fund 25550.00-renewal billing, Sioux Valley Coop 4551.64-fuel, Snaza Implement 206.19- parts, Southern Glazer's of SD 3546.09- merchandise, Stein Sign Display 96.63- banner, Team Laboratory Chemical 2811.50-supplies, TwoTrees Technology 229.20- service, USDA Rural Development 3449.00- Firehall payment, Valley Office Products

577.07-supplies, WEB Water 32867.44- water, Webster Ace 213.97- supplies, Webster Area School District 12500.00-armory use agreement, Webster Auto Care 302.69- parts/labor, Webster Chamber 10000.00- support, Webster Tire 135.81-repair/parts, Webster Volunteer Fire Dept 16525.00- 2024 fire calls, Window Pros 24.00-service, With the Wind Vineyard 570.72-merchandise, Carl Block 100.00- refund bond, City of Webster 100.00- apply bonds, Library 1181.39-4<sup>th</sup> quarter expenses, Fire Dept 230.60-4<sup>th</sup> quarter expenses, SD Retirement 12405.20- retirement. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS: Motion by Vogl, seconded by Klungseth to approve the Finance, Police and Liquor and code enforcement reports. Motion carried.

FIRE: Volunteer Fire Department members Jeff Smidt, Eric Kwasniewski and Chris Gravely presented the 2025 annual report. The Fire Department responded to 32 calls in 2025. There are currently 21 active members. Major improvements in 2025 included new nozzles (on order), new ladder, new camera system, power ice auger, radio system updates and ISO requirement upgrades. They hosted their annual banquet, attended touch-a-truck, headstart/school visits and county wide fire department gathering. Items needed for the upcoming year include possible additional radio upgrades, other routine maintenance and begin planning and setting aside funds for a future ladder truck. Continued concern in the department has been the need for new volunteers, different ideas to gain interest have been discussed at their meetings. If you have any interest or questions about joining the fire department, please reach out to a council member or member of the fire department.

Motion by Mount, seconded by Miller approving the annual report and payment of 16,525.00 to the Fire Department. Motion carried.

The complete list of volunteers for 2026 was recognized and it is the intent of the City Council to cover these firemen for work comp purposes: Leonard Diebert, Austin Eisenbraun, Scott Grajczyk, Chris Gravely, Rob Grewe, Ross Grupe, Hunter Jaspers, Allen Jaspers, Brad Johnson, Jake Johnson, Eric Kwasniewski, Fritz Kwasniewski, Larome Kwasniewski, Robert Kwasniewski, Ryan Kwasniewski, Paul Peterson, Curtis Reiprich, Julian Remily, Tyler Rumpca, and Jeff Smidt.

TRAVEL: Motion by Miller, seconded by Klungseth to approve Danny Kirchmeier, Danny Valsvig, John Van Beek and Randy Wolff to attend MSHA Training in Watertown, January 29. Motion carried

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Motion by Brown, seconded by Mount, to approve the agreement with Olson Consulting/Contracting Services and pay the retainer of 2,500. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #240: Motion by Sinner, seconded by Brown to table the approval of Resolution #240 for fees and services until the February regular meeting. Motion carried.

OPEN MEETING LAW REVIEW: Council reviewed the guide to South Dakota's open meetings laws; it is required to review the open meeting laws brochure annually in a public meeting and document in the minutes. Motion by Miller, seconded by Sinner the acknowledge to review. Motion carried.

GRANT: Motion by Klungseth, seconded by Mount to approve the application for the Stephanie Miller-David Grant applied for by the library, awards range from 3,000.00-8,000.00. Motion carried.

VARIENCE HEARING: Motion by Sinner, seconded by Vogl to set a variance hearing for Scott Hansen, 512 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to build a shed larger than the city ordinance allows in a residential area. The hearing will be held at 6:40 p.m. on February 02, 2026, at City Hall. Motion carried.

VARIENCE HEARING: Motion by Miller, seconded by Vogl to set a variance hearing for James Brazda, 421 E 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. to build a shed larger than the city ordinance allows in a residential area. The hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m. on February 02, 2026, at City Hall. Motion carried.

STREETLIGHTS: Mayor Grosek plans to have a conversation with street superintendent Danny Kirchmeier regarding what has been presented to the city to switch to LED lights. The streetlights along

Highway 12 are the city’s responsibility and they have needed a lot of repairs, Ringgenberg Electric has proposed switching all the lights to LED. No decision was made at this time.

ELECTION: Motion by Sinner, seconded by Mount to set the election date as June 02, 2026, if needed. Motion carried.

The following building permit was approved with a motion by Mount, seconded by Miller:

**Building Permits:**  
Scott & Tracey Hansen – 512 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St – deck - 1,000.00

Motion carried.

OTHER DISCUSSION: Jenni Wickre turned in her letter of retirement effective February 27, 2026, returning part time. Motion by Miller, seconded by Klungseth to accept. Motion carried.

Mayor Grosek reviewed funds received in 2025 for general sales & use tax 1,298,835.20 and gross receipts tax 138,302.27. The sweep interest received from Dacotah Bank totaled 76,967.01 for 2025.

Chief Baumgarn was present to inform council of the applicant that interviewed and accepted the officer position has backed out due to finding a job closer to home. The police force is down to four officers with Officer Collins likely leaving in the next six months. There was another application received last week from a student of Lake Area who will be graduating in May 2026 as a possible candidate. The city will continue to advertise for the open position.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Klungseth to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Mike Grosek, Mayor

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Hayley Dale, Finance Officer

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