

The White City Council hosted its Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday December 1st, 2025, at the McKnight Community Center. Mayor Lagerstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Roll call was taken, council members present: Wright, Haines, Willmott, Sunderland, McManus, Cutler. Guests for the evening were Julie Westberg, Dawn Byers representing Deubrook Booster Club, Doug Wermedal representing Tri City Star, and Madalyn Schwartz representing Just for Kix. All motions are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Mayor Lagerstrom began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by roll call.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Sunderland, to approve the agenda as presented,

Motion by Haines, seconded by Wright to approve the minutes from the 11/3/2025 & 11/25/2025, Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Sunderland, seconded by McManus to approve the bills as presented

Claimant	Check Amount	Description
Appera	\$82.99	Towels/Dust Mop/Mops
Century Business products	\$66.72	Copier Contract for Oct 2025
Bizzy Bee Cleaning	\$325.00	Hall Nov Cleaning
City of White	\$1,659.97	City Utilities
East River Electric	\$4,524.18	Oct 2025 Wheeling Fees
EFTPS	\$2,001.11	PP23&24 Taxes
First Bank & Trust	\$32.16	ACH Batch/Item Fees
Heartland Consumer Power	\$2,218.40	Nov 2025 Fire Hall Payment
Heartland Consumer Power	\$26,826.05	103.18 Mills/KWH
Infotech Solutions	\$284.50	Oct Contract
ITC	\$454.92	Nov Phone/Internet
RFD News Group	\$656.29	Meeting Minutes/Legals
SD Dept of Health	\$225.00	Sewer Samples
SD 811	\$21.00	20 Calls
Western Area Power	\$1,672.50	30.892 Avg Mills Per KWH
Prunty Construction	\$459,514.14	Water/Sewer Project
Automatic Building Controls	\$300.00	Annual Fire Inspection
Banner Associates	\$4,529.10	Tap Grant Engineer Fees
Brkings Co Sheriff	\$1,640.00	Oct 2025 Contract
Brkings Municipal	\$357.14	Setting Street Lights
C&R Fire Suppression	\$244.20	Annual Inspection
Cooks Wastepaper & Recyc	\$2,584.16	Oct 2025 Pickup
Gina Szopinski	\$55.76	Utility Refund
Ricky Pietz	\$20.78	Utility Refund
Steven Britzman	\$3,147.50	9/2/25-11/12/25
SD Dept of Rev	\$2,054.24	Oct 2025 Sales Tax
SD Retirement	\$975.60	Oct 2025 Retirement
Payroll	\$7,038.89	Nov Payroll
TOTAL	\$523,512.30	

END OF MONTH TOTALS

DDA	\$872,179.53
MONEY MARKET	\$1,351,003.75
CD	\$100,000.00

Alderman Cutler spoke during public comment. He asked Finance Officer Kayla if garbage still needs to be put out by 6am Tuesday mornings. Kayla said yes that Cooks Wastepaper had called her and said that from now on the garbage cans need to be put out by that time. They said sometimes drivers need to come early for pickup. Mayor Lagerstrom also spoke during public comment. He wanted to make sure that everyone in the community knows about Santa Day on December 6th. A lot of activities are going on. Come and have breakfast and do some shopping at the vendor fair.

Deubrook FFA performed their ag issues skit. They will compete for state in Rapid City on Sunday December 7th. They performed this skit at several area Board meetings. Be watching the Deubrook FFA Facebook to see how they do.

Madalyn Schwartz updated the board on the Just for Kix program. She said that she currently has 22 dancers enrolled in the programs. She had 36 dancers during the summer sessions. She has been very happy with the turnout. She wanted to invite the Board to their first show this Sunday December 7th at 3pm. The show will take place at Deubrook School in White. They will also be performing once in January and February during halftime of a home basketball game. Please follow their Just for Kix Facebook to follow their performance schedule.

Every year the City has to appoint a newspaper. Doug Wermedal, who represents Tri City Star, was present at the meeting. He let the Board know that he has enjoyed following the White area. The Tri City Star has also won a state award for one of their columns. A motion was made by Sunderland, seconded by Cutler to approve Tri City Star as the 2026 City Newspaper.

Mayor Lagerstrom gave an update on the meeting with Golfview Drive Residents. Since Golfview Drive is privately owned the land would've had to be replatted. When Matt started to look into the process of the road there was more to it than what was initially thought. The existing road lies over an easement maintained by Brookings-Deuel Rural Water. This would also present challenges in future upgrades.

After Mayor Lagerstrom went over all items the residents ultimately decided not to follow through with the plans. Mayor Lagerstrom also stated that there is discussion about a contract for winter snow removal. The residents would need to pay \$5.00 a month that would be added to their monthly bill.

Dawn Byers talked to the Board about the history of the Prom Dress Resale. The first sale was in 2010. Dawn said after 5 years the resale really grew. At this time they realized they need more space and at that time is when they moved to the McKnight Hall. This is where more shopping days were added. They now set up 21 dressing rooms. There is 7 shifts on both Saturday and Sunday. These time slots are always full on opening weekend. They usually receive 500-600 dresses in for the girls to choose from.

They sale 75%-85% of these dresses. The average cost of the dresses they sale are between \$250-\$350.00. After the sale if people don't want their dress back they can donate the dress to the Booster Club. The Club then stores these dresses to be sold at the next sale. The Deubrook Booster Club also donates dresses to area schools for students to be able use for their prom. They have given to Pine Ridge school, Churches in MN that give them to girls that cant afford them, and also the Flandreau Indian School. Dawn thanked the Board for putting up with them every year so this can all happen.

Mayor Lagerstrom said that it is a great fundraiser. The Mayor then said that since the Deubrook Booster club is a non-profit and is part of the school, their \$100.00 fee will be waived. Mayor Lagerstrom updated the rental policy to reflect this change. Motion made by McManus, seconded by Sunderland, to approve the update to the rental policy adding #6f.

Ordinance 2025-06 states that \$3000.00 will come from unobligated cash and put into the general fund

for legal use. The City has been utilizing the city attorney for some clean up issues in town. We are transferring that \$3000.00 which will cover the rest of 2025 legal fees. Motion made by Sunderland, seconded by Cutler to approve the first reading of ordinance 2025-06.

Mayor Lagerstrom gave the mayor report. The mayor first gave an update on how the ordinance process will go. Kari and Terry will make first contact and give two weeks to follow through with issue at hand. If not completed within the two week time frame the City attorney is then notified. A letter then will be mailed to resident. Resident will then need to keep in contact with Mayor. If still not cleaned up the lawyer will then start magistrate court proceedings. These city cleanup issues can be a time consuming process but everything will be getting addressed. It just takes time. Mayor Lagerstrom then brought up his big vision. There is an entrepreneurial grant available for 2026. He will have a meeting about this on December 17th at 7pm in the Legion Room for anyone that is interested in the grant.

The "Mayor's Big Vision Contest" is modeled after the "South Dakota Governor's Giant Vision Entrepreneurial Contest" – the basic idea of each is to encourage citizens to engage with their ideas and make their curiosity into something that makes cash. Through this contest, participants will develop a business plan that they will submit to a panel of local business leaders and citizens who want to help the applicant develop their idea into a real competitive operation so that not only the applicant can embrace their entrepreneurial passion, but also help expand the economy of our City and Region. Please attend his scheduled meeting on the 17th for more information. Mayor Lagerstrom then spoke about the meeting he had for the remodel of McKnight Hall. He stated that there was several good ideas that were brought up for fundraising. They also talked about goals that are wanted for both rooms of the remodel. He noted that they have a game plan and that the plan to meet again in January 27th 2026 at 7pm. He also wanted to bring up the community has come up with way to help raise money for people that are struggling to pay their utility bills. There is an account set up at First Bank & Trust for people to donate to if they would like. To receive these benefits the resident needs to stop at the City Finance Office for an application to turn in. No information of who is applying for assistance will be given to the committee. Only the amount that is being requested.

Kayla gave the finance report. She stated that no building permits have been issued since the last meeting. She also brought up that SDARWS has reached out for requests for nominations to serve on their board. She said if any one wanted to nominate any one to let her know and she could pass the information on. Kayla then noted that the ambulance has turned in their roster for 2025-2026. She noted that the fire department was notified of the need but hadn't turned it in yet. It should be available at the Dec 15th meeting.

Chad gave the maintenance report. He said that the bucket truck did sell on the auction site. He has not set up a time for pick up yet. He said he would be working on Christmas lights this week. Chad asked of there was still money left in the budget for him to purchase a bucket for the payload. He said that a bucket will run \$5,000-\$6,000. Kayla checked the budget for streets and there is money available to purchase a bucket as long as it stays within that price range. Alderman Sunderland asked Chad about the signs that were purchased. Sunderland stated to the Board that we should establish a school zone also. That would be for a different time. Chad did say that he is planning on hanging signs on the light pole on school ave. One by Leftys and one by the bank

Motion to go into executive session for employee review was made by Sunderland, seconded by McManus to go into executive session at 8:34pm.

Motion to go into executive session for employee review was made by McMnus, seconded by

Willmott to go into executive session at 9:10pm.

Motion to go into executive session for Employee Wages was made by Wright, seconded by Cutler to go into executive session at 9:32pm.

Exited executive session at 9:58pm

A 4% pay raise was given to the Finance Officer and Maintenance Guy. Kayla's new wage starting January 1st will be \$25.71, Chad's \$27.01, Summer Help \$16.00, Health Stipend \$300.00 and Maintenance cell phone \$50.00. A formal resolution will be presented at the 1st meeting in January.

A motion was made by Wright to adjourn the meeting at 10:04pm, seconded by McManus.

Next meeting will be December 15th, 2025 at 7pm McKnight Hall.