

The White City Council hosted a Special Meeting on Monday December 15th, 2025, at the McKnight Community Center. Mayor Lagerstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Roll call was taken, council members present: Wright, Cutler, Sunderland, McManus, Haines and Willmott. Guests for the evening were Cedric Hay representing Banner, and Julie Westberg. 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 McManus to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Haines to approve the minutes from December 1st, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Sunderland, seconded by Cutler to approve the bills as presented:

Claimant	Check Amount	Description
First Bank & Trust CC	\$1,865.30	Signs/Stamps/Quikcrete
Bioag Services	\$432.00	Fuel/Diesel
Brkings-Deuel Rural Water	\$2,444.00	738,000 Gallons
Aflac	\$500.26	Nov Coverage
Runnings Supply	\$132.03	DEF/Ice Melt/LED Lights
SD Dept of Revenue	\$2,487.29	Nov Sales Tax
SD Retirement	\$977.94	Nov 2025 Retirement
Western Area Power	\$2,974.50	33.050 Avg Mills KWH
Heartland Power	\$2,218.40	Dec FireHall Paymt
Heartland Power	\$26,052.81	91.08 Mills/KWH
First Bank & Trust	\$32.56	ACH Item/Batch Fees
RFD Newsgroup	\$378.65	Publishing
Cooks Wastepaper & Recycling	\$2,584.16	Nov 2025 Pickup
Brkings County Sheriff	\$1,640.00	Nov Contract Law
Banner Associates	\$12,601.05	Water/Sewer/Tap Grant
East River Electric	\$4,975.74	Nov 2025 Wheeling Fees
South Dakota 811	\$4.20	4 Calls
Chad Landmark	\$60.00	Nov/Dec Phone
Courtesy Plumbing	\$157.23	Water Meter Install
EFTPS	\$1,043.73	PP25 Payroll Taxes
TOTAL	\$63,561.85	

Mayor Lagerstrom talked during public comments. He noted that that several companies had sent us Christmas cards and thank you notes. He encouraged the council members to look them over.

Cedric Hay talked about the final little bit of construction that was completed. Chad and Cedric did a walk through and completed a punch that was presented to Prunty construction. Most items on the list were minor. All items on the punch list have been resolved. There are a few items on the watch list.

Mainly possible seeding issues that will need to be addressed in spring or fall. There is a one-year warranty on the items. They will plan to do another walk through in the spring and final one hopefully in August 2026. Cedric also said that the 4th street asphalt reconstruction has all checked out good. Mr. Hay also commented that we needed to have approval for the change order.

Change Order to add additional quantity to *Item 120 4" Asphalt Concrete*. The quantity of 4 "Asphalt Concrete is increased to provide for street restoration at intersection locations where additional length of watermain and sanitary sewer line tie-ins were extended. The City will continue utility replacements on a Phase 2 project in 2026. Water and Sanitary Sewer tie-ins at the Main Street intersections on this project were extended to coordinate with coming work on the Phase 2 project and avoid construction disruption on Main St during the Phase 2 project. Additional 4" inch Asphalt quantity is included in this change order for surfacing restoration on Evans Avenue. Evans Avenue was used as a construction haul route and access during construction, and the existing asphalt surfacing was damaged by construction traffic. Total amount of \$27,307.30 was added to the total project cost. Motion by Sunderland, seconded by Willmott to approve Change order #2. He then talked about Prunty Pay request # 14. This pay request is in the amount of \$197,632.35. Cedric did say that there should be one more final pay request that will be submitted at the January Meeting. Motion made by Sunderland, seconded by McManus to approve pay request 14. Cedric stated that the date per contract for substantial completion was Oct 1st, 2025. The actual date of substantial completion was Oct 16th, 2025. He did say that it was completely up to the City on how they would like to proceed with this. He said the City has three options, Do nothing with the information given, Assess fees for being late, or Change the date on the certificate of substantial completion. He did note that the City did add several blocks of construction and also added extra road work.

Motion made by Sunderland, seconded by Wright to move into Executive session at 7:16pm to discuss legals.

Regular meeting back in session at 7:29pm.

Motion made by Sunderland, seconded by McManus to approve the new Substantial Completion date to October 16th, 2025.

A motion was made by Sunderland, seconded by Wright to approve June 2nd, 2026 as set Election day.

Ordinance 2025-05 Accessory Dwelling units had its second reading. Motion made by McManus, seconded by Cutler to approve Ordinance 2025-05.

Supplemental ordinance 2025-06 also had its second reading. Motion made by Sunderland, seconded by McManus to approve ordinance 2025-06.

Mayor Lagerstrom spoke about resolution 2025-14 Golfview Drive Snow Removal. After doing some research, a city is not allowed to do snow removal for free on land that they do not own. Since the city does not own property on Golfview Drive, the city now going forward will be charging for snow removal. The City will be charging \$5.00 a month to total \$60.00 per resident and Six Mile Creek business. This fee will be sent out on a utility card stating that they owe \$5.00. This resolution will begin January 1st, 2026.

Motion made by McManus, seconded by Cutler to approve Resolution 2025-14.

Finance officer Kayla talked about the 2026 insurance packet. She noted that she did make the recommended changes and did get the vehicle list from the Volunteer Fire Department. Kayla stated that we went through with a fine tooth comb last year and made several changes to the properties. Nothing has changed this year with our properties. Mayor Lagerstrom did say that he would like to sit with the fire chief to discuss their vehicles and how much they are being insured for. He is planning to sit down with him hopefully soon. Motion made by Wright, seconded by Haines to approve 2026 Property Insurance Packet.

Mayor Lagerstrom gave the Mayor's report. He knows people aren't going to be happy with what he is proposing but we need to get a grasp on our utility fund. The City didn't do regular rate increases. Which

was ok but now we need to play catch up. We are negative every year on electric and water. This does need to be addressed as this is not sustainable. Kayla and Mayor Lagerstrom did meet with Kelly Dybdahl from Heartland Power a couple months ago. He did give us some information on our rates. Kelly did state that we are equivalent on our demand fees but low on residential and business rates per other comparable Cities. He said most cities' profit margin is 50-70% and we are at 20-30%. Mayor Lagerstrom is proposing an increase in water and electric for 2026. Base rate for water would go up by \$2.00 and the rate per thousand gallons would go up .50 cents. For electric he is proposing \$2.50 increase on residential and business base rates. Rates per kwh would go from .1200 to .1250. On average he feels that residents' bills will increase on avg of \$10.00 a month. He also feels that there will be a potential increase for 2027 utilities as well. Kayla will have a rate resolution prepared for the January 2026 meeting.

Kayla gave the finance report. She stated that Fire Chief Schwartz sent in the Fire Department roster. There are currently 25 firefighters that are with the fire department. Notice of vacancies will be in the paper starting this week. There will be several vacancies up for election this year. Nominating petitions can be circulated starting February 2nd, 2026. They will need to be turned back in by March 26th, 2026 by 4:30pm.

Mayor Lagerstrom talked on a maintenance item since Chad was not present. We did have a complaint about our fire hall building sidewalk. It is painted red which has made it very slippery! Kayla did order caution signs as there is nothing we can do as of now with the weather. Kayla said that Chad and she had discussed some options that could take place in the spring. Chad is looking farther into this issue. Motion made by McManus to adjourn, seconded by Wright to adjourn at 8:25pm.
Next meeting will be held January 5th, 2026 7pm McKnight Hall Legion Room.