The White City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 3rd, 2025, at 7:00PM at the McKnight Community Center. Mayor Gladis called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Roll call was taken, council members present were Cutler, Schwartz, Sunderland, Lagerstrom, Haines, and Wright. Kathy McKinney, Loren McKinney, Eli McGehee representing Aurora Vandals, Charlottle Mickelson, and Doug Wermedal representing Tri City Star were all present at the meeting. All motions are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

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

Motion by Wright, seconded by Haines to approve the agenda.

Motion by Haines, seconded by Wright to approve the minutes from January 6th2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Lagerstrom, seconded by Cutler to approve the bills as presented.

Claimant	Check Amount	Description
Maguire Iron, INC	$60,560.00	2025 Water Tower Pymt
Catalis Public Works	$1,400.00	Yearly Website Fee
Western Area Power	$3,032.22	106,000 KWH
SD Retailers ASSOC.	$295.00	2025 Dues
Heartland Consumers Power	$30,412.99	77.71 Mills/KWH
Heartland Consumers Power	$2,218.40	Jan 2025 Fire Hall Payment
East River Electric Power	$4,435.34	Wheeling Fees
SD Dept of Revenue	$2,369.11	Sales Taxes
South Dakota 811	$1.05	1 Calls
New Horizons Construction	$15,248.70	Roof on old Fire Hall
RFD News Group	$156.86	Publishing
AFLAC	$423.92	Oct 2024 Billing period
Pests B Dead, LLC	$240.00	Pest Control
SDMEA	$411.00	Yearly Dues
EFTPS	$2,075.83	PP1 & 2 Taxes
Century Business Products	$64.81	Printer Copies for Contract
First Bank & Trust	$31.84	Batch & Item Fees
DENR	$550.00	2025 Annual Membership
Appeara	$68.63	Cleaning towels/Dust mops
ITC	$338.98	Phone and Internet
City of White	$2,700.56	Monthly Billing
First Bank & Trust CC	$3,643.10	Stamps/Chairs/Supplies
Bizzy Bee Cleaning	$300.00	Jan 2025 Cleaning
First District	$795.68	2025 Dues
Bioag Energy Services	$1,730.34	Fuel
Payroll	$6,923.99	January 2025
John Deere Financial	$23,946.41	2025 Loader Payment
US Post Office	$84.00	Yearly PO Box Rent
Cooks Wastepaper & Recycle	$2,485.28	Jan 2025 Pickup

Kayla Cooper	$97.44	Round Trip to SF
C&R Fire Suppression	$227.95	Reissue, Check lost in mail
Glacial Lakes Tourism	$240.00	2025 Renewal
United States Treasury	$744.22	Sept 2021 Back Taxes
Perry Electric	$147.90	Office Heater Repair
Brookings Area Crime Stoppers	$500.00	2025 Donation
Brookings Deuel Rural Water	$4,470.60	Dec & Jan Usage
Willmott Gravel	$127.50	Snow Hauling
Macksteel	$251.97	Ladder for Water Tower
Infotech	$192.00	Monthly Fee
Cole Paper INC.	$175.89	Floor Scrubber
Total	$173,695.59	
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DDA	$671,498.26	
Money Market	$1,311,924.74	
CD	$100,00.00	
Chase the Ace Acct	$808.67	

Charlotte Mickelson spoke on behalf of the Museum. She was questioning the insurance on the buildings. The Finance Officer responded that there is now insurance on the main building of the Museum. The items inside are not insured as they are irreplaceable. Charlotte also asked if the City Maintenance can take care of the mowing for the Museum this summer. Mayor Gladis responded saying that the City will take care of that for the museum.

Also, during public comment Matt Lagerstrom spoke on behalf of the Legion Post 88 on an upcoming fundraiser. The Legion will be putting on a Ham & Hamburger and Bingo Night on April 6th, 2025. Meal will be served from 5:00pm-6:30pm and play for a ham during the 20 rounds of Bingo starting at 7pm. All proceeds will go the Scout Troop 4 for their Summer Camping Program.

Don Weigel was not present for the meeting.

Eli McGehee spoke on behalf of the Aurora Vandals baseball team. He really wants the Deubrook Community to be able to get involved with being able to attend games. He would like to try and schedule games in White. He said games can typically be Tuesdays-Thursdays. We did let him know that youth softball and Ladies softball are typically on Monday and Tuesdays. He said he could work around those days, but Mindak baseball League is who schedules the games. He was also asking if we had ump gear, restrooms, and concession stands. Mayor Gladis let Eli know that we have everything but the ump gear. Eli also asked if the City had someone that would prepare the field for the games. Mayor Gladis let him know that the City mows and takes care of weeds. We currently don't have staffing to chalk base lines, batting box, and moving the bases to appropriate spots. That would be something that they would need to take care of. Chad did say that he could drag the field for them on game days to help with that. Eli did ask for the contacts of the other leagues so he can stay in touch with them. Eli also said that the baseball schedule should be out in April.

Garbage rate increase was discussed at this meeting. There has been 4 rate increases from Cooks over the past 2 years. The City has chosen to not raise rates during these increases as they had felt the City was still ok. Now with the last 4% increase the Finance Officer thought that there should be an increase to make sure there was going to be enough in the garbage fund. Mayor Gladis discussed this matter with the Board and they all agreed it was time. Resolution 2025-02 states that the rate will go from $14.86 to $18.11. This will start for the March 2025 billing cycle.

Motion by Lagerstrom, seconded by Sunderland to approve resolution 2025-02.

Jim Enga from Omni-Pro came to discuss automatic electric meter readers and load management. First Jim spoke about load management. He talked about the money savings a City could have if everyone opted in. The City does currently have around 160 of the old devices still in homes. These currently aren't working as the software and computer is outdated. Jim then talked about how this device would control your water heater to not cycle during peak demand electric hours. If water heaters cycle during peak times it can cost the City $30 for each kw of demand energy. This device would break up the cycle to 8 min on and 8 min off during peak hours. Jim said that if 10 water heaters were controlled by this device it could possibly save the City up to $18,000 a year. He said that if the City chose to start the process it would cost about $300 per device and $50-$100 to install them. The cost per year for software and management would be about $3,000.00. Councilman Lagerstrom noted that the City should get an actual count of how many of these devices are still in homes and are working with green lights. There will be more to come on this item. Jim next spoke on the C3IMeshPlus Communications Meter. This meter would be able to grab every resident's electric read with in the City of White. It also would run off of the same software as the load management. The City would have to put in a few antennas throughout town for the meters to work. The total cost of the electric reading meters would be around $ 72,000. The City has allocated 60,000 in this year's budget to go towards this upgrade. The board did discuss this and asked Jim several questions on how everything worked. The Board decided to do more thinking on this. If the City decides to move forward with this option, the meters wouldn't be ready until fall.

Councilman Lagerstrom talked on behalf of American Legion Post #88 permit to scatter ashes. Matt said that someone had reached out to him that was moved to hospice and wanted some of his ashes scattered by the Veterans Memorial here in White. Matt did do research on the legalities of this. He said that there needs to be a permit in place with the City, Legion, and funeral home that states the informed plan. Mayor Gladis spoke and said that he thought there shouldn't be any issues with this. There was a motion made by Scwartz, seconded by Wright to approve the permit for City of White Veterans Memorial Permit to Scatter Ashes.

Mayor Gladis gave the Mayor report. He said that there wasn't much to share this month. He did note the title for the old ambulance came in. He will make sure that it will be put on surplus soon. The mower is at Waynes Tractor for a second opinion on what is wrong with it.

Kayla gave the finance report. She stated that she put in the boards binders the financial reports for White Fire Dept, White Ambulance, Deubrook Library, and White Community Club for them to look at. Kayla noted that she ordered more picnic tables that should be here at the end of February or beginning of March. She has also ordered and received 100 more chairs for the McKnight Hall. Kayla has been wanting to advertise the hall for rentals. She did get one quote from Tri City Star to advertise there. She asked the Board to think on this. Advertising somewhere more long term. Kayla also expressed that she and Rod Fortin have spoke a few times about the chase the ace account. He feels that everything should be under one account for the City. Cleaner paperwork and then everything would be under one umbrella. The board discussed this and gave Kayla the ok to close this account and add it to the primary checking.

Chad spoke for the maintenance department. He also received some bids for electric reading electric meters. He received them from EUSCO, RESCO, and Honeywell. All of these came in considerable amount higher than Omni-pro's bid. The Board asked Chad to do more research with these products. Finding out if they have any references for their products. Chad said he could make some phone calls. Chad has also been working on cutting down dead trees. He said the project has been moving along with the nicer weather.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Wright seconded by Haines. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.
Next Meeting is March 3rd,2025 7pm McKnight Hall Legion Room.