

The White City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 19th, 2025, at 7:00PM at the McKnight Community Center. Mayor Lagerstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Roll call was taken, council members present were Cutler, McManus, Sunderland, Willmott, Haines, and Wright. Cierra Murphy, Kevin Starr, and Julie Westberg were all present for the meeting. 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 Haines to approve the Agenda

Motion by Wright, seconded by Haines to approve the minutes from May 5th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Claimant	Check Amount	Description
First Bank & Trust	\$30.91	ACH Batch/Item Fees
EFTPS	\$2,060.47	PP9&PP10 Taxes
City of Brookings	\$264.23	Appliance Charge/City Cleanup
Brookings County Sheriff	\$1,640.00	April 2025 Contract
Bizzy Bee Cleaning	\$375.00	McKnight Hall Cleaning
Cooks Wastepaper & Recycling	\$2,584.16	April 2025 Pickup
South Dakota 811	\$58.80	56 Calls
Western Area Power	\$2,908.70	30.944 Avg Mills Per KWH
Heartland Consumers Power	\$20,704.12	82.96 Mills Per KWH
Heartland Consumers Power	\$2,218.40	May 2025 Fire Hall Pymt
East River Electric Power	\$3,845.76	April Wheeling Fees
Dakota Insurance	\$995.95	Pioneer Day Insurance
Appeara	\$77.39	Towels/Mops/Dust Mops
SD Dept of Revenue	\$2,695.39	April Sales Taxes
SD Retirement	\$995.76	April Retirement
Winwater	\$127.04	8ft Valve Box
Team Laboratory	\$1,667.00	Mega Sludge Spike
Century Business Supply	\$105.45	April Printer Copies
RFD News Group	\$471.62	April Publishing
Chad Landmark	\$30.00	May Phone
DENR	\$250.00	Construction Permit
Total	\$44,105.92	

During public comment Mayor Lagerstrom would like to invite the community to a presentation on May 28th at 7:00pm at the McKnight Hall Legion Room, given by SGT Thomas Chester. This is being put on by Brookings Area Crime Stoppers and the City of White. SGT Chester will be talking about proper camera placements for protecting your home or business. Mayor Lagerstrom also noted that there will be Memorial Celebrations happening this weekend. There will be a ceremony on May 26th at 11:00am then a meal to follow. It was also noted that during public comment please introduce yourself to the Council before you speak.

Cierra Murphy was present for variance number 2025-02. She brought pictures to the Council to show them what their fence would look like in completion. The Murphy's have complied with everything the

council has requested for information on the variance. It was also posted in the paper to notify the public of this variance. Cierra and Forrest did have their neighbors sign an agreement about the fence and had it notarized. Motion was made by Sunderland, seconded by McManus to approve Variance 2025-02 and Building Permit 2025-05.

Cierra Murphy brought two special event beverage licenses for Pioneer Days. One license request was for the City Park on July 19th, 2025, and the other was for the Demolition Derby on July 20th, 2025. Mayor Lagerstrom did ask Cierra some questions involving the upcoming Pioneer Days Festivities. Cierra said they are still working on our details for final planning. Motion made by Sunderland, seconded by McManus to approve both special event beverage licenses.

Kevin Starr came to the meeting tonight to talk about his variance that is up for approval at the June Regular Meeting. He was asking what he needs to bring to the Board for their approval. The Council asked for property line dimensions before the next meeting. This variance will be posted in the Tri City Star before the June 2nd meeting. No motion was taken at this time.

Mayor Lagerstrom put together a Council training that was presented tonight at the meeting. Mayor Lagerstrom went over the basics of what the council does and how the budget works.

Donald Lokken applied for the summer help position with the City. Motion was made by Wright, seconded by Cutler to hire Donald Lokken for 20 hours a week up to 400 hours total for the summer at \$15.00 an hour.

Resolution 2025-03 is to allow the Mayor to be able to sign for pay requests on the second phase of the drinking water line replacement project. Motion made by Sunderland, seconded by McManus for the approval of Resolution 2025-03.

Resolution 2025-04 is to allow the Mayor to be able to sign for pay requests on the second phase of the wastewater collection improvements project. Motion made by Sunderland, seconded by Willmott for the approval of Resolution 2025-03.

Alderman Sunderland spoke to the council about switching city attorneys. He has been in touch with Steve Britzman. The city would like an attorney that was more of a city attorney and knows more about the issues that come up in the city offices. Anthony Teesdale agreed that Steve would be a better fit as our attorney. Anthony said Steve has several years of experience. Steve does charge \$250.00 an hour where Anthony was charging \$200.00 an hour. The council did say that it would take Anthony longer to get what we needed, where Steve knows the in and out of city law. Motion made by Wright, seconded by Haines for the approval Steve Britzman for the New City Attorney.

Mayor Lagerstrom gave the mayor report. He presented them with a packet of information that the city is currently working on. He asked the councilman to go over the packet and let him know if there are any questions. One item in the packet he would like to get approved at the next meeting. He would like to have approval for the new electric meter readers to get ordered. The councilman also discussed the animal issue in town. Mayor Lagerstrom said that he would like Finance Officer Kayla to contact Terry Wright and have him come to the next meeting. He would like to talk to him about getting the town cleaned up. If we take care of some of the problem areas that should help the animal issue to an extent. Our town is in the country and the country is where animals live. The Mayor also made some updates on the building permit application. He wants the council to look over the changes for approval at the June meeting.

Kayla gave the finance report. Kayla invited board members to join her at the budget meeting in SF on June 25th. The City does pay for this training if any of them are interested. Kayla will be attending the training for sure. No council member at the time was able to make it to the meeting. Kayla also talked about the grants that Heartland Power offers to the City every year. The City can get a \$5,000.00 Power Forward Grant or a \$5,000.00 Economic Development Grant. This year Randy Hanson with Mills Property applied for the Economic Development Grant. He plans on using the money towards the upgrades at the Farmstead. Heartland Power will let the City know if he will receive the grant. At the last

meeting Mayor Lagerstrom talked about using direct deposit for employee paychecks. Kayla looked into this and the module in Banyon would cost the City \$590.00 a year. The council did decide to hold off on this as it is cheaper to just keep signing the checks.

Chad gave the maintenance report. He said that Prunty is almost finished with 5th street. They have one more water tie in once the weather permits. Prunty will start on main street once all the surface is removed.

Next Meeting is June 2nd, 2025 7pm McKnight Hall Legion Room

Motion made by Wright, seconded by McManus to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm.