

The White City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 McManus, Sunderland, Willmott, Haines, and Wright. Jason Rehfeld, Charles Mohler, Doug Wermadal representing Tri City Star, Cedric Hay representing Banner, Neal Asper, Loren McKinney, 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 McManus, seconded by Wright to approve the minutes from June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

| Claimant                  | Check Amount | Description                 |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Brookings Municipal       | \$963.47     | Service Repair              |
| Runnings Supply, INC.     | \$200.90     | Shop Towel, Charger,Air gun |
| Winwater                  | \$196.47     | Cable for Water Reader      |
| Brookings Co Sheriff      | \$1,640.00   | May 2025 Contract Hours     |
| Appeara                   | \$70.08      | Towels/Dust Mops/Mops       |
| Banner Associates         | \$41,270.30  | Water/Sewer Project         |
| Western Area Power        | \$1,768.35   | KWH 31.024                  |
| South Dakota 811          | \$60.90      | 58 Calls                    |
| Heartland Consumers Power | \$26,511.98  | 103.23 Mills/KWH            |
| Infotech Solutions        | \$192.00     | June 2025 Contract          |
| East River Electric Power | \$4,588.38   | May 2025 Wheeling Fees      |
| Cooks Wastepaper          | \$4,839.16   | City Clean Up/May Pickup    |
| City of Brookings         | \$649.85     | Appliance Pick up           |
| RFD News Group            | \$647.86     | May 2025 Publishing         |
| ITC, INC.                 | \$1,268.75   | Fiber Cable Relocate        |
| Century Business Products | \$77.31      | May Copier Contract         |
| Roelofsen Implement       | \$32.78      | 2 Mower Oil Filters         |
| Kayla Cooper              | \$398.72     | FO School Reimbursement     |
| Chad Landmark             | \$30.00      | June 2025 Phone             |
| ITC, INC.                 | \$385.35     | June Phone/Internet         |
| First Bank & Trust CC     | \$1,115.23   | Tp,School,Paper,Paint       |
| Bizzy Bee Cleaning        | \$450.00     | June Cleaning Services      |
| EFTPS                     | \$3,819.67   | Payroll Taxes               |
| City of White             | \$1,576.61   | Monthly Utilities           |
| Pests Be Dead, LLC        | \$120.00     | Old Fire Hall Pest Removal  |
| Bioag Energy Services     | \$480.36     | Fuel/Diesel                 |
| Prunty Construction       | \$211,737.07 | Pay Request 8               |
| SD Dept of Revenue        | \$2,508.46   | May 2025 Taxes              |
| SD Retirement             | \$1,014.22   | May 2025 Retirement         |
| Heartland Consumers Power | \$2,218.40   | June 2025 FireHall Payment  |
| Aflac                     | \$500.26     | May 2025 Coverage           |
| First Bank & Trust        | \$20.72      | ACH/Batch Fees              |

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| Appeara                       | \$71.86             | Towels/Dust Mops/Mops        |
| Schwartz Manure Hauling       | \$426.66            | 2 Loads of Gravel            |
| Brookings Municipal Utilities | \$454.08            | Removal of 2 Poles for CONST |
| Brkings-Deuel RWS             | \$5,156.00          | 1,642,000 Gallons            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>\$317,462.21</b> |                              |

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| <b><u>END OF MONTH TOTALS</u></b> | \$815,737.86   |
| DDA                               | \$1,331,366.99 |
| MONEY MARKET                      | \$100,000.00   |
| CD                                |                |

Charles Mohler spoke during public comment. He wants to note that Evans Ave was looking good. He also wanted to make a complaint about long grass and weeds located at the acreage just east of White. Mayor Lagerstrom noted that this property wasn't within the City limits and that we have no jurisdiction on what their property looks like. Neal Asper also spoke during public comment. He stated that Railroad Ave- to Hooker Ave on Main Street should be paved rather than asphalted. He said that it would look nicer and last longer. Mayor Lagerstrom said that he could bring it up at the construction meeting but plans to move forward with the plans already in place.

The Council discussed the upcoming Pioneer Days celebrations. There was one final liquor license to approve for the White Community Club. They will be serving during the street dance, and demo derby. They did go over the licenses that were already approved previously also. Wright made the motion to approve all the Pioneer Day liquor Licenses, seconded by McManus.

Mayor Lagerstrom also noted that the Pioneer Days Committees mentioned having an Open Container Corridor. Julie Westberg stated that instead of having certain roads for open containers to be allowed that the Committee is offering a cup that they can use for the weekend. As long as the person has this cup an open container will not be issued. The cup would be a \$2.00 charge. Alderman Sunderland stated that there has to be a time frame for this cup. Alcohol is to not be served after 2am. The board discussed how to handle the time frame. Julie stated that they just want to be able to let people walk from one event to another without getting an open container. Mayor Lagerstrom noted that the Open Container Corridor would start Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm-Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. There is no alcohol to be served during the time of 2am-7am during these dates. Motion by Wright, seconded by McManus to approve the Open Container Corridor.

Julie also asked Mayor Lagerstrom about a 220 plug in for the Band on Saturday night. The Mayor let Julie know that we don't have a 220 plug at this time but explained how the band could make the Halls plug in work for the night. The Council did say that we should look at putting one in at some point. Mayor Lagerstrom said that this would not happen before Pioneer Days and that we would have to budget it in for next year.

Jason Rehfeld applied for a Variance for 8 X 40 milvan that he had delivered. The City Ordinance states that any shed over 120 square feet will need to have a variance. Motion was made by McManus, seconded by Wright to approve Variance 2025-03.

Greg Olson came back to the Council for an easement on his property. He had a document from Six Mile Creek Board stating that they approved of the easement that Mr. Olson had brought to them. The easement would go from 30 feet down to 15 feet on the entire boundary south of lots 14 and 15 that would connect to the Six Mile Creek Golf Course. Mr. Olson wanted to consolidate lots 14 and 15 into one lot named 14a. Motion made by Sunderland, seconded by Haines, to approve the easement and consolidation of lots 14 and 15.

Fema resolution 2025-05 states that Brooking County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan is in effect 2024-2030. Motion made by Sunderland, seconded by Wright to approve Resolution 2025-05.

Mayor Lagerstrom spoke about some updates that need to be done for new laws that came in effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. **Change 1: Include language about appropriate bathroom usage.** The following paragraph will be added as "Section 2.23" to comply with HB1259 of the 2025 Legislative Session.

*Employees shall not grant permission to individuals of the opposite sex to use restrooms or changing rooms designated for the other sex. Employees are expected to take reasonable steps to prevent such use. Exceptions may be made for parents or chaperones accompanying children under the age of 10, or individuals with disabilities who require assistance.* **Change 2: Include language about concealed carry of "weapons".** The following paragraph will be substituted in "Section 2.16.2" to comply with HB1218 of the 2025 Legislative Session.

*Unless otherwise authorized under South Dakota law, the possession of firearms or other weapons while at work or on municipal property, including buildings and vehicles, is strictly prohibited (with the exception of law enforcement officers acting within the scope of their duties).*

*The City will retain the current language of Section 2.16.2 that reads: Duly authorized educational programs, demonstrations, displays, dramatizations, competitions, or other similar public events as approved by the respective department may be exempted.* Motion made by Sunderland, seconded by McManus to approve the updates to the employee handbook.

Mayor Lagerstrom gave the Mayor report. The Mayor said that he would like to get volunteers for the budget committee. Alderman's Sunderland, McManus, and Haines volunteered. Mayor Lagerstrom also talked about the need for a new laptop for the new electric meters. This computer will be kept in the maintenance shop for Chad to check daily on the meters. The cost for this computer will run around \$600.00. It was noted that the Mayor plans to purchase this computer on this years budget. The Mayor also touched on the Tap Grant. He did say that this project will come in seasons. 2027 season=path along east side of Hooker south to the Corner Gas Station and a handicapped path through the park. 2029 season=path from Railroad west to the football field and then around the western addition between Stella and Complex. 2031 season=path from north edge of town to the Golf Course. The order can change in which the sidewalks are done but this is the plan that he proposed. Cedric Hay from Banner will talk about this later in the meeting. The Mayor also wanted to say that the nuisance residences have had letters mailed to them. He is wanting to meet with the landowners to discuss a path moving forward. Based on the result of those meetings, further action will be taken to address the problems.

Kayla gave the finance report. She started off with saying that only one building permit has been turned in this last month for a fence on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Hooker. She also stated that she has an up to date quote for Gworks. This is the computer software that the City plans to switch to in January 2026. As of right now the cost to switch will run around \$21,000.00. After the initial implementation it will then be a yearly fee. The City is currently going through an audit that started October 2024 for the years 2022-2023. The company has yet to finish the first year and the City is up for a federal audit for 2024. The Finance officer made concern as this is due in August 2025. Council Sunderland was not happy with the current company as for how long this is taking for the price. The Council did vote for this company as it was \$5,000 cheaper than the other companies. Kayla expressed concern with trying to switch companies right now. If the

Federal Audit doesn't have an engagement letter it could look bad on our City possibly moving forward with funds. Kayla has talked to Rod Fortin about not being able to move faster and he said the whole state is having trouble getting their audits complete due to companies willing to take on municipalities. The Council decided to table this until the August meeting. They want Kayla to look into other companies to do the Federal audit. Kayla also stated that they do have some resident utilities that may need to be disconnected next month. She was going to work with them one more month to get them paid down. There is a possibility of two residents for next month.

Chad gave the maintenance report. Mayor Lagerstrom has asked Chad to do loader training with a few of the Council members to help fill in when Chad is out. Chad stated that he could do a Saturday morning, or anyone can stop during the week and he could walk them through the training. He said it shouldn't take long but practice may be needed. Chad also wanted to let the community know that anyone that has the green transformer boxes in their yards are responsible for the grass and weed upkeep around them. He has noticed that a lot of them have weeds and grass very tall around them. He also has noticed that people are stacking their tree branches on top of them. These units need to be free from debris, so they run with the most efficiency.

Cedric Hay was representing Banner today at the meeting. He started off with Prunty pay request #9. This is the amount of \$334,684.44. This is a request for completed work. Motion by Wright, seconded by Sunderland to approve pay request #9. Cedric said for the current phase of construction we need to have Geotechnical Engineering Service come back and do testing. The test for compaction, bore depths and soil sampling. This cost will be roughly \$7,798.50 plus tax. Motion by Sunderland, second by Wright to approve the Geotek Proposal.

Cedric also wanted to discuss the Tap Grant application. The letter of intent is due July 15<sup>th</sup> 2025. He is listing the phases as stated above in the Mayor report. Council members are very concerned about having a sidewalk that goes to the Corner Gas Station. Kids crossing the highway is very worrisome. Cedric did say he has been talking with DOT to see the safest option for this to carry out. He does understand our concerns but with the Tap Grant they are wanting to create pathways to local areas. Cedric did say that maybe it could be brought up to lower the speed limit even more though that intersection but not sure that DOT would approve. Councilman Sunderland asked if they could switch the phases around. Since the letter of intent is due shortly. DOT might not have time to approve everything for the first phase. Cedric did say that he could start with the phase 2 on the letter of intent and not have to worry about approvals not getting done before the letter is due. Cedric also said that he could feel out to see if DOT would have the approvals needed and still start with phase 1. Motion was made by Sunderland, seconded by Haines to approve the Tap Grant Application starting with phase unless approvals aren't met than start with phase 2 first.

Motion was made by Willmott, seconded by Wright to go in Executive Session at 8:37pm.

McManus motioned to be out of Executive session at 9:40pm

Motion to Adjourn made by McManus, seconded by Wright at 9:41pm

Next meeting is August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7pm McKnight Hall Legion Room