

August 3, 2026 unapproved minutes

Meeting called to order by President Stapleton at 7:00 PM

Members Present: President Terry Stapleton, Linda Westergren, Holly Bickett, Allen McLaughlin

Also Present: Sandy Smith, Kaylyn Begnaud, Marie Wallace, Waunda Beil, Brian Bayne

Motion by Bickett to approve the agenda with the addition of city cleanup, 2nd by McLaughlin, all approved, motion carried.

Public Hearing for Potato Days Special Event License August 7-8 2026, no oppositions from the floor. Motion by Bickett to approve the special event license, 2nd by McLaughlin. All approved via Roll call vote, motion carried.

Public Comment – Marie Wallace asked multiple questions during public comment

Begnaud read July Minutes-Motion Bickett to approve with fix of typo 2nd by McLaughlin, all approved motion carried.

August Bills presented, motion by Bickett to approved, 2nd McLaughlin, all approved, motion carried. August Bills are as follows: USDA Rural Development \$426.00 Loan, North Western Energy \$12.00 Natural Gas, Kingsbury County Sherrif \$75.96 Notice Delivery, VanDiest Supply Co \$1110.00 Mosquito Spray, Taz Visa \$747.03 Supplies, Ottertail Power Company \$931.34 Electric, Sioux Valley Energy \$34.00 Electric, Kingbrook Rural Water \$149.45 Water, Avid Hawk LLC \$49.00 Website, Prairie Ag Partners \$16.99 Fuel, Payroll: Finance Officer \$775.41, Maintenance \$895.79, Cooks Wastepaper \$1092.60 Garbage, Kingsbury Journal \$95.21 Publishing, Michael Johnson Construction \$1423.40 Park Sand, Alliance Communication \$129.00 Phone/Internet

July Finances presented, Motion by Bickett to approve July Finances, 2nd by McLaughlin, all approved, motion carried.

Maintenance report – Park Equipment installed, and will have a couple of the monkey bars lowered a little. Park Bathrooms are also done. Doug has sprayed and will again before potato days. Motion by McLaughlin to approve maintenance report, 2nd by Bickett, all approved, motion carried.

Motion by Terry Stapleton to enter into executive session in pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1-Personal), 2nd by Bickett at 7:23 PM, all approved, motion carried. Motion by McLaughlin to exit executive session at 7:33 PM 2nd by Westergren, all approved, motion carried (Bickett abstained as she and Begnaud had removed themselves from executive session before council exited). No action taken.

Delinquent Bills Motion by Bickett to send #42 and #82 to collections through AAA, 2nd by McLaughlin, all approved motion carried.

Nuisance Properties – No update

Park & Equipment Updates – Update given during Maintenance report. Bathroom quote presented, no decision made. Begnaud has been working on picnic tables fixing them, hoping to have two more done by Potato Days

Mowing Properties – Stapleton reported we need to pick up sticks if we are going to mow overgrown properties as it is hard on the equipment, Bickett offered to help.

Stapleton nominated Brian Bayne as the new council member, 2nd by McLaughlin, all approved, motion carried.

Bayne signed and read his oath of office.

Contract law discussed, Motion by McLaughlin to approve contract law at 15 hours a month with a 6 month “trial” period and council will reassess after 6 months, 2nd by Bickett. All approved, motion carried.

Building Permits – Representative that was going to talk, didn’t show up, no discussion had

Discussion had on Amending Ordinance 51 – Sewer, Changes requested and will have first reading at the next meeting.

Discussion had on Amending Ordinance 150 – Building permits, Begnaud noted SB3 changed what municipalities can require building permits for, will make changes and present first reading at next meeting.

Motion by McLaughlin to approve the first reading of 2026-06 2nd by Bickett, all approved via Roll Call Vote, motion carried

Motion by McLaughlin to approve the first reading of 2026-07 as discussed 2nd by Bayne, all approved via Roll Call Vote, motion carried

City Building repairs & Options – Quote for new back door in the city hall reviewed, no action taken. Council to look at what repairs are needed, McLaughlin asked that we could have a meeting with Kingbrook Rural Water to discuss options of possibly obtaining the building as they operate the city water inside the building.

Baseball Field – Discussion had, Motion by Bickett to have Jay Hojer cut and bale the baseball field, 2nd by McLaughlin, all approved, motion carried. Will have to be sprayed after the first frost.

Dust Mitigation & Gravel – Quotes for dust mitigation reviewed, Motion by McLaughlin to accept the quote from bxcc for dust mitigation 2nd by Bayne, all approved, motion carried. McLaughlin to order gravel from Dawson and coordinate dust mitigation.

City Cleanup – Bickett brought quotes for roll-offs, No Paint, tires, appliances, chemicals will be accepted – Hazardous materials WILL be accepted 8AM-noon on August 15th at Dakota Bank Center in Brookings for those things. Motion by McLaughlin to get a roll-off for cleanup the week of September 14th, 2nd by Bayne. All approved, motion carried. Notice to be included in September bills.

Council Concerns – None

Motion by Bickett to enter into executive session at 9:04PM in pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3- reviewing communications from legal counsel) 2nd by Mclaughlin, all approved, motion carried. Motion by Bickett to exit executive session at 9:22PM 2nd by Bayne, all approved, motion carried. No action needed.

September Meeting will be Tuesday the 8th at 7:00PM in the City Hall

Motion by Bickett to adjourn 2nd by McLaughlin all approved, motion carried.

Kaylyn Begnaud, Finance Officer

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