

City Council Meeting
Springfield, South Dakota
October 6, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on October 6, 2025, at 6:33pm at the CSC. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kostal. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. Roll Call: Burch, Dietsch, Ludens (via phone), Mueller and Mayor Kostal were present. Also present, City Attorney Beau Barrett, Finance Officer Larson, Asst. F.O. Rothschadl, *Springfield Times Reporter* Bochman, Officer Garret Damico, Lorri Dietsch, Bob & Mary Van Oort, Linda Tjeerdsma, Will Paulson, and Carol Hagen (via phone).

Monthly Items: Agenda Approval: Ludens moved, Mueller second to approve the agenda as written. All voted in favor, motion carried. Minutes Approval: Dietsch moved, Mueller second to approve the minutes of September 4, 2025, meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried. Claims Approval: Diesch moved, Burch second to approve the claims. All voted in favor, motion carried. A- OX Welding Supply, supplies, 137.95; Agap LLC, FD ceiling fan install, 970.00; Appeara, rugs & supplies, 126.28; Aqua-Pure, chemical, 4090.00; AT&T, utilities, 263.90; B&H Publishing, publishing, 167.98; Barnes & Noble, books, 88.80; B-Y Electric, utilities, 88.80; Berendsen Plumbing, camera calls, 255.00; LB413164, law manual, 111.95; Bound Tree Medical, ambulance supplies, 332.75; Central Farmers Coop, utilities, 34.95; Chase Pest Service, pest spraying, 40.00; CNH Industrial Accounts, loader parts, 3519.90; Corporate Trust TFM, C46101-01 quarterly payment, 23917.26; Garret Damico, police clothing, 99.99; Niki DeFries, RSDG RR#6, 360.00; DGR Engineering, airport CIP, 33928.94; Den Herder, Hovden, & Barrett, attorney services, 1440.00; Doug's Food Center, supplies, 228.27; Dust-Tex, supplies, 52.15; Efraimson Electric, troubleshoot & new power, 6561.04; Feimer Construction, WTP PA# 29, 153876.77, First Savings Bank, supplies, 136.89; First Savings Bank, supplies, 98.38; Galls LLC, police equipment, 287.93; Goldenwest, utilities, 704.97; Innovative Office Solutions, checks & water statements, 980.82; Kaul's Ag & Auto, service check & parts, 302.42; Scott Kostal, legislature special session, 342.10; Larry's Heating & Cooling, CSC water heater, 1902.05; LEAF, copy contract, 128.79; Law Enforcement Systems, ticket books, 88.00; David Ludens, sewer line inspection, 306.12; William Minder, RSDG RR#6, 60.00; Jessica Myers, RSDG RR#6, 240.00; Northwestern, utilities, 9322.35; One Source, copies, 88.69; PCC, July Billing, 427.08; Reemployment Assistance, 3rd quarter, 69.35; Ramkota Hotel, project prison reset, 112.00; Jen Reynolds, RSDG RR#6, 160.00; SPN, WTP engineering, 26258.03; TwoTrees Technologies, monthly services, 798.75; Tyndall Ace Hardware, supplies, 12.92; Water & Environmental, water testing, 88.00; Williams Sanitation, utilities, 201.00; Yankton Winnelson Co, parts, 143.99. Payroll Deductions: SD Retirement System 3725.94; Principal Life Insurance 48.29; Avera Health Plans 5862.01; Supplemental Retirement 180.00; Messerli & Kramer PA 816.27; Companion Life 144.50; First Savings Bank 8242.93. Payroll by Department: GENERAL- Mayor/Council 1056.29; Finance Office 4304.42; Gen Gov't Building 143.05; Police 4102.49; Streets 3091.22 ; Airport 855.00; Ambulance 753.97; Parks & Rec 2497.04; Library 775.74; WATER 4191.05; SEWER 5940.21. Finance Officer's Report: Mueller moved, Dietsch second to approve the Finance Officer's Report. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: Will Paulson voiced dissatisfaction with leadership.

Mayor and Department Report: Utilities – Cleaning out old WTP; lagoon maintenance; winterized pool. Streets – Finishing up summer maintenance. Airport – Fuel sales resumed; working on fly issue in terminal building. Fire Department – No report. Ambulance – Power cot ordered; Continued efforts on recruitment; attended Sanford American Heart Association Conference Oct 2-3. Police – training with sheriff's dept. Library – Attendance has slowed down with school in session. Parks – 23 single passes & 38 family passes sold; winterization complete. Finance Office – Budget work; working on hold harmless/indemnification statements; reviewing health insurance quotes; awaiting county response regarding election. Mayor – Attended special prison task force session; SDML annual conference recap; conducted three solemnization ceremonies. Other Partners/Agencies – USACE river spraying select areas for phragmites.

Capital Improvement Projects: Water Treatment Plant Update - WTP Feimer Pay App #30 - \$165,756.38: Mueller moved, Burch second to approve WTP Feimer Pay App #30 for \$165,756.38. All voted in favor, motion carried. High-capacity intake pumps replaced; Ongoing/ pending work with west side rainwater drainage and street paving. Airport – Working punch list items for project completion.

Old Business: Ordinance #623 – 2026 Budget Appropriations- Second Reading – Dietsch moved, Burch second to approve Ordinance #623 – 2026 Budget Appropriations. All voted in favor, motion carried. Ordinance #623 -2026 Budget Appropriations has had its second reading. Proceed with Sale of Surplus Property – Ludens moved, Dietsch second to proceed with sale of surplus property as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried. Abandoned Property discussion - Discussion occurred regarding updates on abandoned properties. Zoning Ordinance Discussion – City Attorney presented updates from Sept. 4th meeting; an updated draft version will be made available online.

New Business: Approve Personnel Policy Manual Section III – Employee Classifications – Ludens moved, Burch second to table Personnel Policy Manual Section III – Employee Classifications. All voted in favor, motion carried. Moving Permit Request- Luker – Mueller moved, Ludens second to approve David Luker's moving permit request as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried. Mueller moved, Dietsch second David Luker's request to waive \$50 moving permit fee as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried. Surplus of Water Treatment Plant & Inventory– Ludens moved, Dietsch second to approve surplus WTP building & inventory as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried. Mueller moved, Dietsch second to table appointing board of appraisers for WTP & inventory. All voted in favor, motion carried. Special Event Malt Beverage Permit – Norm's – Chamber Event – Burch moved, Mueller second to approve Norm's Special Event Malt Beverage Permit request for Chamber Event on November 1, 2025 at the CSC. All voted in favor, motion carried. Ordinance #624 – 2025 Supplemental Budget Appropriations – First Reading– Mueller moved, Burch second to approve Ordinance #624 – 2025 Supplemental Budget Appropriations. Ordinance #624 -2025 Supplemental Budget Appropriations has had its first reading. All voted in favor, motion carried. Moving Permit Request – Myers - Ludens moved, Burch seconded to approve Gail & Terry Myers' moving permit request as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried. Mueller moved, Burch seconded to approve Gail & Terry Myers' request to waive \$50 moving permit fee as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Executive Session: Mayor Kostal called for Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) Legal. Mueller moved, Burch seconded to enter executive session at 8:47pm. Ludens exited at 8:47 pm. Exited Executive Session at 9:12 pm. No action taken.

Adjournment: Mueller moved, Burch second to adjourn. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Scott L. Kostal
Mayor

Amanda Larson
Finance Officer

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