

City of Columbia Council Meeting – January 7, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL –Dana Mohr, Cara Dennert, Scott Meints, Sam Hoppock, Trevor Meints, Jeremy Dosch

Community: Michelle Johnson, Angela Grieb, Julie Voeller, Patti Daly, Andrew Davis

Mayor Dana Mohr called the meeting to order. Dana called for a motion to approve the agenda. Trevor Meints made a motion to approve the agenda. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Dana called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts. Minutes were handed out from the December 3rd meeting. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Minutes were handed out from the December 9th meeting. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1347.75; Web – fire prevention – 73.89; JVT – fire prevention – 213.22; Jeremy Dosch– Dec. wages -1109.06 –; Cara Dennert – Dec. wages– 1317.60; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies - 23.27 ; United States Treasury -941 4th Q 2024 taxes – 2579.35; Jeremy Dosch – council wages 4th Q – 296.46; Scott Meints – council wages 4th Q – 296.46; Sam Hoppock – council wages 4th Q – 296.46; Dana Mohr - council wages 4th Q –312.93; Trevor Meints – street wages & council wages 4th Q – 286.36; SD Unemployment Insurance – 4th Q insurance – 45.25, Beck Law Office – attorney fees - 342.04; GDI – publication 9.11; Public Health Laboratory – park water testing – 96.00; Bobcat – equipment work – 209.61; Hansen Excavating – street blading – 829.08; SDML – 2026 Dues – 212.00 Sam Hoppock made a motion to approve the vouchers. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: - Agtegra tax exemption certificates

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- waste water project – An Archeological Report regarding the lagoon site was received. Everything looks good.

Nuisances – Scott reviewed the revised ordinance for approval. There was some discussion. Sam Hoppock motioned to accept the second reading of the ordinance as amended. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. The ordinance will take effect 20 days after publication. Trevor said that he was contacted by Code Enforcement Specialists wondering if we wanted to continue with their service. The board agreed that progress has been made and we need to continue to push forward with problems regarding ordinances in town. Trevor will be in contact with them.

Streets – no new report

Parks – Patti Daly wanted to let the board know that she would like input on placement of the building for the new park. She and Jeremy will look at some possibilities. Andrew Davis gave the council a detailed bill for the old park clean up. There was much discussion. Trevor Meints made a motion that we pay Andrew Davis for his machine hours and man hours that he had listed on the bill totaling \$1725. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Lagoon/Sewer- Engineers will be back to do some more soil boring.

Rubble Site – It needs to be burned, but preferably with a bit more snow around it. Dana will check on how much it would cost to have it stacked a bit before burning.

NEW BUSINESS – Wyatt Larson was present to discuss the location where he would like to put a house. That location currently does not have any septic options. Jeremy will check with Scott Bader regarding the requirements for putting in an independent septic system. Annual declarations were discussed. Scott Meints made a motion to keep Groton Independent as our newspaper for publications, Dacotah Bank as our financial institution. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. The City Council looked over dates for meetings – the first Wednesday worked for all months. It is a non-election year for council positions.

FINANCIAL REPORT –

Cara gave the board their W2s and they signed their W9s. Six 1099s will be sent out from the City. Cara presented bank balances. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

December 31, 2025, balances: SF - \$ 102,287.48; SF Money Market –\$ 153,348.33;

GF - \$ 190,465.65; GF Money Market - \$ 51,454.47; CD Money Market - \$ 41,786.18

FIT - \$ 16,179.23; Cash on hand - \$0

Mayor Mohr adjourned the meeting.

Next City Council Meeting – Wednesday, February 4th, 2026 – 7:00 p.m

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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