

**Special Meeting
Board of Equalization Meeting
Springfield, South Dakota
March 16-17, 2026**

The special meeting of the City Council was held on March 16, 2025, at the CSC. The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Mayor Scott Kostal. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. Roll Call: Dietsch, Ludens, and Mueller were present (via phone). Burch joined at 11:01am (via phone). Finance Officer Larson was also present.

MONTHLY ITEMS: Agenda: Mueller moved, Dietsch second to approve amended agenda moving the approval of the agenda and claims before calling to order the Board of Equalization. Claims: Ludens moved, Mueller second to approve claims as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried. Register of Deeds, Jones property registration, 30.00; Bon Homme County Treasurer, Jones property taxes, 4901.89; Estate of Russell Dean Jones, purchase agreement, 1.00; SDEMSA IC Society, EMT class registration, 4200.00.

Mayor Kostal called the Council to reorganize as the Board of Equalization. Dietsch moved, Burch second to reorganize as the Board of Equalization. All voted in favor, motion carried. Meeting was called to order at 11:05am.

Mayor Kostal reminded those present of the duties of the local board of equalization and cited SDCL 10-11-13 outlining the time and place of the annual meeting as the board of equalization. Mayor Kostal asked for a motion to recess the meeting until Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:30pm. Mueller moved, Dietsch second. All voted in favor, motion carried. Meeting is recessed until Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:30pm.

Mayor Kostal called to resume the Board of Equalization meeting at 6:30pm. Roll Call: Dietsch and Ludens (via phone) and Mueller were present. Due to unforeseen technical difficulties, Burch was unable to connect to the meeting. Also present, Raya Nagel, Brett Romkema, Will Paulson and Chris Mace.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business before the Board of Equalization, Mueller moved, Dietsch second, to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. All present voted in favor, one absent; motion carried. Board of Equalization meeting adjourned at 6:33pm. Council reorganized as the City Council.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT: No report.

DONATIONS: None received.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paulson addressed open meeting guidelines related to free speech and potential upcoming lawsuits.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE: None received.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: No reports.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: No update.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mueller moved, Dietsch second to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

Scott L. Kostal
Mayor

Amanda Larson
Finance Officer

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Next regular meeting will be held Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 6:30pm at the Springfield Community Center.