

**City of Columbia Council Meeting – April 1, 2026**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Community: Isaac Abeln, Mitch Mergen, Pam Blair, Lisa Mohr**

Mayor Dana Mohr called the meeting to order. Dana called for a motion to approve the agenda. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the agenda. Trevor 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 March 4th meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Minutes were handed out from the March 19th meeting. Sam Hoppock made a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

**Warrant Vouchers** Northwestern Energy – electricity – 2039.88; Web – fire prevention – 55.11; JVT – fire prevention – 213.17; Post Office – stamps – 421.20; Jeremy Dosch– Mar. wages -1244.84, 1st quarter wages – 296.45 –; Cara Dennert – Mar. wages– 1317.60; Scott Meints – Street wages and 1st quarter wages – 316.76; Trevor Meints – 1st quarter wages – 296.46; Sam Hoppock – 1st quarter wages – 296.46;Dana Mohr – 1st quarter wages – 362.34;GDI – publications- 288.31; Runnings – shop supplies – 252.75; Menards – shop supplies – 21.97; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies – 97.06; NASASP – 2026 dues – 39.00; Bobcat – shop supplies – 37.63; US Treasury – 941 1st Q taxes – 2615.61; SD Unemployment Insurance – insurance – 50.10

Trevor Meints made a motion to approve the vouchers. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE:** - DANR – Rubble site permit

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** waste water project –Stockwell engineer – Mitch Mergen was present to discuss the current project. The construction documents are ready for the state & county. We are waiting for the environmental review so that we can close on our loan. We are on the Brown County’s agenda for April to get the plaits signed and then on to the county commission. Permitting should be completed by the end of April. Jeremy Dosch made a motion to authorize Stockwell Engineering to advertise for bids upon approval of the land purchase. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

**Nuisances** –Trevor will be putting together a list of residents with ordinance violations. Letters will be sent.

**Streets** – nothing new

**Parks** –Bids for weeds/fertilizer were opened. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the bid from True Green. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. There were no bids received for mowing services. The proposal will be revamped, and it will be put out for bids – with the right of refusal of any bids. It will be published in the GDI and The Insider and online on the Columbia Facebook page.

**Lagoon/Sewer-** nothing further

**Rubble Site** – Dana will contact Hansen about the site and piling before a burn.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Dana reviewed the contract the city has with the baseball committee. Scott Meints made a motion to approve their contract. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – The city will start paying 941 quarterly taxes electronically. Cara presented bank balances. Sam Hoppock made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

March 30, 2026, balances: SF - \$ 125,307.82; SF Money Market –\$ 153,669.95;

GF - \$ 240,142.48; GF Money Market - \$ 51,562.40; CD Money Market - \$ 41,873.83

FIT - \$ 16,313.26; Cash on hand - \$0

Mayor Mohr adjourned the meeting.

**Next City Council Meeting - Wednesday, May 6, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer**

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