

**City Council Meeting
Springfield, South Dakota
January 5, 2026**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on January 5, 2026 at the CSC. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Kostal. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. Roll Call: Burch, Dietsch, Ludens, Mueller and Mayor Kostal were present. Also present, Finance Officer Larson, Asst. F.O. Rothschild, *Springfield Times* Reporter Bochman, Attorney Barrett, P.O Damico, Carol Hagen (via phone), and Will Paulson.

MONTHLY ITEMS: Agenda Approval: Mueller moved, Burch second to approve the agenda as amended. All voted in favor, motion carried. Minutes Approval: Ludens moved, Mueller second to approve the minutes of December 1, 2025, and December 29, 2025, meetings. All voted in favor, motion carried. Claims Approval: Burch moved, Dietsch second to approve the claims as amended. All voted in favor, motion carried. A-OX Welding Supply, supplies, 139.55; Appeara, rugs & supplies, 126.28; Aqua-Pure Inc, chemical, 1741.00; AT&T, utilities, 267.02; B-Y Electric, utilities, 22.00; Bound Tree, ambulance supplies, 130.99; Marisa Brafford, water deposit refund, 58.64; Chase Pest Service, spray services, 60.00; City of Sioux Falls, water testing, 52.74; City of Springfield, water bill, 91.36; DANR- Fiscal Office, permit #822047, 50.00; Shannon Defries, 2026 FD Maintenance, 1200.00; Doug's Food Center, supplies, 19.63; Dust-Tex Service, janitorial supplies, 79.58; Echo Group, supplies, 59.22; First Savings Banks, supplies, 360.19; Gerstner Oil, airport fuel, 2223.60; Goldenwest, utilities, 757.76; Kaul's, supplies, 19.06; Leaf, copier contract, 141.67; M&T Fire & Safety, pumper repair, 907.20; Northwestern, utilities, 9011.92; One Source One Solution, copies, 43.54; Public Health Laboratory, water testing, 16.00; Quill Corporation, paper, 258.86; Reemployment Assistance, 4th quarter 2025, 19.00; SD Airport Management, 2026 annual dues, 50.00; SDARWS, 2026 annual conference, 350.00; SD GOV Finance Officers' Association; 2026 annual dues, 100.00; SD Human Resource Association, 2026 annual dues, 50.00; SD Municipal League, legislative rib dinner & 2026 annual dues, 239.00; SDML Workers Compensation Fund, 2026 WC Renewal, 10002.00; SD Municipal Street Association, 2026 Annual Dues, 35.00; SEAFOG, 2026 annual dues, 100.00; Water & Environmental; water testing, 88.00. Payroll Deductions: SD Retirement System 3608.62; Principal Life Insurance 42.06; Avera Health Plans 5829.32; Supplemental Retirement 180.00; Messerli & Kramer P.A. 816.27; Companion Life 144.50; First Savings Bank 7743.12. Payroll by Department: GENERAL- Mayor/Council 1131.27; Finance Office 4396.40; Gen Gov't Building 162.13; Police 4002.56; Streets 4964.91; Snow 689.04; Airport 858.09; Ambulance 1803.79; Library 664.92; WATER 3876.14; SEWER 4598.83.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT: Dietsch moved, Mueller second to approve the Finance Officer's Report. All voted in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paulson voiced concerns regarding free speech.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Reports were reviewed from the following departments – Utilities, Streets, Ambulance, Police, Airport, Library, Finance Office and Mayor.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: Water Treatment Plant Update- Pump received at plant; Upcoming installation and warranty work onsite for 2nd pump; Demo of old water plant spring 2026; Working estimate for surplus CO2 tank. Airport - Liquidated Damages: Ludens moved, Mueller second to approve amending liquidated damages from \$30,000.00 to \$20,000.00. All voted in favor, motion carried. Final Completion Statement: Burch moved, Dietsch second to approve the Final Completion of the Airport Runway Reconstruction Project as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried. Airport Duininck Pay App #9 – FINAL- \$118,058.32: Dietsch moved, Ludens second to approve Final Duininck Pay App #9 for \$118,058.32. All voted in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Personnel Policy Manual Section III: Ludens moved, Dietsch second to pick up from table. All voted in favor, motion carried. Council members discussed. Ludens moved, Burch second to table the Personnel Policy Manual Section III. All voted in favor, motion carried. Airport Hangar Leases: Mueller moved, Ludens second to approve 2026 Airport Hangar Leases as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Burch moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) Legal, Dietsch seconded. All voted in favor, entered executive session at 7:07 pm, exiting at 7:49 pm. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS: Abandoned/ Property Update: Jones Property – No update at this time. (Former) Richey Property – No updates given. Paulson exited the meeting at 7:54 pm. City Attorney Barrett stated that the record should reflect Paulson making the cutthroat gesture upon exit. Planning & Zoning Ordinance: Discussion on appointing a Planning & Zoning Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Special Event Malt Beverage License – Norm’s – Prison Christmas Party: Ludens moved, Burch second to approve Norm’s Special Event Malt Beverage License for the Prison Employee Christmas Party as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried. Special Event Malt Beverage License – Norm’s – Bon Homme After Prom Fundraiser: Mueller moved, Dietsch second to approve Norm’s Special Event Malt Beverage License for the Bon Homme After Prom Fundraiser. Donation Request: Ludens moved, Dietsch second to donate up to \$150 for the cost of the CSC rental for the February 7th Bon Homme After Prom Event. All voted in favor, motion carried. Reduced Finance Office Hours January 12-23, 2026: Ludens moved, Burch second to approve reduced Finance Office hours to the public from 1:00pm to 5:00pm January 12-23, 2026, as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried. Police Policies: Burch moved, Dietsch second to table the Police Policies. All voted in favor, motion carried. Authorization to Advertise for Summer Employees: Burch moved, Mueller second to approve the authorization to advertise for summer employees. All voted in favor, motion carried. Cost of Goods & Services – Add Open Records Request Fee: Mueller moved, Dietsch second to approve adding Open Records Request Fee to the Cost of Goods & Services. All voted in favor, motion carried. 2026 Life Insurance Rates: Burch moved, Ludens second to approve the 2026 Life Insurance Rates as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried. 2026 Municipal Year Calendar: Burch moved, Dietsch second to approve the 2026 Municipal Year Calendar as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried.

EMPLOYEE PAY RATE: Amanda Larson, \$60,398.40 salary. Hourly employees: Kayla Rothschadl \$22.14; Gary Sedlacek \$26.30; Kelly Namminga \$15.38; Ben Paulson \$14.12; Donald Boyd \$25.00; Chandra Jelsma \$14.12; Les Jelsma \$26.71; Joe Pruss \$27.85; Leah Whittington \$14.12; Garret Damico \$29.73. Ambulance: \$50/Tyndall, \$75/Yankton, \$150/Sioux Falls, \$50/Stand-by/Refusal per run for ambulance services including Springfield Police Department and Springfield Volunteer Firefighters as substitute EVOG drivers. On-Call incentive pay for weekend/holiday: \$3.15/hr. Elected Officials: Mayor, \$525.00/regular meeting, \$65.00/special meeting; Council members: \$175.00 regular & special meetings \$40.00; Finance Office, \$50.00/regular & special meetings. Relief Police Officer (certified) \$40.00/hr.

The City recognizes the Springfield Volunteer Firefighters, Ambulance Department and Evelyn Lang Library Board for workers' compensation coverage. The Volunteer Firefighters, Ambulance Department and Library Board rosters are available at the Finance Office.

ADJOURNMENT: Mueller moved, Burch second to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Scott L. Kostal
Mayor

Amanda Larson
Finance Officer

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Finance Office will have reduced hours to the public from 1:00-5:00pm on January 12-23, 2026.
City Offices and Departments will be closed Monday, January 20, 2025, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
Next regular meeting will be Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the CSC.