

**Common Council Meeting
Springfield, South Dakota
August 3, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was held on August 3, 2026 at the CSC. The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Mayor Kostal. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. Roll Call: Burch (via phone), Dietsch, Ludens, and Mueller were present. Also present, FO Larson, Asst FO Rothschadl, *Springfield Times* Reporter Bochman, Attorney Barrett, Officer Damico, Mike Grosshuesch, Vance Branton, Rusty Williams, Chelle Eischens (via phone), Darren Hunter (via phone) and Mike Long (via phone).

Public Hearing – Malt Beverage License Application: No issues or objections were brought forward.

MONTHLY ITEMS: Agenda Approval: Burch moved, Dietsch second to approve the agenda as amended. All voted in favor, motion carried. Minutes Approval: Mueller moved, Ludens second to approve the minutes of July 1, 2026, regular meeting and July 14, 2026, special meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried. Claims Approval: Ludens moved, Dietsch second to approve the claims as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried. A-Ox, supplies, 72.05; AGAP LLC, wire pool pump, 127.50; Appeara, rugs & supplies, 130.53; Aqua-Pure, chemicals, 3630.94; AT&T, utilities, 267.06; B&H Publishing, publishing, 453.21; B-Y Electric, utilities, 114.00; Richard Barrett, water deposit refund, 50.00; Big River LLC, water deposit refund, 200.00; Katelyn Burch, water deposit refund, 150.00; Central Farmers Coop, fuel & supplies, 2113.35; Chase Pest Service, spray services, 40.00; City of Sioux Falls, water testing, 131.85; City of Springfield, postage, 50.84; Corporate Trust TFM, C461071-01, 23917.26; Dakota Pump, sewer lid replacements, 4735.73; Den Herder, Hovden, & Barrett, attorney services, 2000.00; Doug's, supplies, 14.56; Doug's, pool concessions, 588.86; Dust Tex, janitorial supplies, 109.34; Meagan Einrem, pool concessions, 69.90; Tim Einrem, JE water deposit, 150.00; Eurofins Drinking Water, water testing, 199.00; Tessa Folkers, water deposit refund, 200.00; First Savings Banks, supplies, 275.08; Gerstner Oil, airport fuel, 1835.38; Goldenwest, utilities, 811.57; Travis & Dawn Gores, water deposit refund, 50.00; Alexis Grams, water deposit refund, 200.00; Haase's Heating & Cooling, service call, 1144.42; Harve's Sport Shop, softballs, 94.99; Hawkins, chemical, 1525.76; Ron Hornstra, airport re-dedication supplies, 350.11; JCL Solutions, supplies, 376.73; Russell Jelsma, water deposit refund, 50.00; Kaul's, supplies, 237.78; Amanda Larson, pool concession, 144.83; Leaf, copier contract, 128.79; Lesli Lee, FO school coverage, 400.00; Lance Long, water deposit refund, 150.00; Luke Repair, supplies, 280.54; MC&R Pools, pool supplies, 130.97; Menards, supplies, 19.99; Travis Muellner, water deposit refund, 200.00; Joel Neuman, July 4th coverage, 200.00; Northwestern, utilities, 9154.28; PCC, May, 512.47; Jeff Pearson, water deposit refund, 150.00; Gabrielle Plante, water deposit refund, 150.00; Denise Platt, water deposit refund, 200.00; Liam Quedensley, July 4th coverage, 200.00; Deidra Quedensley, water deposit refund, 150.00; Myles Runyon, July 4th coverage, 200.00; SD One Call, April -June, 117.60; Lois Snethen, water deposit refund, 75.00; SPN, 11AO & RTP engineering, 7000.00; SSYA, 2026 umpire expenses, 1590.00; Straightline Graphics, police graphics, 123.56; Sioux Valley Environmental, WTP parts, 165.00; Thomson Reuters- West, SDCL updates, 374.70; Haleigh Tjeerdsma, water deposit refund, 200.00; Harlan

Tjeerdsma, water deposit refund, 200.00; Two Trees, monthly services x2, 2064.45; Tyndall Ace, supplies, 62.16; Tyndall Napa, supplies, 75.62; Eric & Lottie Von Seggern, water deposit refund, 200.00; Water & Environmental; water testing, 103.00; Michael West, water deposit refund, Williams Sanitation, utilities, 272.00; Brandon Williams, water deposit refund, 200.00; Springfield Pub, water deposit refund, 150.00. Payroll Deductions: SD Retirement System 3932.90; Principal Life Insurance 37.38; Avera Health Plans 4996.56; Supplemental Retirement 50.00; Nebraska Child Support Payment Center 513.00; Companion Life 129.00; First Savings Bank 11040.94. Payroll by Department: GENERAL- Mayor/Council 1339.09; Finance Office 4415.58; Police 4477.34; Streets 3352.10; Airport 862.27; Ambulance 1706.58; Parks & Rec 146.60; Pool 13379.16; Library 823.79; WATER 4846.75; SEWER 6091.62. Finance Officer's Report: Dietsch moved, Ludens second to approve the Finance Officer's Report. All voted in favor, motion carried.

DONATION(S): None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Reports were reviewed from the following departments – Utilities, Streets, Police, Ambulance, Airport, Library, Finance Office and Mayor. Travis Rohlk hired for street maintenance position at \$22.00/hour with August 4, 2026, start date. Rohlk will receive a \$.50/hour increase after satisfactory 6-month probation. Lesli Lee hired at \$25.00/hour temporary wage for FO School coverage.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: Water Treatment Plant Update: Looking to schedule an open house at the Water Treatment Plant.

OLD BUSINESS: Second Reading – Ordinance 625 – Section 90.020-90.023, 90.025 Noxious Weeds & Plants: No comments/concerns from public or council. Mueller moved, Dietsch second to approve Second Reading of Ordinance 625 Amending Sections 90.020-90.023, 90.025 Noxious Weeds & Plants. All voted in favor by roll call vote, motion carried.

ORDINANCE 625

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING Sections 90.020-90.023, 90.025 THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Springfield, South Dakota, that Sections 90.020 through 90.023 and 90.025 of Chapter 90, Title IX, of the Revised City Ordinance of the City of Springfield 2023, be amended as follows: WEEDS AND NOXIOUS VEGETATION; § 90.020 NOXIOUS WEEDS AND PLANTS. The following weeds and plants shall be deemed noxious, dangerous, and unhealthful vegetation and are hereby declared to be nuisances: rag weed, thistles of any kind, wild sunflower, goldenrod, cocklebur, sandbur, wild oats, wild mustard, wild lettuce, wild salsify, pig weed, wild firebush, creeping jenny, as well as all weeds or plants declared to be primary noxious weeds or secondary noxious weeds by the State Weed Board; all forms of grasses and grassy weeds exceeding eight (8) inches in height; and all other useless weeds suffered or allowed to grow during the growing season. Exceptions: Plants, including ornamental grasses as opposed to turf and lawn

grasses, flowers, landscaping, and gardens, shall not be restricted to eight inches in growth if they are managed and maintained and do not demonstrate excessive, aggressive, and/or unruly propagation. Managed and maintained plant growth in excess of eight inches shall not obstruct visibility of and accessibility to sidewalks, alleys, streets, intersections, crosswalks, or other public rights of way. (Prior Code, § 4.0601).

§ 90.021 DUTY OF OCCUPANT, NOTICE. (A) It shall be the duty of the occupant, person in charge, or the owner of any lot or parcel of land in the city to keep such lot or parcel free from any noxious, dangerous, and unhealthful vegetation and particularly as to the weeds and plants mentioned in § 90.020, and to cut or treat, or cause to be cut or treated, that vegetation at such time or times, as may be necessary to prohibit its growth and bearing seed and to prevent the vegetation from growing more than eight inches in height. Exception: Property that is unable to be mowed or cut as a result of a danger of personal physical harm due to topographical or wetland features shall be exempt from the duty to keep cut in this subsection. If treatment of noxious, dangerous and unhealthful vegetation in such areas can be accomplished without risk of physical harm, the duty to treat in this subsection still applies to noxious, dangerous and unhealthful vegetation with the exception of grasses and grassy weeds, unless such treatment would contribute to unsafe erosion. (B) The Street Superintendent, street maintenance workers, or any other person in charge of streets and alleys of the city, shall, in like manner, destroy all such weeds being and growing in the streets and alleys of the city. (C) Whenever noxious, dangerous, and unhealthful vegetation as defined in this Chapter is found within the City, a written notice shall be sent to the owners and to the occupants, if any, setting forth the presence and description of the noxious, dangerous, and unhealthful vegetation on the property and further stating that such vegetation must be cut or treated within ten days after the sending of such notice, and the consequence for failure to comply will be that the City will enter the property with lawful authority to cut or treat such vegetation and charge the owner of record and occupants a fee for such services. The notice shall be sent by certified mail to the pertinent owners and to the occupants, if any, at their last known postal address. Should there be more than one owner of record and/or more than one occupant, notice to one owner or occupant is deemed notice to all owners or occupants as the case may be. (Prior Code, § 4.0602).

§ 90.022 EXPENSES CHARGED TO OWNER. If noxious, dangerous, and unhealthful vegetation as defined in this Ordinance is not cut or treated within ten days of the notice as provided in § 90.021 above, the owner and occupants are deemed in violation of this Ordinance. In such instances, in addition to all other remedies available to the City under its Ordinances and the law, designated agents of the Town may lawfully enter upon the property and cause the noxious, dangerous, and unhealthful vegetation to be cut or treated. The fees for such cutting and treatment of noxious, dangerous, and unhealthful vegetation shall be set and may be amended from time to time by the Common Council. In consideration of the fee for the service of cutting or treating the noxious, dangerous, and unhealthful vegetation, the Common Council may take into account the going hourly rate for lawn cutting services. In addition to the service fee, the City shall charge as an additional fee the actual cost of any expenses associated with the cutting or treatment, including but not limited to chemicals, equipment rental, equipment loading, transportation expenses and other miscellaneous expenses. The fees charged shall be billed to the owner and occupant, if any, within 15 days after incurrence. In the event that the bill is not paid within 30 days, the charges may be collected by civil action or by means of special assessment against the owners' property. (Prior Code, § 4.0603).

§ 90.023 TREES IMPEDING PUBLIC WAYS. The owner, occupant, or person in charge of any premises abutting upon any street,

road, or alley shall keep all trees upon the premises and the center of the adjoining streets so trimmed that no bough or branch thereof shall hang lower than eight feet above the surface of the street, road, alley, or sidewalk thereon. (Prior Code, § 4.0604). § 90.024 PROXIMITY TO PUBLIC WAYS. (A) The owner, occupant, or person in charge of any premises abutting upon any street, road, or alley shall keep mowed or cut down all noxious, dangerous, and unhealthful vegetation that may grow between the boundary line of the premises and the center of the adjoining street, road, or alley. (B) Provisions described in §§ 90.021 and 90.022 relative to noxious, dangerous, and unhealthful vegetation, the responsibilities of the owner, occupant, or person in charge of any lot or parcel of land, all violations, and procedures for dealing with violations shall also apply to this section. (Prior Code, § 4.0605). § 90.025 OBSTRUCTION OF INTERSECTIONS. No person shall plant or permit to grow upon any premises abutting upon any street, road, or alley any tree, shrub, hedge, or vegetation in such way to obstruct the view of the drivers of vehicles approaching any street intersection. (Prior Code, § 4.0606). Penalty, see § 90.999.

Personnel Policy Manual – Section IV Recruitment & Selection: Ludens moved, Dietsch second to approve Personnel Policy Manual – Section IV Recruitment & Selection Policies 4.1-4.11 and postpone 4.12 to September 3, 2026, meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried. Abandoned/Property Update: Jones Property –Surveying the property and the next steps with trailer. (Former) Richey Property –Review letter that was previously sent for next steps going forward. Planning & Zoning Ordinance Discussion: Planning & Zoning Committee – Mayor Kostal reiterated the importance of residents joining committees.

NEW BUSINESS: Garbage Rate Increase – Resolution 2026-04: Ludens moved, Mueller second to approve the Resolution 2026-04 increasing garbage rates. All voted in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-04

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Springfield, South Dakota may establish single person and two or more-person household garbage rate from time to time as per Title V, Chapter 52, Section 52.03 in the City of Springfield, South Dakota Code of Ordinances and having reviewed and evaluated garbage hauler's request for a rate increase; and WHEREAS, the City deems it necessary for the viable operation of the garbage hauler business due to increase of landfill tonnage rates and fuel prices which will become effective September 1, 2026; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Springfield, South Dakota as per city ordinance hereby authorizes the following garbage rate increase to Single Person Household, one pickup per week \$23.00 per month and Two or More Person Household, one pickup per week \$29.00 per month. New rates will be implemented and effective September 1, 2026.
Dated this 3rd day of August 2026.

2027 Budget Appropriations – Set Working Meeting Date: Ludens moved, Dietsch second to set the 2027 Budget Appropriations Working Meeting Date for Monday, August 10, 2026 at 8:30am at the Community Services Center. All voted in favor, motion carried. RB License Application – General Store: Mueller moved, Burch second to approve the recommendation for Springfield General Store's RB License Application to be sent to the Department of Revenue. All voted in favor, motion carried. Committee Appointment: Planning & Zoning Committee – V. Branton – Ludens moved,

Burch second to approve appointing Vance Branton to the Planning & Zoning Committee. All voted in favor, motion carried. Authorize Building Permit – Cell Tower: Ludens moved, Mueller second to authorize Grinnell Group's Cell Tower Building Permit Application as amended to include a long-term road use maintenance agreement for the alley in addition to a construction road maintenance agreement with temporary access removal no later than May 1, 2027. Three voted in favor, one nay, motion carried. Update Swimming Pool Policy – Section SP1.5 Facility Rules and Section SP1.7 Work Hours & Scheduling: Ludens moved, Dietsch second to approve the updates to the Swimming Pool Policies Section SP1.5 – Facility Rules and Section SP1.7 – Work Hours & Scheduling as amended. All voted in favor, motion carried. Accept Library Board Resignation – R. Peters: Ludens moved, Dietsch second to approve Renee Peters' resignation from the Library Board with thanks for her service. All voted in favor, motion carried. Appoint Library Board Member – S. Weber: Mueller moved, Dietsch second to appoint Sue Weber to fill the remainder of Peters' term on the Library Board. All voted in favor, motion carried. RLF Informational Review: RLF Advisory Board met to update the Revolving Loan Fund document; approval will be on the September 3 meeting agenda. Sidewalk Café Ordinance Discussion: SDCL 35-4-77.1 prohibits the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on a sidewalk or walkway subject to a public right-of-way abutting a licensed premises. This section does not apply to any federal-aid eligible highway unless approved in accordance with the applicable requirements for the receipt of federal aid. Discussion followed regarding what a future Sidewalk Café Ordinance might include.

OTHER BUSINESS: An additional nuisance property was identified for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Ludens moved, Mueller second to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Scott L. Kostal
Mayor

Amanda Larson
Finance Officer
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Nominating Petitions are due to the Finance Office by 5:00pm on Tuesday, August 18, 2026.
Next Regular City Council Meeting will be Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 6:30pm at the Springfield Community Center.