

City of Columbia Council Meeting – September 2, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

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

Community: Lorie Gilchrist, Larry Vietmeier, Patti Daly, Cyndy Larson, Ted Dickey

Mayor 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 August 5th 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 – 1409.97; Web – fire prevention – 54.72; NVC – fire prevention – 218.30; Zoom Construction – culvert work – 2900.00; GDI News – publication – 77.25; electronic payment - EFTPS/US Treasury – July 941 taxes – electronic payment – 1632.02; EFTPS/US Treasury – August 941 taxes – 937.85; Stockwell Engineering – sewer project inv#19205 – 43,874.60; Stockwell Engineering – sewer project inv#19325 – 62,678.00; Stockwell Engineering – sewer project inv#19390 – 31,339.00; Stockwell Engineering – sewer project inv#19521 – 31,339.00; Stockwell Engineering – sewer project inv#19616 – 125,356.00; Stockwell Engineering – sewer project inv#19794 – 31,339.00; Cashier's Checks: Curt & Paula Mitchell – Sewer Project – 18,885.74; Roger & Sharon Zastrow – Sewer Project – 254,626.26; Jeremy Dosch– Aug. wages -895.46, Cara Dennert – Aug. wages– 1317.60; Dacotah Bank – Sewer project mailing – 12.90; TruGreen – park spraying – 2060.00; Brian Ermer – Aug. new park mowing – 5833.33; EFTPS/US Treasury – September 941 taxes – 679.91; Bobcat of Aberdeen– parts – 47.80

Jeremy Dosch made a motion to approve the vouchers. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: - community forestry grant e-mail – council will look into that further at next meeting; returned certified mail;

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- wastewater project – wastewater project update Stockwell is in the process of advertising for bids for the project. Those bids will be opened on the 15th. The engineers will then look over the bids and bring the information to a council meeting.

Nuisances – Letters have gone out from Code Enforcement.

Streets – Jeremy has been working on filling potholes.

Parks – Lots of discussion and explanation on the situation with the grass/irrigation at the new parks. The filters on the wells haven't been reducing the amount of sodium in the water. There was a lot of conversation on how to go forward. The Columbia Foundation was present and discussed how much money they could contribute to help with the new park costs. Patti Daly reported that she didn't receive any grant monies for the new building project – that is put on hold. She also wanted the council to know that the Columbia Social Committee is going to have a tree decorating contest this December.

Lagoon/Sewer- See new business.

Rubble Site – no report

NEW BUSINESS – Ted Dickey from NECOG was here to discuss a proposed Wastewater & Storm Water Improvement application that needs to be submitted to the SD DANR by Oct. 1st. With what is going with our current sewer project, it's really just a formality to apply for this project. Mayor Mohr asked for a motion to sign the wastewater & storm water application. Trevor Meints made the motion to sign the application. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Jeremy asked Ted Dickey about the possibility of getting any assistance for a reclamation effort on the 2nd lagoon. Ted said that he would add an amendment in the narrative of the wastewater application addressing the reclamation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 31, 2026 balances: SF - \$ 148,889.92; SF Money Market –\$ 154,218.25;

GF - \$ 221,675.55; GF Money Market - \$ 51,746.37; CD Money Market - \$ 42,023.24

FIT - \$ 16,540.25; Cash on hand - \$0

Sam Hoppock made a motion to accept the financial report as given. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

Mayor Mohr adjourned the meeting.

Next City Council Meeting – 2nd Reading of 2027 Budget - Wednesday, Sept 23, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

Next Regular City Council Meeting - Wednesday, October 7, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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