

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

The regular meeting of the Common Council was held on September 3, 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 absent, Dietsch, Ludens, and Mueller were present. Also present, FO Larson, Asst FO Rothschadl, *Springfield Times* Reporter Bochman, Attorney Barrett, Edward Walter, Deb Stockholm, Doug Stockholm, Billy Minder, James Burkett, Lorri Dietsch, Julie Fleek, Kimberlee Schroeder, Kelly Namminga, Mike Grosshuesch, Will Paulson, Chris Mace and Carol Hagen (via phone).

MONTHLY ITEMS: Agenda Approval: Ludens moved, Mueller second to approve the agenda as amended. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. Minutes Approval: Dietsch moved, Ludens second to approve the minutes of August 3, 2026, regular meeting. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. Claims Approval: Mueller moved, Dietsch second to approve the claims as presented. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. A-Ox, supplies, 48.90; AGAP LLC, VFD pump replacement, 12806.42; Appeara, rugs & supplies, 130.53AT&T, utilities, 273.06; B&H Publishing, publishing, 337.87; B-Y Electric, utilities, 139.00; Bon Homme Pharmacy, epinephrine, 236.50; Bound Tree Medical, supplies, 257.81; Cardio Partners, RSDG RR#13; 904.00; Central Farmers Coop, fuel & supplies, 2854.94; City of Sioux Falls, water testing, 52.74; Core & Main, supplies, 742.99; Niki DeFries, RSDG RR#13, 600.00; Den Herder, Hovden, & Barrett, attorney services, 1020.00; Grace Diede, overpayment refund, 148.77; Doug's, supplies, 13.88; Doug's, pool concessions, 468.53; Dust Tex, janitorial supplies, 53.42; First Savings Banks, supplies, 426.50; General Repair Service, supplies, 1725.83; Goldenwest, utilities, 811.57; Gr-EVO, move radio, tear down old, 1808.50; Hawkins, chemical, 50.00; Nancy Hixon, overpayment refund, 370.00; Kaiser Appliance, Stihl trimmer, 390.24; Kaul's, supplies & labor, 1197.59; Amanda Larson, RSDG RR#13, 1577.50; Leaf, copier contract, 128.79; Liquidtek LLC, lagoon mixer, 25975.00; Luke Repair, supplies, 299.98; William Minder, RSDG RR#13, 360.00; Motorola Solutions, PD camera subscription, 2389.27; Jessica Myers, RSDG RR#13, 1469.15; Northwestern, utilities, 9503.02; One Source, copies, 131.50; SPN, 11AO & RTP engineering, 11200.00; Two Trees, monthly services, 2496.00; Water & Environmental; water testing, 88.00; Tom Week L.S., survey – Wood, Jones, Amb, 1600.00; Williams Sanitation, utilities, 272.00. Payroll Deductions: SD Retirement System 3931.02; Principal Life Insurance 43.61; Avera Health Plans 5829.32; Supplemental Retirement 50.00; Nebraska Child Support Payment Center 513.00; Companion Life 144.50; First Savings Bank 9211.18. Payroll by Department: GENERAL- Mayor/Council 1339.08; Finance Office 4417.06; Police 3923.63; Streets 4900.87; Airport 862.10; Ambulance 2285.39; Parks & Rec 52.12; Pool 6323.20; Library 738.59; WATER 4471.10; SEWER 5872.77. Finance Officer's Report: Mueller moved, Dietsch second to approve the Finance Officer's Report. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried.

DONATION(S): None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: James Burkett addressed comments made at the August 3, 2026 meeting.

Will Paulson expressed discontent with current mayor and council actions. Deb Stockholm spoke of concerns regarding placement and language of personal opinions. Carol Hagen voiced that there is not always agreement with the decisions of the council, but appreciates the work they do.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE: None.

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

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: Water Treatment Plant open house will be Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS: Personnel Policy Manual – Section IV Recruitment & Selection: PP4.12 – Residency Requirement -Mueller moved, Dietsch second to approve Personnel Policy Manual Section PP4.12 – Residency Requirement as presented. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. PP4.13 – Employment of Relatives (Nepotism) - Ludens moved, Mueller second to approve Personnel Policy Manual Section PP4.13 – Employment of Relatives (Nepotism) as presented. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. Abandoned/ Property Update: Jones Property – Tom Week surveyed the properties; moving forward with licensing the trailer. (Former) Richey Property –Mayor Kostal noted that there has been little to no progress since May.

NEW BUSINESS: Election Rates: Ludens moved, Dietsch second to approve the November 3, 2026, Election Rates as presented. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. Election Board: Mueller moved, Dietsch second to approve the November 3, 2026, Election Board as presented. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. Resolution 2026-05 – Amending Water Treatment Plant Budget: Dietsch moved, Ludens second to approve Resolution 2026-05 amending the Water Treatment Plant Budget as presented. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-05: WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Springfield, South Dakota has determined that city expenditures associated with the completion of the water treatment plant in the amount of \$100,000.00 and; WHEREAS, funds were made available through a USDA Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 and; WHEREAS, SDCL 9-21-9.2 authorizes the municipality to reimburse for such expenditures to be restored to the fund from which originally withdrawn and the deposit of the same shall restore the budget of such fund in the amount of the reimbursement; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Springfield, South Dakota that the Water Plant budget will be increased by \$100,000.00.
Dated this 3rd day of September 2026.

Ordinance 626-2027 Budget Appropriations: First Reading - Ludens moved, Dietsch second to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 626 – 2027 Budget Appropriations. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. Special Meeting Date – A special meeting date will be set within the week of September 15-18, 2026. Personnel Policy Manual – Section V- Hours of Work: Mueller moved, Ludens second to postpone Personnel Policy Manual – Section V- Hours of Work until

October 5, 2026 meeting. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. SecureSD Cybersecurity Training – September 30, 2026: Ludens moved, Dietsch second to authorize Namminga, Rothschadl and Larson to attend the SecureSD Cybersecurity Training September 30, 2026. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. Special Event On Sale Alcohol License – Fall Festival – October 3, 2026: Mueller moved, Ludens second to approve Norm's Inc/ Doug's Food Center October 3, 2026 Fall Festival Special Event On Sale Alcohol License. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. Special Event On Sale Alcohol License – High- Stakes Bingo- October 30, 2026: Ludens moved, Dietsch second to approve Norm's Inc October 30, 2026 High- Stakes Bingo Special Event On Sale Alcohol License. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. Surplus List: Dietsch moved, Mueller second to approve the surplus items listed as presented. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. Surplus Board of Appraisal: FO Larson explained the need for the three property owners to appraise surplus list items. Revolving Loan Fund Update: Attorney Barrett is reviewing changes in the law. Hazard Mitigation Plan Project: Discussion was held about the proposed mitigation actions/ projects for Springfield.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Kostal spoke on the 2025-2026 sales tax increase from 2025 to 2026 per Department of Revenue. Mike Grosshuesch inquired if the council had established a unified response to the growing concerns regarding the profanity and placement of the camper around town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mueller moved, Dietsch second to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel at 8:02pm., exiting at 8:07pm. Ludens moved, Dietsch second to approve rollover of 13 hours vacation time for Les Jelsma. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Ludens moved, Dietsch second to adjourn. Three voted in favor, one absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Scott L. Kostal
Mayor

Amanda Larson
Finance Officer
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City Office and Departments will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026 in observation of Labor Day.
Special Meeting Date will be set within the week of September 15-18, 2026.
Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 3, 2026.
Next Regular City Council Meeting will be Monday, October 5, 2026, at 6:30pm at the Springfield Community Center.