

The Clear Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Mayor Lisa Lundberg presiding. Those present were Alderwomen Ramona Drake and Amy Bjerke, Aldermen Rod Pauli, Jamie Hintz, Jonas Reppe and Matt Stormo. Also present were Mary Krueger, Todd Boyd, Val Lundquist, Roberta Giesel, Nikki Berke, Karen Larson, Jerry Powlas, Deb Adkins, Daryl Root, Landen Buse, Sara Pankonin, and Elliott Furman. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and then called to order by Mayor Lundberg.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Reppe to approve the agenda as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded Drake to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes – Regular Meeting August 11, 2025, and Special Meeting August 4, 2025; Monthly Financial Statements for the Month Ending August 31, 2025; Building Permits: Approved: Denise Garvey – 47663 181st St – 32’x56’ Three Stall Garage, Milton Ray Smith – 706 10th Ave S – Deck, Jerry Powlas – 710 10th Ave S – Deck by Backroads Construction, Watertown, SD; New Construction Hook-up Permit: Approved: Josh Streich – 419 Striker Dr – Water Tap. Delinquent Water Bills. Approval of Warrants. Temporary Liquor License Applications: Approved: October 4th and October 25th, Weddings, both Lundy’s Bar & Grill. Temporary one-day permits are subject to all paperwork beings signed and submitted to the Finance Officer and that applicants provide the city with proof of liability insurance for the event. Approval of building permits is subject to the condition that they are in accordance with all building codes and ordinances of the City. ECFOG Meeting, Lake Preston, August 21, 2025 – travel expenses retroactive approval for Mary Krueger. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Warrants Approved: PAYROLL: Council 1550.00; Mayor 425.00; Finance 5344.43; Gen Gov’t Building 446.25; Building Inspector 200.00; Streets 6414.70; Rubble Site 519.79; West Nile 503.28; Summer Rec 57.50; Swimming Pool 11,135.16; Parks 2722.09; Library 3189.58 Community Center 170.63; Water 8194.74; Sewer 5201.26; Aflac 244.66; SD Retirement 3306.12; Optilegra 46.51; Health Pool of SD 6752.44; Delta Dental of SD 315.00; Sioux Valley FCU 200.00; Dnb-Fica/Wh 10,070.39. EXPENSES: A&B Business Solutions 146.88 Copier Contract, Stacy Andersen 159.30 Josie Lifeguard Cert Reimb, Derek Bille 109.05 Water Meter Deposit Refund, Bjerke Sanitation 6509.37 Sanitation Services, Boyd Law Firm, Prof. L.L.C. 1215.00 Legal Fees, Brookings-Deuel Rws 10344.70 Water Tap And Usage, Alayna Carlson 146.02 1/2 Lifeguard Reimb, City Of Clear Lake 1541.06 Utilities, Clear Lake Building Center 564.89 Misc Supplies, Clear Lake Courier 142.77 Publications, Clear Lake Fire Dept 22000.00 Approved Funding Per Budget, Clear Lake Historical Society 2500.00 Funding Per Budget, Cole Paper Inc. 286.56 Custodian Supplies, D & L Digging 1750.00 Water Leak, Deuel County Sheriff 6357.16 Law Enforcement Contract, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 2942.82 Fuel And Supplies, First Bank & Trust 84.91 Credit Card Charges, Krista Frensko 400.00 Comm Center Deposit Refund, Fritz Chevy-Olds 958.10 General Repairs, Brooklyn Giesel 159.30 Lifeguard Cert Reimb, H-D Electric Coop, Inc 666.55 Electric Energy, Timothy Hayes 100.00 Camping Reimbursement, Helena Agri-Enterprises Llc 101.36 Chemical Supplies, Caden Hourigan 146.02 1/2 Lifeguard Reimb, Jaycee Hourigan 159.30 1/2 Wsi Reimbursement, Itc Telecom 700.80 Phone And Internet, Jennifer Kerkvliet 153.33 Ella 1/2 Lifeguard Reimb, Kendra Kirby 305.32 1/2 Lifeguard Reimb, Mary Krueger 128.80 Travel Reimbursement, Val Lundquist 148.88 Mileage Reimbursement, Maynard's Food 173.10 Supplies, Sandy Mcclure 20.00 Park

Shelter Deposit Refund, Menards 60.72 Supplies, Northwestern Energy 52.08 Natural Gas Energy, Nosbush Plumbing & Heating 8877.57 Library Heat/Air Units, Office Peeps 149.27 Office Supplies, Ottertail Power Co 4964.52 Electric Energy, Amber Peterreins 146.02 Camdyn Lifeguard Reimb, Pitney Bowes Bank Inc 10.93 Postage, Pitney Bowes Inc 186.54 Postage Machine Lease, Pizza & Burger Shack 77.50 Swimming Pool Pizzas, Sd Department Of Health 1796.00 Water/Sewer Testing, Runnings Farm And Fleet 118.75 Supplies, Sd State Treasurer (Sd Dor) 1141.54 Sales Tax Due To State, Sdgoed 56534.00 Liip Grant Reimbursement, Friends Of Sdpcb 400.00 Comm Center Deposit Refund, Steve Rhody Services 50.00 Window Washing Services, Star Laundry 116.44 Janitorial Services, Addison Timmons 159.30 1/2 Wsi Reimbursement, Shyla Tvedt 305.32 1/2 Lifeguard 1/2 Wsi Reimb, Two Trees Technologies 489.00 Monthly Backup Service, Us Bank Trust-Spa Lkbox Cm9695 6837.30 Water Srf Loan, United States Dept Of Ag 6107.00 Sewer Usda Loan, Shaina Visser 400.00 Comm Center Deposit Refund.

No one at the meeting was present for public voice.

In unfinished business, the second reading of Ordinance No. 653, 2026 Appropriations Ordinance was held. Finance Officer Krueger explained a minor decrease in Public Safety due to the 2026 Law Enforcement Contract.

Motion by Reppe, seconded by Bjerke to approve Ordinance No 653, 2026 Appropriations Ordinance for adoption. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. Publication of Ordinance No. 653 will be September 17, 2025.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 654, Water Rates was held.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Stormo to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 654, Water Rates. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. Publication of Ordinance No. 654 will be September 10, 2025.

Roberta Giesel met with Council regarding ag land she owns within city limits. There are no provisions in the Zoning Ordinance about fences within ag land in city limits. This property isn't commercial and not necessarily residential. The cost of replacing fencing is quite expensive if using the fees in accordance with Resolution 2009-5. The resolution sets forth fees for "Residential Property" and "Commercial Property" as well as minimum fees. A new resolution will be drafted to set forth a fee for fences on ag land within city limits.

Motion by Reppe, seconded by Drake to set the fee at \$50.00 for fences erected, repaired or replaced for agricultural use only and not decorative use in ag land within city limits. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Landen Buse of Banner Engineering arrived at the meeting and gave the Council an update on the Phase 1A Water Main and Storm Sewer project. Banner has been working with the contractor on a start date. An agreement is currently being drawn up which will require Council approval; however the contractor is waiting on supplies prior to the agreement. A pay request and the agreement will tentatively be ready for the October meeting. Buse spoke with utility companies as there are some conflicts in the area. No start date has been established yet. Storm sewer was discussed as this has been an exceptional year in rainfall. At times there was 4 inches/hour that fell within the City and Buse said that is considered to be a 500 to 1000 year event that cannot be prepared for.

Karen Larson and Jerry Powlas of 710 10th Ave S along with Nikki Berge met with Council to discuss drainage concerns that will not be addressed within scheduled projects with

Banner Engineering. This specific drainage issue would require engineering plans and funding that the City is not pursuing at this time. Larson stated the drainage issues should have been installed at time of development. The outlet leads to Golf View Drive. At this time it is hard to determine the severity of the drainage issues with construction of houses in the area. Todd Boyd said there was originally a 20-foot easement recorded on the properties of Golf View Drive for the original drainageway. That area has since filled in. Because this all lies on private property, the city doesn't have main responsibility. Superintendent Furman suggested expanding the outlet where they can on the city street. Much discussion was held between all parties. Nikki Berge is meeting with a landscaper for their new house. She will take the suggestion to dig the ditch deeper between property owners as they develop their property. Concerns are always how downstream properties are affected in the natural waterway. They were all advised to work among themselves and use creative landscaping to alleviate the issues.

Sara Pankonin discussed the next Phase for water/stormwater improvements. Phase 1B would be an area in the southeast part of Clear Lake. To be considered for funding, the City would have to reapply to be on the State Water Plan. The Facility Plan would be amended with a public hearing in December, 2025.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Hintz to instruct Banner Engineering to make application for the City of Clear Lake to be on the State Water Plan with a deadline of October 1, 2025. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Cost estimates need to be updated with the State Water Plan. Banner offered a Letter of Contract with the City of Clear Lake.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Stormo to authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Contract with Banner Engineering for Phase 1B Water/Stormwater and Drainage Project in the amount of \$7500. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Information was brought to Banner Engineers and Council about problem areas regarding drainage in the Phase 1B area. In light of Clear Lake's drainage problems, Pankonin suggested a drainage ordinance for the City. She gave an overview of the pros and cons of such ordinance. This ordinance would set design standards and set a guide for developers. Questions arose about who has the responsibility of enforcing specific enforceable rules. The cons were explained that it may be difficult to work on retrofit situations. The Council will take the suggestions under advisement.

In other business, motion by Drake, seconded by Reppe to approve fireworks to be held at the annual Homecoming Football game at the practice field of the Football Complex on Friday, September 19th, 2025. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Drake to declare the following surplus property, having no value or value less than \$2500 and authorize disposal of the same: Quantity 3 Heating/AC Units: (Make) Friederich (Models) WE12D33-A to Nosbush Plumbing and Heating for parts recycle; USI ARL 2700 27" Digital Thermal Roll Laminator valued less than \$2500.00 resale value; Quantity 111 water meters and MXUs with serial numbers on file at the City Finance Office for inspection. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Reppe to approve the 2024 financial audit from Eide Bailly. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Pauli to accept the quote from Brian's Glass & Door, LLC of Watertown in the amount of \$2250.00 to repair the front automatic door of the Municipal Building. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. The Community Center front doors will receive a quote for repairs.

A 2025 Swimming Pool Season recap was presented by Finance Officer Krueger on behalf of Pool Manager Billie Giesel who could not attend the meeting. There were 10 lifeguards and 2 attendants. There were approximately 135 kids signed up for swimming lessons which is up in recent years. Adult swimming lessons were also offered with 1 sign-up. The summer weather was not as cooperative and contributed to a lot of closures of the pool as well as staffing issues conflicting with activities. Issues with the pool (heater, baby pool, and bathrooms) were presented in the report. Discussion was held on the many issues, and the City is still hopeful of getting the issues resolved. Lifeguard pay was a concern in the report. Pool issues and wages were referred to Committee.

Finance Officer Krueger presented a report on her recent ECFOG (East Central Finance Officer Group) meeting in Lake Preston on August 21, 2025. The city of Lake Preston is managing many water/sewer projects and uses Banner Engineers. Krueger reported on the many past and current projects, the successes of Lake Preston and all the costs involved. The City of Clear Lake differs in topographical area which contributes to a larger drainage problem than Lake Preston. Clear Lake also has much smaller city lots. Lake Preston is less than half the size of Clear Lake, so the costs would be larger for our town. Krueger also reported on elections, water meters in other cities and other areas of interest. Other cities' swimming pools were part of discussion. Smaller cities are similar to Clear Lake in the age and infrastructure problems with their pools and not many opportunities for funding. Staffing is a huge issue in other towns unlike Clear Lake. Pool wages were again referred to the Personnel Committee.

Finance Officer Krueger presented the 2026 Law Enforcement Contract and scope of services from the Deuel County Sheriff. The increase in cost for 2026 is 2.9% which was reflected in the 2026 Appropriations Ordinance. Superintendent Furman had comments regarding the Sheriff's Office. He shared concerns about the Law Enforcement Contract as he has run into resistance with law enforcement helping him approach residents who refuse to let his staff in to change water meters. Furman's staff have been putting letters on doors of those who haven't responded to other forms of communication, with good success. However, there are some letters that are being ignored. Ordinance No. 8-2-3 Water Supply states in part "The right is reserved to cut off the water supply to any person at any time.". Ordinance No. 8-2-21 Inspections and Reading Meters states in part "Every person taking water supplied through the waterworks system shall permit a city employee or any other authorized person at all reasonable hours of the day to enter their buildings or premises to examine the fixtures and pipes and the manner in which the water is used or to read meters". Furman is prepared to shut water service off to those who are not complying and are not communicating with the City. This could cause problems for staff and office employees. The Council supports this decision and gave direction for all employees possibly affected.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Reppe to approve and sign the Agreement for General Law Enforcement Services for 2026 at the annual cost of \$78,563.40. Upon roll call vote, Bjerke-yes, Drake-yes, Hintz-yes, Pauli-no, Reppe-yes, Stormo-yes. Motion carried.

Krueger presented a text notification service for the City. The current notification system is phone only and Krueger has been researching other possibilities for another text service. Krueger presented the quote from TextMyGov which is being used by a few other towns in South Dakota with success.

Motion by Stormo, seconded by Drake to engage in a three-year agreement with TextMyGov notification service for \$2500 (first year includes setup) and \$2000 annually recurring to come from Promote City budget. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Furman had further comments. He spoke with Josh Streich regarding dumping the campground graywater into City lagoons. Streich said there was a prior verbal agreement. Furman has no record of this and looked to Council for guidance. Council felt there were too many liability and licensing issues and the high risk of violations. They preferred Streich to hire out the elimination of campground graywater.

Furman commented on meter installation and some issues arising from that.

City Attorney Todd Boyd had comments on landowners receiving reduction in fees.

Finance Officer Krueger reported on the August 15th storm that produced a lot of downed trees and other damage. The Clear Lake Rubble Site took in a total of 138 loads of tree/branches debris at no charge over the course of that weekend (Saturday through Monday).

Mayor Lundberg attended the SDPB Dakota Life premiere featuring the City of Clear Lake with Krueger, Lundquist and Hintz. She had positive comments and suggested Council to view it on the upcoming television program. Lundberg also attended the Goodwin Town Hall meeting on a proposal to abolish property taxes and shared the information and her thoughts.

Alderman Drake had comments on the Hwy. 15 project.

Alderman Reppe commented on tree trimming in streets overhanging roads.

No other comments from any other Council members.

There was no executive session this meeting.

There being no further business, motion by Pauli, seconded Drake by to adjourn at 8:09 PM. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mary Krueger
Finance Officer

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