

The Clear Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 6, 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, Elliott Furman, Darren Barondeau, AJ Martinmaas, Landen Buse, Michael Gohring, Jon Klockman, Craig Evenson, Bonnie Otterson, and Jarred Pohlman. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and then called to order by Mayor Lundberg.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Pauli to approve the agenda as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Pauli, seconded Hintz to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes – Regular Meeting September 8, 2025.; Monthly Financial Statements for the Month Ending September 30, 2025; Building Permits: Approved: Dan Garvey – 47663 181<sup>st</sup> St – Deck Replacement, Kurt Lefort Sr./Joe Krause – 204 8<sup>th</sup> Ave S – 20’x4’ Ramp, Kirk Berge – 711 10<sup>th</sup> Ave S – Garage and Sidewalk, Derek & Vicki Benck – 1008 7<sup>th</sup> St W – Front Steps and Landing, Clear Lake Building Center – 109 4<sup>th</sup> Ave N – 10’x28’ Concrete Front Walk, Bradley Whitman – 803 4<sup>th</sup> St W – 24’x50’ Garage, Gerald Aberle – 304 9<sup>th</sup> St W – 12’x16’ Deck, St Mary’s Parish – 408 3<sup>rd</sup> St W – Handicap Railing and Cement Work, Robyn Frease – 605 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S – Garden Shed; Demolition Permits: Approved: Kurt Lefort Sr./Joe Krause – 204 8<sup>th</sup> Ave S – Ramp, Clear Lake Building Center – 109 4<sup>th</sup> Ave N – Old Concrete Front Walk; Delinquent Water Bills. Approval of Warrants. Temporary Liquor License Applications: Approved: October 18<sup>th</sup> – Wedding – 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. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Warrants Approved: PAYROLL: Council 1050.00; Mayor 325.00; Finance 5578.72; Gen Gov’t Building 398.13; Building Inspector 200.00; Streets 7029.74; Rubble Site 523.88; West Nile 330.00; Parks 1559.95; Library 3886.47; Community Center 271.25; Water 9230.77; Sewer 3996.73; Aflac 244.66; SD Retirement 3255.50; Optilegra 46.51; Health Pool of SD 6752.44; Delta Dental of SD 315.00; Sioux Valley FCU 200.00; Dnb-Fica/Wh 7753.92. EXPENSES: A&B Business Solutions 243.58 Copier Contract, Foster Alderman 150.00 Meter Deposit Refund, A.P. & Sons Construction, Inc 62109.00 Phase 1a Surety Bond, Christopher Bair 88500.00 Payloader Snow Equipment, Bituminous Paving Inc 1773.10 Hot Mix Asphalt, Bjerke Sanitation 6511.49 Sanitation Services, Boyd Law Firm, Prof. L.L.C. 765.00 Legal Fees, Brian's Glass & Door Inc 2250.00 Door Repair New Equip, Brookings-Deuel Rws 10097.00 Tap Fees And Water Purchas, Canby Chiropractic Center 190.00 Health Cards, City Of Clear Lake 769.51 Utilities And Refunds, Clear Lake Building Center 61.24 Misc Supplies, Clear Lake Courier 405.91 Publications, Clear Lake Area Dev. Inc. 17500.00 Quarterly Support Payment, Dakota Pump & Control, Inc. 115.00 Sewer Supplies, Cindy Damm 373.45 Comm Center Deposit Refund, Deuel County Sheriff 6357.16 Law Enforcement Contract, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 112.49 Misc Supplies, Bruce Debaere 48.45 Muni Room Deposit Refund, Detco Industries Inc. 951.20 Shop Supplies, Dk Diesel Injection 579.46 Misc Repairs, Eastside Equipment 429.41 Misc Repairs, Efraimson Electric Inc. 1953.90 Electric Repairs, Eide Bailly Llp 6142.50 Remainder Of 2024 Audit Inv, First Bank & Trust 1041.20 Credit Card Purchases, H-D Electric

Coop, Inc 391.89 Electric Energy, Itc Telecom 735.64 Telephone And Internet, Mary Krueger 47.79 Reimbursement Supplies, Barb Lofstrand 50.00 Meter Deposit Refund, Maynard's Food 13.98 Misc Supplies, Michael Niemann 20.00 Park Shelter Deposit Refund, Northwestern Energy 56.47 Natural Gas Energy, Nosbush Plumbing & Heating 164.29 Repairs, Office Peeps 851.51 Office Supplies Ink Toner, Ottertail Power Co 4114.42 Electric Energy, Pitney Bowes Bank Inc 833.24 Postage, Sd Department Of Health 1500.00 Water Testing, Sd State Treasurer (Sd Dor) 1210.23 Sales Tax To State, Sd Unemployment Insurance 79.95 Unemployment Insurance, Steve Rhody Services 50.00 Window Washing Services, Star Laundry 116.44 Janitorial Services, Text My Gov, Inc. 2500.00 Notification Services, Transource Truck & Equip, Inc. 547.31 Misc Supplies, Two Trees Technologies 489.00 Monthly It Backup, Upframe Creative 375.00 Website Maintenance, Us Bank Trust-Spa Lkbox Cm9695 11716.19 Sewer Srf Loan, United States Dept Of Ag 6107.00 Sewer Usda Loan, Anita Whiting 75.00 Muni Room Deposit Refund, Zachary Wimer 152.72 Meter Deposit Refund, Haley Winter 400.00 Comm Center Dep Refund.

No one at the meeting was present for public voice.

Jarred Pohlman met with the Council regarding his complaint of stray cats. He told the Council he is planning on live-trapping the cats and wanted to discuss a TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) program with the City. He has experienced neighborhood cats attacking his cats and expenses related to the incidents. He has contacted the Clear Lake Vet Clinic regarding a reduced rate for TNR but has not heard back from them yet. Pohlman received an email from another concerned citizen, Kristi Walker, expressing her complaints about stray cats in her area as well. This has been an ongoing issue they would like to see addressed. Discussion was held and this is a common problem with no resolve for many towns. Superintendent Furman said people are trapping cats in town and it has somewhat reduced the numbers. Pohlman said a big problem is open feeding and would like to see that addressed. The City will look into some solutions for awareness and Pohlman will wait to hear from the Vet Clinic on the TNR program.

Landen Buse of Banner Engineering reviewed the Engineering Report with Council giving an overview of the status of each project.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Bjerke to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement between the City of Clear Lake and A.P. & Sons Construction, Inc. of Milbank, SD for the Construction Contract for Phase 1A Water and Storm Sewer Improvements. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Drake to authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice to Proceed for the Phase 1A Water and Storm Sewer Project with A.P. & Sons Construction, Inc. of Milbank, SD. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

A.P. & Sons Construction, Inc. submitted a pay request (No. 1) for payment of Performance Bond and Mobilization line item.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Pauli to approve Pay Request No. 1 to A.P. & Sons Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$62,109.00. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Parkway Drive spillway repair regarding possibilities for solutions and particulars. Questions surrounded how large the scope would be and what can be done to improve all areas with rain events like we have recently experienced. A Letter of Contract was drafted for consideration.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Stormo to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Contract for Design of the spillway on Parkway Drive not to exceed \$12,209.00. Upon roll call vote, Bjerke-yes, Drake-yes, Hintz-no, Pauli-yes, Reppe-yes, Stormo-yes. Motion carried.

Finance Officer Krueger presented a Reimbursement Request to draw from the SRF Loan with DANR for the Main Lift Station engineering expenses.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Pauli to authorize the Mayor to sign the reimbursement request for the SRF Loan from DANR No. C461037-03 in the amount of \$184,370.00. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Drake to approve fireworks to be held at the home football game at the practice field of the Football Complex on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 due to the previous Homecoming Football activities being rained out. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The reading of Resolution 2025-9 Building Permit Fees was held.

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Pauli to approve Resolution 2025-9 Building Permit Fees omitting the word "repaired" under 3) Ag Land within City Limits Property. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Pauli to declare the following surplus property, having no value or value less than \$2500 and authorize disposal of the same: Aoxun Motorized Projector Screen; Quantity 155 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 Drake, seconded by Stormo to approve the 2026 dental plan with Delta Dental with a slight rate increase for the January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 plan year. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Furman researched a 2017 Payloader available at a reasonable price through Pifer's Auction in Harrisburg, SD. The 2025 budget does not have adequate funds for this piece of equipment. CD funds were reviewed.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Drake to cash out CD X1074 in the amount of \$50,000 to be put into unassigned fund balance in the General Fund. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Drake to approve the purchase of a 2017 Volvo L70H Wheel Loader in the amount of \$88,500. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The 2025 budget will be reviewed again at the November meeting.

Finance Officer Krueger asked the Council to decide on an election date for 2026 in accordance with new legislation. Discussion was held.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Hintz to hold the next regular Municipal election on the statewide Primary Election Day, June 2, 2026. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The City Finance Office received an initiative petition to allow for chickens (with restrictions) in residential areas of the City. Finance Officer Krueger validated the signatures which met the qualifications to submit to a ballot. Krueger along with City Attorney Todd Boyd determined that the petition is in proper form and may be submitted to the public.

Bonnie Otterson, circulator of said petition was present and brought forth some discussion. She felt time was of the essence and asked of the possibility of a special election.

She focused on the cost of eggs and commented on the amount of signatures of those who came to her wanting this ordinance in place.

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Stormo to accept the initiative petition for a proposed ordinance and to approve submitting the petition to a vote at the next regular Municipal election. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Furman thanked the Council for their patience with the water meter installation project. He publicly thanked his staff Darren Barondeau and AJ Martinmaas for the long hours worked to get the project done by deadline. This saved the city thousands of dollars in installation costs. Furman and his staff are back to their normal duties this fall.

City Attorney Todd Boyd had comments on Liquor Operating Agreements and on Bird Flu possibilities with chickens in residential areas.

Finance Officer Krueger reported a Planning Committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 4pm for a pre-construction meeting with the contractor, Banner Associates, and others.

Alderman Reppe commented on dogs in his neighborhood.

No other comments from the Mayor or any other Council members.

There was no executive session this meeting.

There being no further business, motion by Bjerke, seconded Drake by to adjourn at 7:06 PM. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mary Krueger  
Finance Officer

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