

The Clear Lake City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 15, 2026, 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, Jonas Reppe, Jamie Hintz and Matt Stormo. Also present were Mary Krueger, Todd Boyd, Elliott Furman, and Derek Benck. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and then called to order by Mayor Lundberg.

Mayor Lundberg asked for disclosure of conflicts with the presented agenda. Alderwoman Bjerke stated a conflict with the Garbage Rate Increase on agenda. There were no other conflicts of interest.

Motion by Pauli, 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 December 8, 2025 and Special Meetings December 15 and 29, 2025; Monthly Financial Statements for the Month Ending December 31, 2025; Delinquent Water Bills. Approval of Warrants. Approve temporary liquor license applications: Tech Ord Christmas Party – January 16, 2025 – High Mountain. Approval of temporary liquor license permits are subject to all paperwork being signed and submitted to the Finance Officer and the applicant has provided the city with proof of liability insurance for the event. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Warrants Approved: PAYROLL: Council 1800.00; Mayor 475.00; Finance 5200.25; Gen Gov't Building 463.75; Building Inspector 200.00; Streets 8655.84; Snow 3704.08; Library 1937.72; Community Center 253.75; Water 4405.59; Sewer 6439.46; Aflac 91.39; Madison National Life 15.00; SD Retirement 3355.38; Optilegra 46.51; Health Pool of SD 7396.89; Delta Dental of SD 326.00; Sioux Valley FCU 200.00; Dnb-Fica/Wh 7613.48. EXPENSES: Banner Associates, Inc 19134.80 Engineering Services, Bjerke Sanitation 6737.54 Sanitation Services, Boyd Law Firm, Prof. L.L.C. 1237.50 Legal Fees, Brookings-Deuel Rws 9611.00 Water Purchase And Tap, Jackie Buchholtz 35.00 Meter Deposit Refund, Cartney Bearing 38.24 Misc Supplies, City Of Clear Lake 480.71 City Utilities, Clear Lake Courier 2835.99 Publications And Supplies, Clear Lake Area Dev. Inc. 17500.00 Quarterly Funding, D & L Digging 1087.50 Curb Stop Repair, Dakota Pump & Control, Inc. 676.60 Sewer Repairs, Deuel County Highway Dept. 1437.15 Road Maintenance, Dc Register Of Deeds 60.00 Reg Of Deeds Fees, Deuel County Sheriff 6546.95 Law Enforcement Contract, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 4335.47 Fuel And Supplies, Dcn Insurance 1861.00 Ambulance Insurance, Amy Drietz 400.00 Comm Center Deposit Refund, First Bank & Trust 3272.10 Credit Card Purchases, H-D Electric Coop, Inc 151.22 Electric Energy, H-D Elec Coop, Inc. 107.14 Water Tower Door, Halme, Inc. 92201.18 Pay Application No 3, Itc Telecom 464.23 Phone And Internet, Brandi Krause 200.00 Meter Deposit Refund, Northwestern Energy 1398.33 Natural Gas Energy, Ottertail Power Co 4667.95 Electric Energy, David Roof 200.00 Meter Deposit Refund, Runnings Farm And Fleet 157.96 Supplies, South Dakota One Call 40.32 Locates, Sd State Treasurer (Sd Dor) 974.51 Sales Tax Due To State, Sd Unemployment Insurance 11.48 Quarterly Unemployment Ins, Star Laundry 130.26 Janitorial Services, Transource Truck & Equip, Inc. 141.60 Misc Supplies And Parts, Upframe Creative 390.00 Website Maintenance, Us Bank Trust-Spa Lkbox Cm9695 11716.19 Sewer Srf Loan, United States Dept Of Ag 6107.00 Sewer Usda Loan, W. W. Tire Watertown 2928.78 Tires.

In public voice Derek Benck of Deuel Area Baseball approached Council to give an update on the 2026 schedule. He thanked Council for their continued support and encouraged them to keep moving on the leases for the land in the area. He stated they will have a High School team for 2026. The VFW is hosting another tournament in Clear Lake July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup> and will include Deuel 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades. There were many positive comments from last year's tournament. They have received grants for improvements and repairs and are working with the Summer Rec committee as well. They are currently in a different league this year, one that includes areas further south.

There were no unfinished business or appointments this meeting.

The reading of Salary Resolution 2026-1 was held.

Motion by Reppe, seconded by Pauli to approve Salary Resolution 2026-1. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Bjerke to declare the following surplus property: HP EliteBook 850 G6 Serial #5CG0203QVZ for recycle and ID Tech Credit Card Reader Serial #946T343943. Water meters: Sensus 1.5" serial 93337924, Sensus 2" serial 97488717, and Sensus 3" serial 99187489, having no value or less than \$2500 and authorize disposal of the same. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Stormo to cancel check #12886 in the amount of \$126.49 as it was lost and not recovered. A new check will be re-issued pursuant to SDCL 9-23-21. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Pauli to approve Pay Request No. 3 to Halme, Inc. in the amount of \$92,201.18. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Drake to authorize the Mayor to sign the reimbursement request #4 for the SRF Loan from DANR for C461037-03 in the amount of \$92,201.00. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a garbage collection rate increase notification the City received from Bjerke Sanitation. Bjerke's cited landfill rates have increased by 36% since last year.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Stormo to instruct City Attorney Boyd to amend the contract between the City and Bjerke Sanitation raising the rate to \$21.74/month for residential garbage collection effective February, 2026. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye with Bjerke abstaining. Motion carried.

The City Water Loss Report from 2025 was reviewed. With new meter installation, water loss has decreased due to more accurate readings. Because the water loss spreadsheet did not coincide with BDRW reading dates, some of the figures were skewed. Going forward in 2026, the readings will be in real time, and the water loss report will give an accurate presentation for the City.

The Planning Committee met with Halme Construction and Banner Engineering on the Main Lift Station and Forcemain Project and gave the Construction Progress Report. Weather has been cooperating with the progress, and the project is on schedule to be completed this summer. The next meeting will be held second week of February, 2026. The Engineering Report from Banner was received and reviewed.

Public Works Superintendent Furman had updates on his department and comments on 2026 SRF funding. Furthermore, the City's used Jetter truck did not work out for other government entities, so Furman needs to advertise for bids.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Hintz to approve advertising for bids on the 1979 International Jetter truck S1724 for the City of Clear Lake with the Clear Lake Courier and Purple Wave auction to be held Feb. 17, 2026. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Furman has been looking for a mower tractor and a snowplow dump truck as the equipment he has is in disrepair. He is within budget for his equipment requests.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Hintz to purchase a 2012 JD 4320 compact mower tractor in the amount of \$17,250 to come from Street budget. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Stormo, seconded by Bjerke to purchase a used snowplow/dump truck for the most reasonable offer found by Furman up to the amount of \$55,000 to come from Snow and Street budget. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Reppe to replace or repair elbows and pumps at the Golf Course Lift Station from Dakota Pump Control up to the amount of \$33,000 from Sewer budget. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

City Attorney Todd Boyd commented that the Quiet Title action on the fairgrounds land is moving forward. Legal descriptions are lengthy and there may be a survey done to split the land between all entities involved. Discussions on insurance and maintenance will need to be held. He further commented on an ongoing court case. Boyd also commented on new water meters and furthermore stated he will be absent the February 9<sup>th</sup> regular Council meeting.

Finance Officer Krueger commented on the new .gov email platforms the City will be moving to January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Lundberg continues to research cardboard recycling.

Alderwoman Drake commented she will not be seeking re-election for her seat as Alderwoman in Ward 3 but will stay until the June election is held.

Alderman Hintz commented on a resident in town in need of assistance.

Alderman Reppe commented on a complaint filed against a residence with dogs barking. This is a fluid issue. He also commented on the Fireman's Dance.

Alderwoman Bjerke commented on the most recent Library Board meeting, and they are producing good revenues.

There were no other comments from any other Council members.

There being no further business, motion by Bjerke, seconded Hintz by to adjourn at 6:57 PM. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mary Krueger  
Finance Officer

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