

The Clear Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 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, Elliott Furman, Daryl Root, Warren Stroschein, and Sara Pankonin. 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. There were no conflicts of interest.

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

Motion by Hintz, seconded Drake to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes – Regular Meeting January 15, 2026; Monthly Financial Statements for the Month Ending January 31, 2026; Delinquent Water Bills. Approval of Warrants. Approve temporary liquor license applications: Pheasants Forever Banquet – High Mountain – March 28, 2026, and Fishing Tournament – Muttly’s Bar – February 7, 2026 retroactive approval. Approval of temporary liquor license permits is 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 1150.00; Mayor 375.00; Finance 5712.41; Gen Gov’t Building 28.29; Building Inspector 200.00; Streets 10,824.13; Snow 2303.92; Library 2286.69; Water 4568.99; Sewer 4040.76; Aflac 201.89; Madison National Life 15.00; SD Retirement 3300.42; Assurity Life Insurance 129.58; Optilegra 46.51; Health Pool of SD 7396.89; Delta Dental of SD 326.00; Sioux Valley FCU 200.00; Dnb-Fica/Wh 7027.09. EXPENSES: A&B Business Solutions 142.23 Copier Contract, A.P. & Sons Construction, Inc 47712.43 Pay App 2 Phase 1a Water, Amg Avera Occ Medicine Sf 109.80 Drug Screen Annual Fee, Bjerke Sanitation 6432.71 Sanitation Services, Boyd Law Firm, Prof. L.L.C. 1372.50 Legal Fees, Brian's Glass & Door Inc 236.59 Comm Ctr Door Repair, Brookings-Deuel Rws 10204.75 Water Tap Fee & Purchase, Alayna Carlson 126.49 Replacement Payroll Check, Cartney Bearing 1768.04 Snow Repairs, City Of Clear Lake 645.50 City Utilities, Clear Lake Building Center 175.44 Misc Supplies, Clear Lake Courier 239.32 Publications, Clear Lake Area Dev. Inc. 250.00 Sponsorship Firemans Dance, Clear Lake Chamber Of Commerce 155.00 Annual Dues, D & L Digging 2000.00 Water Leak, Deuel County Lakes & Streams 400.00 Comm Center Deposit Refund, Deuel County Sheriff 6546.95 Law Enforcement Contract, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 940.39 Supplies, First Bank & Trust 1621.90 Credit Card Purchases, First District Association Of 3139.09 Contract And Support, Glacial Lakes & Prairies 960.00 Membership Dues And Ads, H-D Electric Coop, Inc 220.06 Electric Energy, H-D Elec Coop, Inc. 814.81 Comm Center Outlets, Halme, Inc. 48237.04 Pay App 4 Main Lift Station, Industrial Chem Labs & Service 573.90 Street Supplies, Innovative Office Solutions 204.25 Checks Supplies, Itc Telecom 462.78 Phone And Internet, Mac's Watertown 116.94 Misc Supplies, Menards 68.94 Sewer Supplies, Northwestern Energy 1659.68 Natural Gas Energy, Port Olson 17400.00 1999 Plow Truck, Ottertail Power Co 5048.45 Electric Energy, Pitney Bowes Bank Inc 859.07 Postage, Sd Department Of Health 40.00 Water Testing, Laramie Schaffer 75.00 Muni Room Deposit Refund, Sd State Treasurer (Sd Dor) 650.42 Sales Tax Due To State, Steve Rhody Services 50.00 Window Washing Services, Supreme Welding Inc 28.69 Snow Repairs,

Tech Ord Employee Committee 400.00 Comm Center Deposit Refund, Two Trees Technologies 489.00 Monthly It Backup, Two Way Solutions Inc 563.98 Repairs And Programming, United States Dept Of Ag 6107.00 Sewer Usda Loan, W. W. Tire Watertown 58.58 Repairs.

No one was present for public voice.

In unfinished business, Mayor Lundberg brought cardboard recycling and garbage services up for discussion. Dependable Sanitation in Watertown will take recycling, but it has to be brought to Watertown and separated. Bjerke Sanitation said they will only take cardboard as garbage to keep their rates down. Options for recycling are limited due to costs. Until other options present themselves, the current situation for recycling and garbage will stand.

Banner Associates representative Sara Pankonin was present for project discussion and reports. Representative Scot Leddy, engineer for the Phase 1A project could not attend the meeting. Pankonin presented the engineering report. She gave updates on the Main Lift Station project which is moving along well with weather cooperating. The Phase 1A Watermain and Storm Sewer Project is extending the scope to include a larger area and extends the completion dates. The Change Order did not raise any unit prices and there has been preliminary approval from DANR.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Drake to approve Pay Request No. 2 to AP & Sons for the Phase 1A Water and Storm Sewer Project in the amount of \$47,712.43. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Bjerke to approve Change Order #1 from AP and Sons revising the scope of the project increasing the contract amount by \$797,227.65 and substantial completion date to June 29, 2027 and final completion to July 31, 2027 contingent upon DANR approval. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Pankonin reported on the Phase 1B project. Funding announcements from the State are expected mid-to-late March.

Pankonin also reported on the Comprehensive Sidewalk/Safe Route Plan coordinating with the DOT Hwy. 15 project. The Planning Committee will coordinate with Banner Engineering later in the year for discussion regarding this project.

Pankonin informed Council there will be an informal public meeting for any citizens that have questions about the project to meet with Banner representatives and/or the contractor. This meeting will be held in the Community Center Monday, March 23rd beginning at 6:30pm. AP & Sons will also have a pre-construction meeting with Banner and the Planning Committee on Tuesday, March 31st at 8:30am.

Motion by Stormo, seconded by Bjerke to approve Pay Request No. 4 to Halme, Inc. for the Main Lift Station Forcemain Project in the amount of \$48,237.04. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Hintz to authorize the Mayor to sign the reimbursement request #5 for the SRF Loan from DANR for C461037-03 in the amount of \$15,821.00. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Pauli to approve the DCI (Department of Criminal Investigation) CHRI (Criminal History Record Information) Policy Governing Fingerprint-Based History Checks made for Non-Criminal Justice Purposes. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Drake to approve the 2026 list of Clear Lake Volunteer Fire Department members. A copy of the roster is on file in the City Finance Office. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Reppe to approve the 2026 Deuel County Ambulance Members. A copy of the roster is on file in the City Finance Office. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Drake to approve the 2026 City Equipment Rate Schedule with the removal of one item and no changes in rates. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

A citizen approached Finance Officer Krueger about the 250th birthday celebration of America. Discussion was held on Clear Lake's participation. The Council reviewed the commemorative South Dakota Flag as well as America 250 banners. The Council is in favor of ordering three of the South Dakota Flags to be placed by the American flags within the city. Finance Officer Krueger will research on banners that would fit the city poles within budget.

The Facilities and Equipment Committee met February 2, 2026 and presented their report to Council. Several items were discussed including replacing the pole Christmas lights on Main Street.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Hintz to approve replacing the Christmas lights/decorations for the poles on Main Street to come from Promote City Funds in the amount of \$10,287.00. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Stormo, seconded by Bjerke to approve the purchase of a Man Basket from Supreme Welding in the amount of \$3920.39. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Rubble Site security cameras were discussed. These will be installed next year. The Municipal Building will have security cameras installed this year. Superintendent Furman reported on the hangar door at the rubble site that is in need of entire replacement.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Reppe to approve the purchase and installation of a replacement hangar door at the Rubble Site from Lake Area Door for up to the amount of \$10,219.41. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Parks were discussed and grants will be researched for playground equipment. The fishing dock will have repairs and improvements. Park Circle Drive needs maintenance and repairs. Discussion was held on what all constitutes "Park Circle Drive". The majority of Council was in favor of closing off the unused or least-used part of Park Circle Drive/Street as the it is unsafe and maintenance would be very costly.

Many departments' improvements will be discussed for 2027 budget including Streets and the Community Center. All rental agreements and rates will have no changes or increases for 2026.

Discussion was held on the swimming pool repairs/upgrades. The most urgent needs currently are a heater, sand filters, fencing, and a new slide. Finance Officer Krueger is working with MC&R and will hopefully have quotes for the next meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Furman commented on an email that recently came to his attention regarding sidewalk repair on 3rd Avenue (Main/Highway 15). As in many other sidewalk repairs, it is the responsibility of the businesses on Main to maintain and repair their own sidewalks. The State has the ROW for the sidewalks along Highway 15. Historically, businesses

pay for the maintenance of these sidewalks as well. Finance Officer Krueger will respond to the email with this information.

Finance Officer Krueger updated the Council on committee meeting dates. She confirmed the Public meeting on March 23rd at 6:30pm in the Community Center for the Phase 1A project.

Krueger reported an ongoing animal complaint. The City has received several complaints in the past regarding this individual about their dogs, however the ordinances are not being followed and prove difficult to enforce without court or law enforcement. Krueger will contact the Deuel County Sheriff's Office for comment.

Mayor Lundberg commented she is attending a Housing Seminar this week.

Alderman Pauli commented on the noise levels of Crystal Springs Feeds and that it is not the decibels, but rather the continuous levels and the pitch of the sound in which he is receiving complaints about.

There were no other comments from any other Council members.

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

Mary Krueger
Finance Officer

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