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January-
March 2026




City Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Rubble Site Hours: November through April is


FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH by appt. ONLY. Call Friday by noon to set up appointment—605-874-2121.

DATES & REMINDERS:


JANUARY

- 1 Holiday—OFFICE CLOSED
- 9 Agenda Items Due by Noon
- 12 DNB Auto Draw
- 12 City Council Meeting
6:00 PM 
- 13 Water Shut-Off Date
- 19 MLK Jr. Day—OFFICE CLOSED
- 20 Utility Bills Due
- 21 Utility Bill Late Notices Sent Out
- 23 Variance & Conditional Use
Permit Info Due
- 29 Water Meters Read
- 30 Utility Bills Mailed Out
- 30 Pet Licenses Due

FEBRUARY

- 6 Agenda Items Due by Noon
- 9 City Council Meeting- 6:00 PM
- 10 DNB Auto Draw
- 10 Water Shut-Off Date
- 14 Valentine's Day 
- 16 President's Day—
OFFICE CLOSED
- 20 Utility Bills Due
- 20 Variance & Conditional Use
Permit Info Due
- 23 Utility Bill Late Notices Sent Out
- 26 Water Meters Read
- 27 Utility Bills Mailed Out

MARCH

- 6 Agenda Items Due by Noon
- 9 City Council Meeting— 6:00 PM
- 10 DNB Auto Draw
- 10 Water Shut-Off Date 
- 16 Equalization Meeting
5:30 PM
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Celebration
- 20 Utility Bills Due
- 23 Utility Bill Late Notices Sent Out
- 27 Variance & Cond. Use Info Due
- 30 Water Meters Read
- 31 Utility Bills Mailed Out

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season and best wishes for a prosperous 2026 from all of us at the City of Clear Lake!

A NOTE ABOUT YOUR BILL

Many of you have noticed an increase in your utility bill. The first increase was in May with a sewer surcharge of \$29.65 mandated by the State due to funding for our project on the Main Lift Station that is already in progress. In November, a \$30.60 water surcharge was mandated by the State for the water project that will begin spring 2026 in the NW part of town. The City has made every attempt to make these increases more affordable by lowering our tap fees and usage fees to the residents. However, the overall bill did increase as was notified in previous newsletters and Council meetings. Please stay informed and voice concerns as the City will be looking at new water projects in the future as we move through these phases. Council members invite you to give input before important decisions are made. Thank you for your understanding.

A MESSAGE REGARDING THE CLEAR LAKE RUBBLE SITE:

Winter Hours for the Rubble Site (through April) are the first Saturday of every month (ONLY) by appointment (ONLY) - call by noon the Friday prior. This has been in place for a couple of years now.

We are seeing a lot of unacceptable items in our rubble site—many times they are hidden under acceptable items and then hidden in the rubbish piles. This is NOT ACCEPTABLE. Please use honesty and common sense when coming to the dump. There is a dumpster placed at the entrance of the dump for those items we cannot accept (plastics, etc.). Bjerke Sanitation takes a number of items you wouldn't think would be accepted with normal garbage pick-up. Please be informed—a new 2026 Refuse and Rubble Site Procedures Manual is included in your mail. This has all the information you will need regarding what to throw away in garbage, and what our Rubble Site accepts. The State regulates our Rubble Site and WILL SHUT US DOWN if they continue to find violations. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

2026 UPCOMING CITY ELECTION DATES

If you are interested in obtaining the documents required to run for an open seat (Alderman Ward 3), please contact the City Office at 874-2121.

February 2nd — Petition Circulation Begins

March 24th — Petitions Due to the City Office by 5:00 PM

JUNE 2, 2026

IS CITY ELECTION DAY



AFTER HOURS:

If you need to contact City Personnel after normal working hours please call the City Office at 605-874-2121. The message will have the name and cell phone number of the person who is on call.

DID YOU KNOW?

Utilities due to the City of Clear Lake are Water/Sewer/and Garbage.

REMINDER: We need FULL payment prior to the disconnection date or you will be subject to disconnection!

DISCONNECTION DATE IS TUESDAY MORNINGS AFTER EACH COUNCIL MEETING—THIS WILL BE ENFORCED!

Regular due date is the 20th of each month:

* We accept debit and credit card payments on our website clearlakesd.com. **You may call in with your payment but the City does not keep credit card numbers on file due to cybersecurity reasons**

* You can debit your bank account automatic ACH which happens the 10th of every month

* As always you can mail a check with your stub to our office at PO Box 107, Clear Lake, SD 57226

* Or drop off your payment at the City Office—for extra convenience, we have a drop box located at our front entrance.

Call us with questions on any of these options!

THE 3 C's of Society:

Community, (Good) Citizenship, Civility

It's always important to stay informed – whether that's news stations, newspapers, the internet, social media, even podcasts. What happens around you locally is equally, if not more, important. You likely pay attention to the weather, living in South Dakota.

Active civic engagement produces communities that people want to live in by creating an environment where people are informed about issues and engage with their neighbors in meaningful, respectful, and positive ways. It is all about promoting the common good.

Often people disengage from responsibilities attributed to being a citizen in their society. Some may feel disconnection and that they don't matter. So why bother staying informed, asking questions, finding out facts before assuming? In a smaller community like Clear Lake, it's important to keep up on your local issues just as much as it is to keep up with the weather forecast.

Those of you who are actually reading this probably understand the importance of good citizenship, civil engagement, and a sense of community. Sadly, there are those who will toss this in the garbage without a second thought. The City encourages everyone to be informed and stay informed. The Finance Office and City Council welcome ideas to reach more people about the events and projects happening in town.

With that, remember along with good citizenship and community—the third and most important “C” is Civility. Everyone has the ability to treat each other with courtesy and respect even if we disagree or don't approve of their opinions or actions. Kindness goes a long way. That includes integrity when others are not within earshot. Spreading gossip or rumors without facts regarding an individual, or event, or rule is not practicing civility. Even though it may be difficult, it is better to think before we speak. A stronger community is built on these pillars, let's move forward with that today.



ZONING HAPPENINGS

The best time to make summer plans is in the winter!

As you think about the exterior projects you want to do next summer, please contact the City Finance Office and ask questions regarding location of items – setbacks – materials – permit costs – if you may need a variance, etc. Some of these items require time to research and complete.

It's always easier to be a step ahead!



PET LICENSES

The owner of any male spayed cat or dog shall pay the City Finance Officer the annual sum of \$5.00 or an annual fee of \$20.00 shall be paid for any unspayed female cat or dog over the age of one. Pet licenses are to be obtained before the 31st day of January each year.

SNOW REMOVAL

Make sure your vehicles are removed from the sides of the streets during snow removal efforts this winter. Vehicles may be ticketed or towed. Ordinance # 6-3-1 states: no snow shall be removed by anyone onto an alley, street, or adjoining property.



CITY COUNCIL

**MAYOR - LISA LUNDBERG
WARD I - ROD PAULI & AMY BJERKE
WARD II - JONAS REPPE & JAMIE HINTZ
WARD III - MONA DRAKE & MATT STORMO**