

The Clear Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Mayor Lisa Lundberg presiding. Those present were Alderwoman Amy Bjerke, Aldermen Jonas Reppe, Jamie Hintz and Matt Stormo. Alderman Rod Pauli came later in the meeting. Alderwoman Ramona Drake was absent. Also present were Mary Krueger, Elliott Furman, Todd Boyd, Sheriff Cory Borg, Scot Leddy, Landen Buse, Ryan Kohl, and Morgan Schmidt. 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 Bjerke, seconded by Reppe to approve the agenda as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hintz, seconded Bjerke to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes – Regular Meeting February 9, 2026; Monthly Financial Statements for the Month Ending February 28, 2026; Building Permits: Approved: Rick Reichling – 111 8th Ave S – 8'x18' Garden Shed; New Construction Water and Sewer Hook-Ups: Approved: Hwy 15 Car Wash & Laundromat – 904 3rd Ave S; Delinquent Water Bills. Approval of Warrants. Approve temporary liquor license applications: Wedding – Lundy's Bar & Grill – April 17, 2026, and Maynard's Chili Cookoff – Lundy's Bar & Grill – February 21, 2026 retroactive approval. Approval of travel and registration for Library Director's Retreat March 29-31, 2026 in Pierre, SD for Jaden Martinell. 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. 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 1400.00; Mayor 425.00; Finance 5276.54; Gen Gov't Building 670.87; Building Inspector 200.00; Streets 10,546.48; Snow 1620.29; Rubble Site 572.85; Parks 198.03; Library 3536.76; Water 3482.35; Sewer 3495.46; Aflac 201.89; Madison National Life 15.00; SD Retirement 3015.34; 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 6870.34. EXPENSES: A&B Business Solutions 152.41 Copier Contract, A.P. & Sons Construction, Inc 62033.77 Pay App #3 Phase 1a Water, B & B Contracting Inc. 5305.60 Dust Control, Banner Associates, Inc 27604.89 Engineering Services, Bjerke Sanitation 6608.08 Sanitation Services, Watertown Ford Chrysler 361.50 Repairs, Boyd Law Firm, Prof. L.L.C. 427.50 Legal Fees, Brookings-Deuel Rws 11235.00 Water Tap And Purchase, Clear Lake City Library 4689.83 Books And Supplies, City Of Clear Lake 496.56 City Utilities, Clear Lake Building Center 49.24 Misc Supplies, Clear Lake Courier 170.02 Publications, Dacotah Bank 8231.26 Csf Tif Payment, Deuel County Sheriff 6546.95 Law Enforcement Contract, Deuel County Treasurer 28.70 Title Transfer And Plates, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 2350.77 Misc Supplies And Fuel, Dnb National Bank 25.00 Po Box Rental, First Bank & Trust 2861.04 Credit Card Charges, Flexible Pipe Tool Company 1202.50 Jetter Truck Repairs, H-D Electric Coop, Inc 264.09 Electric Energy, Halme, Inc. 356581.95 Pay App #5 Main Lift Station, Innovative Office Solutions 784.64 Billing Supplies, Interlakes Community Action 500.00 2026 Funding Nutrition Match, Itc Telecom 462.18 Telephone And Internet, Lake Area Door 423.50 Main Door Of Shop, Lawson Products Inc 140.45 Tools, Maynard's Food 403.39 Com Ctr

Deposit Refund & Suppl, Northwestern Energy 1681.60 Natural Gas Energy, Office Peeps 776.51 Paper And Office Supplies, Ottertail Power Co 4635.81 Electric Energy, Pitney Bowes Bank Inc 793.78 Postage, Pitney Bowes Inc 186.54 Postage Machine Rental, Sd Department Of Health 40.00 Water Testing, Runnings Farm And Fleet 36.98 Misc Supplies, Sd State Treasurer (Sd Dor) 545.69 Sales Tax Due To State, Steve Rhody Services 50.00 Window Washing Services, Supreme Welding Inc 4812.69 Man Basket And Supplies, Team Laboratory Chemical, Llc 4269.50 Chemical Supplies, Two Trees Technologies 489.00 Monthly It Backup, United States Dept Of Ag 6107.00 Sewer Usda Loan.

In public voice, Ryan Kohl introduced himself from Milbank, SD as he is running for State Representative in District 4. His campaign is based on agriculture as he is a farmer, education as he is a former educator, and local issues regarding District 4. The Council thanked him for his time.

In unfinished business, the Council reviewed the quote for America 250 banners from Display Sales.

Motion by Reppe, seconded by Hintz to approve ordering 10 banners for the America 250 Celebration from Display Sales for \$933.80. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Council also then reviewed the Swimming pool report and the proposal for repairs from MC&R Pools. Discussion was held. The pool repairs should be complete for the 2026 season. This does not include the baby pool or a new slide. Those updates will be examined for 2027.

Motion by Stormo, seconded by Hintz to approve contracting with MC&R pools based on the proposal for sand filters, valves, energy efficient pumps and a pool heater for a base cost of \$40,862.00. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Cory Borg met with Council to discuss an ongoing dog complaint and the Sheriff's position. Borg explained this is primarily a noise complaint and the City needs to address it. Borg reviewed our ordinances and suggested they may need some revisions. The City of Gary is redoing their ordinances and he gave examples. City Attorney Todd Boyd discussed past court cases regarding this issue. If this should go to court, good and credible witnesses are necessary. Borg agreed. Breaking the zoning ordinance of not having a conditional use permit was discussed. Borg and Boyd both agreed it would be harder to prove and enforce given the age of the dogs and what the City ordinances say regarding puppies younger than 6 months old. It was decided to advise the resident filing the complaint to sign a complaint with the City Attorney.

Alderman Pauli joined the meeting.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Hintz to instruct the City Attorney to send a letter to the resident in violation based on the written complaint regarding barking dogs. The letter should state that the issue needs to be resolved within 30 days otherwise further action will be taken. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Stormo, seconded by Pauli to convene as Board of Adjustment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held for a Conditional Use Permit for Morgan Schmidt of 610 7th St W for a cottage bakery business out of her home and small roadside stand for selling baked goods on occasion. No one was present to oppose the Conditional Use Permit. Schmidt was present for discussion.

Motion by Bjerke as Board of Adjustment, seconded by Stormo to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Morgan Schmidt of 610 7th St W for an in-home bakery and roadside stand. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

After discussion with Sheriff Borg and City Attorney Boyd, the Board of Adjustment did not discuss violations of Conditional Use Permits.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Pauli to adjourn as Board of Adjustment and reconvene as regular Council. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Banner Associates engineers Landen Buse and Scot Leddy met with Council. Leddy introduced himself to Council and Buse gave updates on the Phase 1A Water Main and Storm Sewer Project. He presented the Engineering Progress report. Important dates to remember are the public meeting at the Community Center on March 23rd at 6:30pm; and the first pre-construction meeting with AP & Sons, DANR, and First District on March 31st at 9am. This will be a Committee meeting. Buse reported that the change order for project expansion was approved by the DANR. This puts the completion date to July 2027.

Motion by Reppe, seconded by Pauli to approve Pay Request No. 3 to AP & Sons for the Phase 1A Water and Storm Sewer Project in the amount of \$62,033.77. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Planning Committee had two separate meetings with Banner Engineering and Halme Construction regarding the progress of the Main Lift Station and Forcemain project. Buse went on to report on the progress. Superintendent Furman had mentioned he is waiting to hear about a grinder for the main lift station.

A Change Order was presented on behalf of Banner Associates Inc. and Halme, Inc. for additional gravel for access road around the artificial wetlands. The change will result in an increase of \$17,538.00.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Stormo to approve Change Order #1 from Halme, Inc. for additional gravel for access road around the artificial wetlands increasing the contract price by \$17,538.00 contingent upon DANR approval. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Hintz to approve Pay Application No. 5 to Halme, Inc. for the Main Lift Station Forcemain Project in the amount of \$356,581.95. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Buse reported on the Phase 1B project and other unrelated projects. Leddy stated the funding announcement for Phase 1B will be on March 26, 2026.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Stormo to authorize the Mayor to sign the reimbursement request #6 for the SRF Loan from DANR for C461037-03 in the amount of \$75,692.00. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Reppe to authorize the Mayor to sign the reimbursement request #1 for the SRF Loan from DANR for C462037-02 in the amount of \$358,135.00. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Reppe to approve an interfund transfer from the General Fund to the TIF Fund in the amount of \$2009.64 for 2026 payments from property taxes per SDCL 9-22-24. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The reading of Resolution 2026-2 Transfer from Contingency Fund was held.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Hintz to approve Resolution 2026-2 Transfer from Contingency Fund. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Pauli to approve raising the city tax levy for 2026 property taxes due and payable in 2027 on taxable property in the City of Clear Lake for the General Fund by any and all dollars due to growth and CPI. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Finance Officer Krueger presented the 2025 Annual Financial Report for the City of Clear Lake. It has been filed with Legislative Audit and is complete for approval and publication.

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Stormo to accept and approve 2025 Clear Lake City Annual Financial Report. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Pauli to set the date for a Special Meeting for Local Review Board (Equalization) for Monday, March 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Due to the Easter Holiday, the regularly scheduled Council meeting for April, 2026 will have to be changed.

Motion by Stormo, seconded by Pauli to reschedule the April, 2026 Regular Council meeting to Monday, April 13th, 2026 at 6 p.m. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Pauli to set City-Wide Clean-Up Week for Rubble Site regular hours Wednesday, May 6th and Saturday, May 9th, 2025 when the rubble site will be free of charge for acceptable items to residents of the City. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Every household in the City is given one free pass annually to the Rubble Site. In 2025, 131 passes were used.

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Bjerke to give a free pass to the rubble site for acceptable items only to each residential household which will expire Saturday, October 31, 2026 at 1pm. The pass will be sent out on the May utility bills. The City is not responsible for passes not received or lost. No duplicate passes will be given. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Pauli to declare the following as surplus property, having little value less than \$2500 and authorize disposal of the same: 1983 Ford F800 Truck VIN 1FDRK84N8DVA35976 for salvageable parts. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Personnel Committee met February 19, 2026 and presented their report to Council.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Stormo to approve removing the CDL requirement on the job description for full-time Public Works Employees. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Election workers were discussed. The City is still looking for additional election workers for the June 2, 2026 election to be held at the Community Center.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Hintz to approve the hourly wage for election workers to be \$20.00/hr. for the Municipal election to be held June 2, 2026. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Committee developed a new position to manage the two city Parks as well as help with the Swimming Pool. This is a seasonal position.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Hintz to approve advertising for a Seasonal Parks & Recs Manager for the City of Clear Lake with a closing date of April 7, 2026. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent Furman had comments on the new Parks and Recs position. He also commented that a private sewer lining company is doing work in the City. They

stated our sewer lining project that was done several years ago is failing where they are doing work and advised us to be aware of further breakage.

Furman stated he is looking into a pressure washer for the City Shop at a cost of \$5,000 and will bring the quote to the next meeting.

City Attorney Todd Boyd had comments on pending litigation. He also commented on prior litigation.

Finance Officer Krueger updated the Council on Committee meeting dates.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Hintz to approve advertising for the Open House on city projects to be held March 23, 2026, 6:30pm at the Community Center. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Aldermen Reppe and Stormo reported the recent CLAD (Clear Lake Area Development) meetings. DADI (Deuel Area Development Inc.) is dissolving and being reassigned to the CLAD. Reppe also had questions on the .gov platform emails.

There were no other comments from the Mayor or any other Council members.

There being no further business, motion by Bjerke, seconded Stormo to adjourn at 7:38 PM. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mary Krueger
Finance Officer

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