The Clear Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Mayor Lisa Lundberg presiding. Those present were Alderwomen Amy Bjerke and Ramona Drake, Aldermen Jonas Reppe, Jamie Hintz, Rod Pauli and Matt Stormo. Also present were Mary Krueger, Elliott Furman, Todd Boyd, Matt Spilde, John Hall Jr., Deb Adkins, and Heather Mahon. 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 Hintz to approve the agenda as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded Stormo to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes – Regular Meeting March 9, 2026 and Local Review Board Meeting March 16, 2026; Monthly Financial Statements for the Month Ending March 31, 2026; Building Permits: Approved: Nathaniel Reppe – 706 3rd Ave S – Solar Panels, Deuel Area Baseball – DC Fairgrounds – 14'x60' Concrete Pad, Deb Bublitz – 606 1st Ave S – 10'x14' Storage Shed; Delinquent Water Bills. Approval of Warrants. Approve temporary liquor license applications: Weddings – June 6th and August 8th, 2026 – both events Gary Bar. 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 1650.00; Mayor 525.00; Finance 5783.25; Gen Gov't Building 381.39; Building Inspector 200.00; Streets 10,847.52; Snow 5737.81; Rubble Site 30.20; Parks 381.92; Library 4117.35; Community Center 220.56; Water 3311.30; Sewer 4053.62; Aflac 201.89; Madison National Life 15.00; SD Retirement 3530.82; 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 8353.39. EXPENSES: A&B Business Solutions 304.54 Copier Contract, A.P. & Sons Construction, Inc 15107.72 Pay App 4 Phase 1a, Banner Associates, Inc 49116.25 Engineering Services, Bjerke Sanitation 8984.16 Sanitation Services, Watertown Ford Chrysler 593.90 Remainder Of Invoice Repairs, Boyd Law Firm, Prof. L.L.C. 607.50 Legal Services And Fees, Brenco 4750.00 Pressure Washer, Brian's Glass & Door Inc 120.92 Comm Center Repairs, Brookings-Deuel Rws 9324.00 Water Tap Fee And Purchase, Certified Laboratories 252.45 Supplies, Clear Lake City Library 1472.73 Books And Supplies, City Of Clear Lake 506.28 City Utilities, Clear Lake Building Center 222.55 Supplies, Clear Lake Courier 634.05 Publications, Clear Lake Fire Dept 23000.00 2026 Funding, Clear Lake Area Dev. Inc. 17500.00 2026 Funding, Dakota Pump & Control, Inc. 18789.43 Sewer And Water Repairs, Deuel County Republicans 400.00 Comm Center Deposit Refund, Deuel County Sheriff 6546.95 Law Enforcement Contract, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 3590.29 Fuel And Supplies, Display Sales Company 11220.80 Christmas Lights And Banners, Karan Domina 400.00 Comm Ctr Deposit Refund, First Bank & Trust 592.68 Credit Card Charges, H-D Electric Coop, Inc 263.96 Electric Energy, H-D Elec Coop, Inc. 187.37 Building Repairs, Shiann Hall 85.05 Replace Lost Check, Halme, Inc. 35100.00 Pay App 6 Main Lift Station, Hdr Engineering Inc 400.00 Comm Ctr Deposit Refund, Linda Hemmer 20.00 Park Shelter Deposit Refund, Industrial Chem Labs & Service 709.25 Supplies, Itc Telecom 462.17 Phone And Internet,

Maynard's Food 23.42 Supplies, M C & R Pools Inc 40862.00 Pool Repairs And Equipment, Marcy Mcelhany 400.00 Comm Center Deposit Refund, Menards 43.05 Supplies, Milbank Winwater Works 1773.93 Water Repairs, Northwestern Energy 1268.18 Natural Gas Energy, Office Peeps 71.45 Office Supplies, Ottertail Power Co 4317.40 Electric Energy, Sd Department Of Health 40.00 Water Testing, Ellen Schmahl 400.00 Comm Ctr Deposit Refund, South Dakota One Call 17.92 Locates, Sd State Treasurer (Sd Dor) 812.20 Sales Tax Due To State, Sd Unemployment Insurance 201.43 Unemployment Insurance, Steve Rhody Services 50.00 Window Washing Services, Star Laundry 106.05 Janitorial Services, Supreme Welding Inc 396.50 Supplies, Cl Swimming Pool Petty Cash 100.00 Petty Cash, Tech Ord 50.00 Replace Lost Check, Two Trees Technologies 489.00 Monthly It Backup, Upframe Creative 390.00 Website Maintenance, Us Bank Trust-Spa Lkbox Cm9695 18553.49 Water Srf Loan, United States Dept Of Ag 6107.00 Sewer Usda Loan.

There was no one present for public voice.

There was no unfinished business.

The bid opening was held for the cash rental of the hay land near the City lagoons. Two bids were opened and reviewed. Bidders Spilde and Hall Jr. were present and agreed to split the acreage and pay the higher bid/acre.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Reppe to accept and award the bid to both bidders Matt Spilde and John Hall Jr. in the amount of $15/acre to split the 70 acres to 35 acres each. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Clear Lake Area Development (CLAD) Director Deb Adkins met with Council to give updates on the dissolution of Deuel Area Development (DADI) with CLAD taking over the organization. CLAD assumed the debt of $216,000 from DADI and they are now just waiting on paperwork. There is a $30,000 note due May 1st. CLAD is funding $10,000 and the County is also funding $10,000. Adkins asked Council for funding from the City. CLAD has investment in infrastructure for water at Northside Acres. There is expansion and interest in that area. There was further discussion on CLAD projects.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Hintz to approve the original DADI funding of $16,000 from the 2026 budget to CLAD for the debt. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye with Reppe and Stormo abstaining. Motion carried.

Clear Lake City Library Director Heather Mahon met with Council and gave them some recent updates. She first presented the 2025 Library Annual Report Survey for the State.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Reppe to approve the 2025 Library Annual Report Survey. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Mahon reported on upcoming programs and presented a report from Library Assistant Jaden Martinell on her recent training in Pierre. Mahon stated her appreciation for Martinell and wanted to Council to know how valuable she is to the Library.

The Banner Engineering Progress report was presented and read to Council by Finance Officer Krueger. The Pre-Construction meeting minutes from the March 31st meeting with the contractor and others regarding the Phase 1A project were also reviewed. Discussion was held on the reports.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Pauli to approve Pay Request No. 6 to Halme Construction for the Main Liftstation/Forcemain Project in the amount of $35,100.00. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Drake to approve Pay Request No. 4 to AP & Sons for the Phase 1A Water and Storm Sewer Project in the amount of $15,107.72. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The State DANR SRF funding awards for the Phase 1B project were presented. The City has been awarded $2,696,900 in drinking water improvements and $2,130,400 in storm sewer improvements for the southeast area of the City. The Drinking Water award comes in the form of a loan with some principle forgiveness and a consolidated grant. The Clean Water award comes in the form of loan only. Discussion was held on surcharges mandated by the State and rate restructuring. This information will be discussed by the Services Committee. Loan acceptance through resolution timeframe will be dependent on rate restructuring.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Pauli to authorize the Mayor to sign the reimbursement request #7 for the SRF Loan from DANR for C461037-03 in the amount of $378,557.00 contingent upon DANR approval. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Stormo, seconded by Drake to authorize the Mayor to sign the reimbursement request #2 for the SRF Loan from DANR for C462037-02 in the amount of $67,535.00 contingent upon DANR approval. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Hintz to increase the amount of CD X1098 from $100,000 to $150,000 using General Fund cash. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Pauli to cancel check #24646 in the amount of $50.00 as it was lost and not recovered. A new check will be re-issued pursuant to SDCL 9-23-21. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Pauli to cancel check #24258 in the amount of $85.05 as it was lost and not recovered. A new check will be re-issued pursuant to SDCL 9-23-21. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the position advertised for the Parks and Recs Manager as no applications were received.

Motion by Stormo, seconded by Hintz to continue the help wanted advertisement for a Seasonal Parks and Recs Manager open until filled and use other forms of advertising. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The 2025 City Drinking Water Report was reviewed and discussed.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Stormo to approve the 2025 Drinking Water Report for publication. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

A Local Road verification map was presented to Council for the SD Non-State Trunk Road Inventory. First District needs verification of City roads/streets for their GIS program.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Stormo to approve the 2026 Local Road Verification Map with suggested changes indicated on the map. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Policies Committee met March 26, 2026 and presented their report to Council.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 657 Amending Ordinance 1-3-4 Regarding City Council President and Vice President was held.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 658 Amending Ordinance 1-4-1 Regarding Employees and Officers was held.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 659 Amending Ordinance 1-4-5 Regarding Special Duties of the Finance Officer was held.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 660 Amending Ordinance 1-4-9 Regarding Employee's Benefits, Expenses, Holidays, Jury Duty, Residence, Sick Leave and Vacation was held.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 661 Amending Ordinance 1-4-4 Special Duties of City Attorney was held.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 662 Amending Ordinance 1-4-6 City Planning and Development Officer was held.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 663 Amending Ordinance 2-2-2 Manufactured or Mobile Homes was held.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 664 Amending Ordinance 3-1-2 Regarding Kennels and Domestic Pets was held.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 665 Amending Chapter Name of Ordinance 3-1-9 Regarding Unregistered Dogs And Cats was held.

Public Works Superintendent Furman gave updates on his department. He's had comments on the condition of the streets in town due to the frost coming out of the ground. He is aware there are many streets to repair. He gave some updates on the Lift Station project. Furman also was involved in the Lake Road cleanup that was done by Lakes and Streams which was a success.

City Attorney Todd Boyd updated the Council on ongoing email communications with a property owner in the City. He also gave updates on an ongoing dog complaint. He further mentioned he has heard comments that our Community Center rates seem very low in comparison to other towns.

Finance Officer Krueger reported on the .gov emails and informed the Council they should be using those emails for City related business.

Krueger went on to discuss the May Council meeting and the ordinance first readings affecting the timeframe of Council seats. If there is an appointment for the open Ward 3 seat, it should be made at the May meeting with an Oath of Office to be taken. Furthermore, because the new ordinances aren't in effect yet, the Oaths of Office should be given to the City Attorney and City Finance Officer positions at the May 2026 Council meeting, and the appointments should go through June, 2027. City Attorney Todd Boyd will prepare those oaths. The President and Vice President of Council will also be elected at the May meeting and have their tenure extended through June, 2027.

Krueger also informed Council of a medical leave she will be taking and will be out of the office for some time and working from home as much as possible.

Alderwoman Drake commented on the upcoming election to possibly allow chickens in city limits.

Alderman Hintz asked about the status of the Fairgrounds property. Much discussion was held with City Attorney Todd Boyd. The property is in the process of a possible replat and surveying. There had been discussion in front of the County Commissioners with new leases to follow. There was much discussion on insurance and liability upon the ownership and leases of the property.

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

There being no further business, motion by Bjerke, seconded Drake to adjourn at 7:39 PM. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mary Krueger
Finance Officer

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