

MINUTES

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Council Chambers, 123 South Lincoln Street, Municipal Building, Aberdeen, South Dakota, January 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., regular meeting of the City Council.

CALL TO ORDER

MEETING ROLL CALL

Present at roll call were City Council Members Rob Ronayne via teleconference, Charlotte Liebelt, Rich Ward via teleconference, Talmage Ekanger, Chad Nilson, David Novstrup, and Mayor Travis Schaunaman. Council members Erin Fouberg and Alan Johnson were absent.

City Staff present were Ron Wager, Stuart Nelson, Ken Hubbart, Joel Weig, Tanner Jondahl, and Jordan McQuillen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schaunaman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ekanger, second by Novstrup, to approve the agenda. Voice vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

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Motion by Nilson, second by Liebelt, to approve the minutes of January 20, 2026, City Council Meeting, as circulated. Voice vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

No one appeared in open forum to address the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Ekanger, second by Nilson, to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

NEW SIDEWALK CONTRACTOR – Henry Carlson Construction LLC

Voice vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

**SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-01-01
AMENDING TAXICAB AND MOTORBUS REGULATIONS**

City Attorney Wager presented the second reading of Ordinance No. 26-01-01. Motion by Nilson, second by Liebelt, to approve the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 26-

1 01-01 regarding regulation of taxicabs and motorbuses at Chapter 58 of the Aberdeen City Code.
2 Roll call vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

3 SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-01-02
4 AMENDING SOLID WASTE COLLECTION REGULATIONS

5 City Attorney Wager presented the second reading of Ordinance No. 26-01-02. Motion by
6 Nilson, second by Novstrup, to approve the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No.
7 26-01-02 amending solid waste collections regulations at Chapter 44 of the Aberdeen City Code.
8 Roll call vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

9 APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE
10 26-01-03 SUPPLEMENTING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR VARIOUS UNANTICIPATED
11 PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, AND EXPENDITURES

12 Finance Officer McQuillen presented the second reading of Ordinance 26-01-03. Motion
13 by Ronayne, second by Liebelt, to approve second reading and final adoption of Ordinance 26-
14 01-03 supplementing the 2026 budget for various unanticipated projects, activities, and
15 expenditures. Roll call vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

16 **NEW BUSINESS**

17 APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE FOR 2026 PROMOTION
18 FUNDS

19 Finance Officer McQuillen presented the proposed distribution schedule for the promotion
20 funds. Motion by Ronayne, second by Ekanger, to approve the proposed distribution schedule for
21 2026 Promotion Funds. Voice vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

22 APPROVAL OF SURPLUS OF CANINE EQUIPMENT

23 Police Chief Jondahl presented the surplus of canine equipment. Motion by Nilson, second
24 by Ekanger, to approve the surplus of canine equipment. Voice vote to approve, all present voting
25 aye, motion carried.

26 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 26-01-02R CONTINUING THE DESIGNATION OF
27 *THE ABERDEEN INSIDER* AS AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY

28 Mayor Schaunaman presented Resolution 26-01-02R. Motion by Liebelt, second by
29 Novstrup, to approve the first reading and passage of Resolution No. 26-01-02R continuing the
30 designation of *The Aberdeen Insider* as an official newspaper of the City of Aberdeen for not less
31 than twelve months, with such designation to continue thereafter until terminated by the City of

1 Aberdeen or such newspaper is no longer a legal newspaper. Roll call vote to approve, all present
2 voting aye, motion carried.

3 APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST #3 FOR WT-2025-1 (WATER TOWER AND
4 TRANSMISSION LINE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$520,552.50 TO LANDMARK STRUCTURES
5 INC. OF FORT WORTH, TX FOR SCHEDULE B

6 City Engineer Nelson presented the pay request. Motion by Ronayne, second by Ekanger,
7 to approve Pay Request #3 for WT-2025-1 (Water Tower and Transmission Line) in the amount
8 of \$520,552.50 to Landmark Structures Inc. of Fort Worth, TX for Schedule B. Roll call vote to
9 approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

10 APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION ON BIDS FOR 2026 WATER TREATMENT
11 PLANT ROOF IMPROVEMENTS

12 City Engineer Nelson presented the recommendation on bids. Motion by Liebelt, second
13 by Nilson, to approve the recommendation on Bids for 2026 Water Treatment Plant Roof
14 Improvements. Roll call vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

15 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**

16 Motion by Liebelt, second by Ekanger, to approve payment of the bills listed for January
17 26, 2026.

18 Bills having been audited by the Finance Officer and fully itemized and authorize the
19 Mayor or City Manager to sign, and the Finance Officer to countersign, all warrants for payment
20 of the following approved bills: United Parcel Service 1,000.00, Elavon Merchant Services 500.00,
21 Paymentech LLC 6,000.00, Dacotah Bank 150.00, Optilegra 21.00, Delta Dental of SD 203.80,
22 Northern Electric 10,000.00, Northwestern Energy 180,000.00, ABERDEEN CHAMBER OF
23 COMMERCE 850.00, Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce 850.00, Aberdeen Chrysler Center
24 800.00, American Assn. Airport Executives 1,185.00, Auto Value - Aberdeen 620.12, BMI
25 459.00, Brooks Gilbert 148.00, Brown County Treasurer 12,000.00, Butler Machinery Co. 151.46,
26 Cole Papers Inc. 1,103.36, Connections Inc. EAP 610.60, Constellation Newenergy 21,586.28,
27 Crescent Electric Supply 417.97, Dakota Electronics LLC 1,326.00, Dakota Fluid Power Inc.
28 431.16, Dakota Transit Association 400.00, Dependable Sanitation 295.00, Dylan Head 265.30,
29 Fire & Police Selection Inc. 542.50, Fire Safety First 398.12, Geffdog Designs 190.00, Guardian
30 Life Ins. Co. 1,299.72, House of Glass Inc. 1,018.99, International Code Council 170.00, J R
31 Huebner 135.00, Jet-Line Sales & Service LLC 4,028.00, Johnson Feed Inc. 6,710.05, Jordon

1 Dahme 167.20, Kasco Marine Inc. 230.50, Kyle Stoddard 117.50, Ladner Electric 608.98,
 2 Landmark Structures I LP. 520,552.50, Lighthouse Uniform Co. 1,266.70, Locators & Supplies
 3 Inc. 322.28, Luke Nelson 187.20, Mac's Inc. 90.92, Marco Technologies LLC 183.55, Menards
 4 Inc. 231.96, MSA Safety Sales LLC 1,470.00, MTI Distributing 226.85, Nelson Sales & Service
 5 LLC 297.99, ODP Business Solutions LLC 468.44, Platinum Auto Spa 24.00, RDO Equipment
 6 Co. 379.97, Robert Talmage 189.95, Runnings Supply Inc. #14 119.95, Share Corp. 3,779.89,
 7 Stephanie Sorensen PhD 800.00, Steven Lust Automotive 262.65, Titan Access Productivity
 8 30.48, Tony Bisbee 76.40, Traffic Control Corp. 402.00, Trav's Outfitter Inc. 149.99, Wageworks
 9 Inc. 315.00, Western States Fire Protection 825.00

10 Payroll for the period from January 11, 2026, through January 24, 2026, and city share of
 11 social security, old age & survivor's insurance, retirement, health and life insurance. EFTPS
 12 201,496.11, SD Retirement System 117,859.10, Governing Body Council 3,921.89, City Manager
 13 9,360.60, Attorney 9,233.48, Finance Office 19,811.10, Human Resources 11,912.97, Municipal
 14 Hall 2,315.35, Computer Services 6,824.57, Community Development 19,099.20, Engineering
 15 15,793.61, Rudie Donelson 20.00/hr, Police Dept. 210,138.34, Jeff Neal 45.08/hr, Fire Dept.
 16 191,677.84, Building Inspection 8,296.00, Street Dept. 42,081.34, Traffic Control 9,869.24,
 17 Utilities-General 31,706.09, Robert Haliburton 24.78/hr, Leroy Conn 24.78/hr, Solid Waste
 18 30,200.84, Stacy Sexton 23.59/hr, Wastewater Treatment 29,058.15, Utilities-Sewer 11,1557.89,
 19 Water Treatment Plant 28,475.94, Utilities-Water 2,467.04, Airport 27,259.80, Cemetery
 20 4,869.75, Transit 30,550.27, West Nile 44.00, Meals on Wheels 713.58, Admin 11,065.56,
 21 Participant Rec 15,635.41, Park Rec ARCC 28,927.42, Park Rec Golf 7,290.94, PC Complex
 22 8,800.89, Park Rec Senior Center 6,273.98, Parks 21,530.04, Robb Erickson 15.00/hr, Parks/Wylie
 23 12,639.25, Forestry 12,525.75, Library 32,427.22, City Economic Development 3,169.60

24 Roll call vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

25 **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

26 There was no report from the City Manager.

27 **ADJOURNMENT**

28 There being no further business, motion by Novstrup, second by Nilson, to adjourn the
 29 meeting. Voice vote to adjourn, all present voting aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at
 30 5:48 p.m.

31 Prepared by Steven Thithavong for the Finance Office. /s/Jordan McQuillen, Finance Officer