

**MINUTES**

**ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

City Council Chambers, 123 South Lincoln Street, Municipal Building, Aberdeen, South Dakota, January 5, 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, Erin Fouberg, Charlotte Liebelt, Rich Ward, Alan Johnson, Talmage Ekanger, Chad Nilson, David Novstrup, and Mayor Travis Schaunaman.

City Staff present were Dave McNeil, Ron Wager, Stuart Nelson, Ken Hubbard, Joel Weig, Tanner Jondahl, Amber Schwab, Max Stoltenburg, and Jordan McQuillen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Schaunaman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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Motion by Liebelt, second by Ekanger, to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2025, City Council Meeting, as circulated. Voice vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

**OPEN FORUM**

Dacotah Prairie Museum Director Patricia Kendall presented updates, events and activities at the museum.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

SET BID DATE ON JANUARY 27, 2026, until 2:00 p.m. for Hay Grass Land Leases

SET BID DATE ON JANUARY 20, 2026, until 2:00 PM for the 2026 Water Treatment Plant Roof Improvements

SET HEARING DATE ON JANUARY 20, 2026, at 5:30 PM for a Special One Day Retail On-Sale Beer, Wine, and Cider License for Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce, Business After Hours event at Montgomery's, 3502 7th Ave SE, on February 12, 2026

SET HEARING DATE ON JANUARY 20, 2026, at 5:30 PM for a Special One Day Retail

1 On-Sale Liquor License for NSU Foundation dba APEX Events LLC, 2026 NSU Bourbon &  
2 Brews event at 620 15th Ave SE on April 24, 2026

3 LOTTERY NOTICE – receive and place on file: 4J Foundation and Yelduz Shriners

4 PAWN BROKER LICENSE renewal for BGT Pawn

5 SHOOTING GALLERY LICENSE renewal for Whitetail Bowmen Archery Club

6 TAXI DRIVER LICENSE renewal for Justin Rohrbach

7 2026 RETAIL LIQUOR, PACKAGE LIQUOR, AND RETAIL WINE LICENSE

8 RENEWALS for various businesses in the city of Aberdeen, SD

9 Voice vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried. Roll call vote to approve, all present  
10 voting aye, motion carried.

11 **NEW BUSINESS**

12 RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
13 PURSUANT TO SDCL 10-11-66 THROUGH 10-11-77

14 Mayor Schaunaman presented Resolution 26-01-01R. Motion by Ronayne, second by  
15 Nilson, to designate Travis Schaunaman as a member and Rob Ronayne as the alternate member  
16 of the City Council to serve on the Consolidated Board of Equalization from April to May 2026  
17 and approve Resolution 26-01-01R to establish consolidated board of equalization pursuant to  
18 SDCL 10-11-66 through 10-11-77. Roll call vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

19 APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST #11 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,949.78 FOR PCN  
20 09GP (10<sup>TH</sup> AVE SE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT) TO PRAHM CONSTRUCTION INC. OF  
21 SLAYTON, MN

22 City Engineer Nelson presented the pay request. Motion by Liebelt, second by Ward, to  
23 approve Pay Request #11 in the amount of \$35,949.78 for PCN 09GP (10<sup>th</sup> Ave SE Bridge  
24 Replacement) to Prahm Construction Inc. of Slayton, MN. Roll call vote to approve, with Council  
25 Member Ekanger voting no, all others present voting aye, motion carried.

26 APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2024 CATERPILLAR  
27 EXCAVATOR FROM BUTLER MACHINERY OF ABERDEEN USING SOURCEWELL  
28 CONTRACT # 011723-CAT

29 City Engineer Nelson presented the purchase request. Motion by Ekanger, second by  
30 Johnson, to approve and authorize the purchase of a new 2024 Caterpillar Excavator from Butler  
31 Machinery of Aberdeen using SourceWell Contract # 011723-CAT. Roll call vote to approve, all

1 present voting aye, motion carried.

2 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**

3 Motion by Ward, second by Ekanger, to approve payment of the bills listed for January 5,  
4 2026.

5 Bills having been audited by the Finance Officer and fully itemized and authorize the  
6 Mayor or City Manager to sign, and the Finance Officer to countersign, all warrants for payment  
7 of the following approved bills: Aberdeen Home Builders Assoc. 415.00, Aberdeen Chamber of  
8 Commerce 15,000.00, Aberdeen Chrysler Center 1,368.80, Amazon Capital Services 43.32,  
9 American 3B Scientific LP 9,560.95, Auto Value - Aberdeen 1,209.50, Badger Meter Inc.  
10 1,997.45, Bantz Gosch & Cremer LLC 1,713.76, Bound Tree Medical LLC 4,030.56, Brown  
11 County Fire Chiefs Assn. 50.00, Brown County Treasurer 57.40, Butler Machinery Co 275.55,  
12 Century Business Products 50.00, City Treasurer 7,500.00, Civic Plus LLC 36,807.07, Climate  
13 Control 852.90, Commtech Inc. 130.00, Core & Main LP 3,756.66, Crawford Trucks & Equipment  
14 5,119.50, Crescent Electric Supply 352.82, Dacotah Bank Aberdeen 632.07, Dakota Doors  
15 Incorporated 66.33, Dakota Fluid Power Inc. 129.07, Dakota Ink & Toner 1,629.98, Dependable  
16 Sanitation 304.00, Direct Automation LLC 5,185.75, Don's Builders Hardware 26.00, Eddie's  
17 Northside Sinclair 4,845.00, Federal Express Corp 19.06, Fire Safety First 150.34, Galls Inc. 9.50,  
18 Geffdog Designs 274.00, Graham Tire Co. 20.25, Grainger 55.20, Graymont (WI) LLC 23,112.40,  
19 Gutter Guys LLC 6.12, Hach Co. 2,074.38, Hawkins Inc. 9,947.74, Henry Schein Inc. 394.86,  
20 House Doctors Painting & Restoration 1,060.00, Hutcheson Engineering Products Inc. 6,453.57,  
21 IAFC 1,530.00, Interstate Battery Arlington 299.90, Jarman's Water Systems 120.00, Jemco-  
22 Maxair 4,678.88, Johnson Feed Inc. 20,419.34, Ken's Superfair Foods 60.00, Killoran Trucking &  
23 Brokerage 26,968.72, Knight Towing 24,255.00, Lawson Products Inc. 284.45, Linde Inc.  
24 6,922.50, M & T Fire & Safety Inc. 392.92, MacQueen Emergency Group 1,418.44, Mac's Inc  
25 80.50, Marco Technologies LLC 363.95, Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC 4,140.00, Matheson  
26 Tri-Gas Inc. 115.06, Menards Inc. 172.76, Midstates Group 919.00, Minnesota Valley Testing  
27 Labs 513.75, Morrison Construction 84,798.95, MTI Distributing 2,327.15, NE Council of  
28 Government 7,405.33, Northern Electric 2,040.82, O'Reilly Auto Parts 153.27, Performance Oil  
29 & Lubricants 4,122.51, Pomp's Tire Service 63.00, Prahm Construction Inc. 35,949.78, Pressure  
30 Washer Central 83.88, Prevention Magazine 300.00, RDO Equipment Co. 3,705.41, Runnings  
31 Supply Inc. #14 527.56, Sansio Inc. 1,261.25, Scott Blanchard 353.07, SD Department Health Lab

1 648.00, SD Dept. of Agriculture & Natural Resources 25,000.00, SD Fire Chiefs Assn. 200.00,  
2 SD Firefighters Assn. 1,325.00, SD Municipal League 16,743.00, SD Secretary Of State 30.00,  
3 Sdn Communications 3,810.00, Sesac 1,278.00, Share Corp 1,433.93, Shirley A. Jacobs  
4 30,000.00, Shoe Science 180.00, Stryker Sales LLC 996.03, Target Solutions 22,865.91, Taylor  
5 Healthcare Products 380.28, Titan Access Productivity 787.78, Titles of Dakota 500.00, T-Mobile  
6 USA Inc. 2,488.20, Transource Truck & Equipment 73.00, US Bank Corp St. Paul 1,200.00, USA  
7 Blue Book 229.90, Vestis Group Inc. 497.13, Vollan Oil Co. 20,042.57

8 Payroll for the period from December 28, 2025, through January 10, 2026, and city share  
9 of social security, old age & survivor's insurance, retirement, health and life insurance. Roll call  
10 vote to approve, with Council Member Foubert abstaining to Dacotah Bank, Mayor Schaunaman  
11 abstaining to Climate Control, all present voting aye, motion carried.

## 12 **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

13 City Manager McNeil discussed a previous meeting and Fire Chief Weig provided a brief  
14 on the recent fires.

## 15 **ADJOURNMENT**

16 There being no further business, motion by Johnson, second by Novstrup, to adjourn the  
17 meeting. Voice vote to adjourn, all present voting aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at  
18 6:07 p.m.

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