

1 **MINUTES**

2 **ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

3 City Council Chambers, 123 South Lincoln Street, Municipal Building, Aberdeen, South
4 Dakota, March 2, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., regular meeting of the City Council.

5 **CALL TO ORDER**

6 **MEETING ROLL CALL**

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

10 City Staff present were Dave McNeil, Ron Wager, Stuart Nelson, Ken Hubbard, Joel Weig,
11 Tanner Jondahl, and Jordan McQuillen.

12 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

13 Mayor Schaunaman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

14 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

15 Motion by Johnson, second by Ekanger, to approve the amended agenda with the addition
16 of item 5G in the consent calendar. Voice vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

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18 Motion by Liebelt, second by Ward, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2026, City
19 Council Meeting, as circulated. Voice vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

20 **OPEN FORUM**

21 No one appeared in open forum to address the Council.

22 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

25 **REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM CITY BOARD** – Receive and place on file: Park &
26 Recreation Board Meeting on January 7, 2025

27 **SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON MARCH 23, 2026**, at 5:30 p.m. for Ordinance 26-
28 03-02, a petition to rezone certain property located at 1400 Third Street South

29 **PETITION OF VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION** – refer petition to City Engineer, City
30 Attorney, and Planning/Zoning Director for recommendations: RES 26-03-01R – Lot 2, Lamont
31 Thirteenth Addition in the NE ¼ and the SE ¼ and the SW ¼ of Section 20 T123N R63W of the

1 5th P.M., Brown County SD

2 PETITION OF VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION – refer petition to City Engineer, City
3 Attorney, and Planning/Zoning Director for recommendations: RES 26-03-02R – Lot 3 and Lot 4,
4 Lamont Thirteenth Addition in the NE ¼ and the SE ¼ and the SW ¼ of Section 20 T123N R63W
5 of the 5th P.M., Brown County SD

6 NEW ADVERTISING/SIGN HANGING CITY LICENSE: Scenic Sign Corp.

7 SET BID DATE ON MARCH 31, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. for the Aberdeen Public Works
8 Maintenance Building

9 APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO SIGN WATER
10 INVESTMENT IN NORTHERN SOUTH DAKOTA (WINS) letter requesting \$2,000,000 in
11 grant funds from Board of Water and Natural Resources for WINS project

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

13 **OLD BUSINESS**

14 APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING/FINAL ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ORD
15 26-02-03, A PETITION TO REZONE FROM R-3 TO M, PROPERTY AT 3304 HARRISON
16 STREET N, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 7, BLOCK 6, HAPI SECOND NORTH
17 ABERDEEN SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF ABERDEEN, IN THE NW¼ OF SECTION 6-
18 TOWNSHIP 123 NORTH-RANGE 63 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH
19 DAKOTA

20 Community Development Director Hubbart presented the second reading of Ordinance
21 26-02-03. Motion by Ronayne, second by Ward, to approve the second reading and final adoption
22 of Ordinance 26-02-03, a petition to rezone from R-3 to M, property at 3304 Harrison Street N,
23 legally described as Lot 7, Block 6, HAPI Second North Aberdeen Subdivision to the City of
24 Aberdeen, in the NW¼ of Section 6-Township 123 North-Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., Brown
25 County, South Dakota. Roll call vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

26 APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING/FINAL ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ORD
27 26-02-04, A PETITION TO REZONE FROM R-2 TO M, PROPERTY AT 2006 LAWSON
28 STREET S, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 2, SECOND REPLAT OF SOUTHAVEN FIRST
29 ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ABERDEEN, IN THE NW¼ OF SECTION 30-TOWNSHIP 123
30 NORTH-RANGE 63 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

31 Community Development Director Hubbart presented the second reading of Ordinance 26-

1 02-04. Motion by Johnson, second by Novstrup, to approve the second reading and final adoption
 2 of Ordinance 26-02-04, a petition to rezone from R-2 to M, property at 2006 Lawson Street S,
 3 legally described as Lot 2, Second Replat of Southaven First Addition to the City of Aberdeen, in
 4 the NW¼ of Section 30-Township 123 North-Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County,
 5 South Dakota. Roll call vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

6 APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING/FINAL ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ORD
 7 26-02-05, A PETITION TO REZONE FROM I-1 TO M, PROPERTY AT 4406 EIGHTH
 8 AVENUE NE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, NE WATER TOWER ADDITION TO THE
 9 CITY OF ABERDEEN, IN THE NE¼ OF THE NW¼ OF SECTION 16-TOWNSHIP 123
 10 NORTH-RANGE 63 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

11 Community Development Director Hubbart presented the second reading of Ordinance 26-
 12 02-05. Motion by Nilson, second by Ward, to approve the second reading and final adoption of
 13 Ordinance 26-02-05, , a petition to rezone from I-1 to M, property at 4406 Eighth Avenue NE,
 14 legally described as Lot 1, NE Water Tower Addition to the City of Aberdeen, in the NE¼ of the
 15 NW¼ of Section 16-Township 123 North-Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South
 16 Dakota. Roll call vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

17 **NEW BUSINESS**

18 WELCOME AND UPDATE FROM LEADERSHIP ABERDEEN CLASS OF 2026

19 Mayor Schaunaman welcomed the Leadership Aberdeen Class of 2026 with Chamber CEO
 20 Gail Ochs and participants highlighting their program and contributions to the community.

21 APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-03-03 REGARDING
 22 FIREARMS

23 City Attorney Wager presented the first reading of Ordinance Number 26-03-03. Motion
 24 by Ward, second by Novstrup, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 26-03-03 regarding
 25 firearms. Roll call vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

26 APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-03-04 REGARDING
 27 AIR GUNS AND HOAX WEAPONS

28 City Attorney Wager presented the first reading of Ordinance Number 26-03-04. Motion
 29 by Ronayne, second by Ward, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 26-03-04 regarding
 30 air guns and hoax weapons. Roll call vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

31 APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST #5 FOR WT-2025-1 (WATER TOWER AND

1 TRANSMISSION LINE) IN THE AMOUNT \$1,373,026.45 TO LANDMARK STRUCTURES
2 INC. OF FORT WORTH, TX FOR SCHEDULE B

3 Assistant City Engineer Spellman presented the pay request. Motion by Johnson, second
4 by Novstrup, to approve Pay Request #5 for WT-2025-1 (Water Tower and Transmission Line) in
5 the amount \$1,373,026.45 to Landmark Structures Inc. of Fort Worth, TX for Schedule B. Roll
6 call vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

7 APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE FOR THE 2026 WATER
8 TREATMENT PLANT ROOFING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

9 City Engineer Nelson presented the change order. Motion by Ronayne, second by Ward,
10 to approve Change Order number one for the 2026 Water Treatment Plant Roofing Improvements
11 project. Roll call vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried.

12 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**

13 Motion by Ekanger, second by Nilson, to approve payment of the bills listed for March 2,
14 2026.

15 Bills having been audited by the Finance Officer and fully itemized and authorize the
16 Mayor or City Manager to sign, and the Finance Officer to countersign, all warrants for payment
17 of the following approved bills: Aberdeen Gymnastics Assn. 7,000.00, Aberdeen Insider 750.80,
18 American Solutions for Bus. 2,947.00, AT&T Cell 1,771.73, ATCO International 1,588.80, Auto
19 Value – Aberdeen 206.38, Avera St. Luke’s Hospital 1,312.46, Bound Tree Medical LLC
20 3,750.00, Butler Machinery Co. 8,263.14, Century Business Products 40.53, Convention Visitors
21 Bureau 33,578.72, Crawford Trucks & Equip. 2,153.16, D & J Filter Service 2,694.00, Dakota
22 Fluid Power Inc. 72.16, Dakota Supply Group 470.12, Dave McNeil 76.00, Dependable Sanitation
23 66.00, Eddie’s Northside Sinclair 5,152.50, Emily Newton 1,050.00, Galls Inc. 104.25, Geffdog
24 Designs 380.00, Henry Schein Inc. 475.83, Jemco-MaxAir 550.84, JGE Inc. 931.74, Johnson Feed
25 Inc. 2,132.80, Knight Towing 8,902.50, Ladner Electric 137.62, Landmark Structures I LP
26 1,373,026.45, Lynn Hanson 2,250.00, Mac’s Inc. 75.13, Marco Technologies LLC 248.42,
27 Matheson Tri-Gas Inc. 370.60, Menards Inc. 87.68, NAPA Central 320.00, Nelson Sales & Service
28 LLC 8.62, Pomp’s Tire Service 1,518.69, RDO Equipment Co. 6,944.28, Sansio Inc. 1,261.25,
29 SD Dept. of Transportation 8,621.97, Share Corp. 1,884.57, Stacy Vrchota 1,760.00, Stan Houston
30 Equipment Inc. 1,727.00, Transource Truck & Equipment 19.98, Travis Schaunaman 48.00, Vestis
31 Group Inc. 314.31, Vollan Oil Co. 10,612.66.

1 Payroll for the period from February 22, 2026, through March 7, 2026, and city share of
2 social security, old age & survivor's insurance, retirement, health and life insurance.

3 Roll call vote to approve, with Mayor Schaunaman abstaining to payment self, all present
4 voting aye, motion carried.

5 **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

6 City Manager McNeil recognized an employee milestone and reviewed the previous snow
7 removal process.

8 Council Member Ward departed the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

9 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

10 Motion by Nilson, second by Ekanger, to move into executive session to discuss
11 confidential commercial or financial information pursuant to SDCL § 9-34-19. Voice vote to
12 approve, all present voting aye, motion carried. The Council moved into executive session at 6:08
13 p.m.

14 Mayor Schaunaman departed the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

15 Motion by Nilson, second by Ekanger, to end executive session and return to opening
16 meeting. Voice vote to approve, all present voting aye, motion carried. The Council returned to
17 open meeting at 7:10 p.m.

18 **ADJOURNMENT**

19 There being no further business, motion by Novstrup, second by Ekanger, to adjourn the
20 meeting. Voice vote to adjourn, all present voting aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at
21 7:10 p.m.

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