

GARDEN CITY TOWN BOARD

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

The Town Board of Garden City met in regular session on January 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Garden City Fire Hall. President Hansen brought the meeting to order with the following people present: Joyce Hansen, Jake Leibke, David Waples, Finance Officer Andrea Helkenn and Water Technician Alan Luckhurst.

AGENDA Motion by Hansen to approve agenda. Second by Leibke. All voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 None.

MINUTES of the December regular meeting were read. Motion by Hansen and a second by Leibke to approve the minutes. All voting aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS were reviewed and approved on a motion by Waples and a second by Hansen. All voting aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Second reading of the Water Ordinance 2008 Revised 2025 was held. Motion by Waples and second by Hansen to approve the ordinance with new changes. Will become effective February 4, 2026. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Hansen will contact Aberdeen attorney to close lawsuit against Scott Strohfus.

Outstanding bill/Alexander remains unpaid.

Leibke spoke with Terry Kaufman from Clark Rural Water concerning water samples. Kaufman will advise after a conference he will be attending.

Luckhurst gave update on sewer/water systems and what needs to be done when he leaves. Different options were discussed. No action taken at this time.

Letter explaining new sewer surcharge rate will be sent with water bills in January.

Leibke gave quotes on options for installing water meters.

Christmas lights will be down by January 15, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Hansen second by Leib-

ke to approve *Clark County Courier* as the designated newspaper for the town and to approve the following wages: Andrea Helkenn \$500.00/month, plus \$30.00 for extra meetings; Alan Luckhurst \$500.00/month, plus \$18.00/hr for extra hours; Town Board \$100.00 per meeting; \$15.00 per/hr for any extra help needed for the town.

Town Board election will be held June 2, 2026. Petitions can be taken out starting February 2 through March 24. Hansen spoke with the auditor's office concerning election changes this year since this election will be combined with school board/primary on the same day. Lots of unknowns yet. Will keep board updated.

Motion by Leibke and second by Waples to have Dakota Pump come in and do annual inspection of lift station.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Claims for January:

Motion by Hansen, second by Waples to approve the following claims: all voting aye, motion carried.

Alan Luckhurst \$652.67; Andrea Helkenn \$477.15; NWPS \$950.14; Public Health Lab \$20.00; Clark County Courier \$135.05; Clark Rural Water \$1,135.00; Jake Leibke \$369.40; Joyce Hansen \$369.40; David Waples \$369.40; Ace Hardware \$8.59; Sturdevant's \$41.98; U.S. Treasury \$859.10; S.D. Unemployment \$14.45; Elite Concrete \$127.55; Reporter & Farmer \$405.60.

Motion by Hansen to adjourn, second by Leibke. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Garden City Fire Hall Community Room.

Andrea Helkenn
Finance Officer

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