

Willow Lake City Council to begin charging churches service fees for water and sewer

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2026**

The City Council for the City of Willow Lake, S.D. met in regular session on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Mayor Del Bratland called the meeting to order.

Pledge to the Flag was recited followed by roll call. Present at roll call were Steven Johnson, Scott Borg, Jake Edleman and Leland Harding III. Finance Officer Heidi Madsen was also present.

Borg moved, seconded by Edleman to adopt the agenda with no additions. All voted aye.

Johnson moved, seconded by Borg to approve the published minutes from the December 8, 2025 regular meeting. All voted aye.

Borg moved, seconded by Harding to approve all financial reports ending December 31, 2025. All voted aye.

Johnson moved, seconded by Edleman to approve payment of the warrants and claims paid since December 8, 2025. All voted aye.

Claims Paid – Payroll: Finance Office \$3,288.02, Street Dept. \$1,661.85, Sewer Dept. \$1,440.77, Water Dept. \$1,440.89; EFTPS \$1,999.55, payroll taxes; SDRS \$1,125.18, retirement; AT&T Mobility \$182.52, cell phones; Auto Value Clark \$174.97, supplies; Choose Clark County \$5,000.00, contribution; Clark Ace Hardware \$23.96, supplies; Clark County Courier \$71.47, proceedings; Two Trees Technologies \$20.00, cloud backup; Cook’s Waste-paper & Recycling \$2,185.11, garbage; Clark Rural Water \$5,788.00, bulk water; Dacotah Bank 543.54, credit card, safe deposit box rental; DANR \$50.00, dues; Dept. of Health \$40.00, water samples; Dust Tex Service Inc. \$120.00, rugs; Efraimson Electric Inc. \$632.65, repair; ITC \$170.83, phone, internet; Kim Namuang \$100.00, water deposit refund; Northwestern Energy \$2,664.10, utilities; Office Peeps \$102.84, supplies; S.D. Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$150.73, sales tax; S.D. Federal Surplus \$180.00, supplies; S.D. Assn Rural Water Systems \$2,660.00, dues, televising lines; S.D. Govt Finance Officer Assn \$50.00, dues; S.D. Human Resource Assn \$25.00, dues; S.D. Municipal League \$546.00, dues; SDML Workers Comp Fund \$3,582.00, work comp insurance; S.D. Public Assurance Alliance \$20,063.88, insurance; Stryker Sales LLC \$195.41, AED supplies; USDA Rural Dev \$602.00, USDA water loan.

City Maintenance Superintendent Luke Zelinski gave the maintenance report. Borg moved, seconded by Harding to approve his report. All voted aye.

Johnson moved, seconded by Borg to purchase new pump for main lift station. All voted aye.

Edleman moved, seconded by Johnson to approve the agreement from Dakota Pump and Control for lift station inspections. All voted aye.

Borg moved, seconded by Harding to begin charging churches the service fees for water and sewer usage. All voted aye.

Borg moved, seconded Edleman to approve the annual contract from Code Enforcement Specialists. All vote aye.

Verizon Wireless building permit was reviewed.

Edleman moved to designate the official depository as Dacotah Bank, newspaper as *Clark County Courier* and city attorney as Vince Foley. Seconded by Borg. All voted aye.

Johnson moved, seconded by Borg to go into executive session at 7:47 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1). All voted aye.

Mayor Bratland declared out at 7:56 p.m.

Edleman moved, seconded by Borg to set the wages as listed in Resolution #99. All voted aye.

RESOLUTION #99

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing board of the City of Willow Lake, South Dakota:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish compensation for regular employees and persons serving on the City Council of the City of Willow Lake, South Dakota.

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Willow Lake, South Dakota the salaries for employees and persons serving on the City Council of the City of Willow Lake, South Dakota remain as follows for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

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Delwin Bratland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heidi Madsen, Finance Officer

No one present for public comment.

The past due accounts were reviewed. Disconnect date is scheduled for January 13, 2026. Edleman moved, seconded by Johnson. All voted aye.

Next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Center.

Edleman moved, seconded by Borg to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. All voted aye.

Delwin Bratland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heidi Madsen, Finance Officer

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