

Willow Lake council discusses development, approves cement at ballfield

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2026

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

Mayor Jacob Edleman called the meeting to order.

Pledge to the Flag was recited followed by roll call. Present at roll call were Scott Borg, Shane Wicks and Kristi Guerdet. Leland Harding III present via telephone. Finance Officer Heidi Maden was also present.

Also in attendance was Catie Noethlich and Marshall Edleman.

Wicks moved, seconded by Guerdet to adopt the agenda with no additions. All voted aye.

Harding moved, seconded by Wicks to approve the published minutes from the September 10, 2026, regular meeting. All voted aye.

Borg moved, seconded by Guerdet to approve all financial reports ending September 30, 2026. All voted aye.

Borg moved, seconded by Guerdet to approve payment of the warrants and claims paid since September 10, 2026. All voted aye.

Claims Paid – Payroll: Finance Office \$3,607.12, Street Dept. \$1,582.47, Sewer Dept. \$1,582.76, Water Dept. \$1,582.47, Recreation \$554.10, Parks \$2,129.00, Gen Gov't Building \$136.80; EFTPS \$2,493.26, payroll taxes; SDRS \$1,122.96, retirement; AT&T \$182.44, cell phones; Ramona Booth \$100.00, refund deposit; C.E.S. \$522.44, code enforcement; Clark Ace Hardware \$36.99, supplies; Clark County Courier \$53.72, proceedings; TwoTrees Technologies \$525.00, toner, backup; Cook's Wastepaper and Recycling

\$1,945.31, garbage; Clark Rural Water \$4,533.00, bulk water; Dacotah Bank \$4,034.48, credit card; Dakota Convenience \$234.36, fuel; Dept. of Health \$330.00, samples; Eastside Equipment \$953.79, skid steer repairs; Farmers Union \$1,258.00, fuel; Ferguson Waterworks \$446.96, meter parts; Foley and Foley Law Office \$503.50, attorney fees; Forest's Excavating \$1,897.12, water repairs, gravel; Hawkins \$1,237.67, pool chemical; Helms and Associates \$15,000, wastewater and water study; ITC \$170.73, phone, internet; Lake Grocery \$24.26, supplies; Mack-steel \$578.60, supplies; Maguire Iron Inc \$37,364.00, water tower repairs; MARC Inc \$1,435.00, sewer chemical; Menards \$646.95, supplies; Northwestern Energy \$3,386.60, utilities; Office Peeps \$337.86, supplies; Rebecca Schmidt \$100.00, refund deposit; S.D. Unemployment Insurance \$171.53, re-employment insurance; Uline \$944.82, supplies; S.D. Dept. of Revenue \$86.42, sales tax; USDA Rural Dev \$602.00, USDA water loan; Charles Wagner \$100.00, refund deposit; WW Tire Service \$118.01, repair; Luke Zelinski \$326.27, reimb supplies, mileage.

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

Trunk or Treat will be held October 31, 2026 on Garfield Avenue. Wicks moved, seconded by Borg to close a portion of Garfield Avenue from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All voted aye.

Marshall Edleman and Catie Noethlich discussed potential development opportunities on the Jackson Avenue Addition lots. Borg moved, seconded by Wicks to pursue rezoning Lots 2-5 Jackson Avenue Addition, contingent

on First District Association of Local Governments discretion on rezoning, ownership and notice process. All voted aye. Mayor Edleman abstained from discussion.

Committees were reviewed.

COMMITTEES FOR 2026-2027 Effective October 6, 2026

Recreation and Swimming Pool – Kristi Guerdet and Jacob Edleman

Public Properties – Shane Wicks and Leland Harding III

Liquor – Scott Borg and Leland Harding III

Finance and Revenue – Shane Wicks and Scott Borg

Streets and Alleys – Kristi Guerdet, Shane Wicks and Jake Edleman

Water and Sewer – Scott Borg and Jake Edleman

Rubble Site – Kristi Guerdet and Leland Harding III

Police – Scott Borg and Jake Edleman

Building Permits – Shane Wicks and Leland Harding III

Park – Kristi Guerdet and Scott Borg

Harding moved, seconded by Guerdet to approve the committee list. All voted aye.

Nuisance properties were discussed.

Small Community Planning Grant and State Water and Wastewater Plan has been submitted. The City has been approved for \$10,000 state reimbursement towards the study.

Proposed Ordinance 26-2 Water Hydrants and Installation of Meter Pits was discussed. No action taken.

Borg moved, seconded by Guerdet to approve the second reading of Ordinance #251 Increase Water Rates. All

voted aye.

Borg moved, seconded by Wicks to approve the second reading of Ordinance #26-1 2027 Budget Appropriations. All voted aye.

Wicks moved, seconded by Borg to approve the first reading of Ordinance #26-3 Supplemental. All voted aye.

Recreation Committee member Jennifer Tellinghuisen attended by phone to request \$12,000 to be put towards cement at ballfield. Borg moved, seconded by Guerdet to approve the request. All voted aye.

Luke Zelinski was present for public comment. He discussed potential commercial building development.

The past due accounts were reviewed. Disconnect date is scheduled for October 15, 2026. Borg moved, seconded by Wicks. All voted aye.

No need for executive session.

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

Wicks moved, seconded by Borg to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. All voted aye.

Jacob Edleman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heidi Madsen, Finance Officer

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