

Three positions becoming vacant on Willow Lake City Council

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2025

The City Council for the City of Willow Lake, S.D. met in regular session on Monday, December 8, 2025, 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, and Jack Edleman. Finance Officer Heidi Madsen was also present. Absent Leland Harding III.

Also in attendance was Catie Noethlich, MJ Schmidt and Lacey Zelinski..

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

Borg moved, seconded by Edleman to approve the published minutes from the November 6, 2025 regular meeting. All voted aye.

Johnson moved, seconded by Borg to approve all financial reports ending November 26, 2025. All voted aye.

Johnson moved, seconded by Edleman to approve payment of the warrants and claims paid since November 6, 2025. All voted aye.

Claims Paid – Payroll: Finance Office \$3,038.13; Street Dept. \$1,218.45;

Sewer Dept. \$1,178.44; Water Dept. \$1,177.97; EFTPS \$1,562.20, payroll taxes; SDRS \$924.96, retirement; AT&T Mobility \$182.00, cell phones; Auto Value Clark \$159.98, supplies; Clark Ace Hardware \$7.59, supplies; Clark County Courier \$65.69, proceedings; Two Trees Technologies \$20.00, cloud backup; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling \$1,752.38, garbage; Core and Main \$63.78, sewer supplies; Clark Rural Water \$5,428.00, bulk water; Dacotah Bank \$2,513.70, credit card; Dakota Convenience \$62.00, fuel; Eframson Electric \$433.32, repairs; Foley & Foley \$1,318.71, attorney fees; Innovative Office Solutions \$550.50, water bills; ITC \$177.22, phone, internet; Lake Grocery \$17.40, supplies; Northwestern Energy \$2,022.31, utilities; Paul Jennings Construction \$322.00, gravel; S.D. Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$111.42, sales tax; USDA Rural Dev \$602.00, USDA water loan.

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

Catie Noethlich with Choose Clark County provided updates of their funding opportunities and the new Community Connection App.

Borg moved, seconded by Johnson to approve \$5,000 contribution to Choose Clark County for 2026. All voted aye.

Inventory list for 2025 was reviewed. Johnson moved, seconded by Edleman to approve the list. All voted aye.

The following Volunteer Fire Fighters for the City of Willow Lake were recognized:

Garrett Seefeldt, Heath Seefeldt, Nate Wicks, Lane Wirtjes, Jeff Terhark, Cliff Bratland, Taylon LaMont, Curwin Bratland, Luke Zelinski, Chance Burke, Nathan Glanzer, Chance Burke Jr., Joe Fischer, Rory Burke, Kelly Dockter, Duane Seefeldt, Austin Swanhorst, Logan Tonak, Riley Ladwig, Jamie Hohm, Casey Schroader, Matt Kadinger, James O'Hara, Cody Nuttbrock, Brady LaMont, Aaron Quinn and Rick Zantow.

Those with terms ending are Council persons, Scott Borg (two-year term-Ward I), Steven Johnson (two-year term-Ward I), and Mayor, Delwin Bratland (two-year term). Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on February 2, 2026 and filed not later than 5:00 p.m. March 24, 2026.

Borg moved, seconded by Johnson to issue holiday bonus in the amount

of \$250.00 to Luke Zelinski and Heidi Madsen. All voted aye.

MJ Schmidt was present for public comment to discuss improvements and window repair at museum.

The past due accounts were reviewed. Disconnect date is scheduled for December 15, 2025. Johnson moved, seconded by Edleman. All voted aye.

No need for executive session.

Next regular council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Center.

Edleman moved, seconded by Borg to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. All voted aye.

Delwin Bratland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heidi Madsen, Finance Officer

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