

Willow Lake City Council approves hire of seasonal employees, wages

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 9, 2026

The City Council for the City of Willow Lake, S.D. met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 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, Jake Edleman, and Leland Harding III, and Scott Borg. Finance Officer Heidi Madsen was also present.

Also in attendance were MJ Schmidt, Kristi Guerdet and Jennifer Tellinghuisen.

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

Johnson moved, seconded by Edleman to approve the published minutes from the February 9, 2026 regular meeting. All voted aye.

Borg moved, seconded by Edleman to approve all financial reports ending February 26, 2026. All voted aye.

Johnson moved, seconded by Borg to approve payment of the warrants and claims paid since February 9, 2026. All voted aye.

Claims Paid – Payroll: Finance Office \$3,107.12; Street Dept. \$1,181.75; Sewer Dept. \$1,185.56; Water Dept. \$1,181.56; EFTPS \$1,531.74, payroll taxes; SDRS \$930.68, retirement; AT&T

Mobility \$182.44, cell phones; Auto Value Clark \$91.81, supplies; C&R Fire Suppression \$432.25, fire extinguisher inspection; Clark Ace Hardware \$49.99, supplies; Clark County Courier \$144.82, proceedings; Two Trees Technologies \$669.20, cloud backup; toner; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling \$1,617.25, garbage; Clark Rural Water \$5,678.00, bulk water; Dacotah Bank \$311.70, credit card; Department of Health \$40.00, water samples; Gustavo Garcia Soto \$100.00, water deposit refund; ITC \$170.37, phone, internet; Jaycie Forbes \$100.00, water deposit refund; Lake Grocery \$24.24, supplies; MARC \$684.00, sewer chemical; Northwestern Energy \$3,114.65, utilities; USDA Rural Dev \$602.00, USDA water loan; U.S. Postal Service \$126.00, box rental.

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

Recreation Committee members Kristi Guerdet and Jennifer Tellinghuisen discussed the upcoming recreation season. Sign up night will be March 24 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Johnson moved, seconded by Edleman to approve the purchase of a chest freezer and fridge for the swimming pool. All voted aye.

Borg moved, seconded by Edleman

to approve the hire of the following summer part-time seasonal employees and wages as listed below, upon lifeguard or WSI certification. All voted aye.

Shelby Guerdet Pool Manager \$1,900/season, \$15.00/hour pool attendant

Zoe Nichols WSI \$15.35/hour WSI, \$14.35/hour lifeguard

Emma Bochek Lifeguard \$14.35/hour

Charli McCune Lifeguard \$14.35/hour

Chyanne Guerdet Lifeguard \$14.35/hour

Alyssa Madsen Lifeguard \$14.35/hour

Selma Nelson Lifeguard \$14.35/hour

Archer Felberg Pool attendant \$12.00/hour

Ky Vandersnick Field prep \$75/game

Garrett Schmidt 10u baseball \$600/season

Melissa Terhark girls t-ball \$600/season

Jennifer Tellinghuisen 8u softball \$600/season

Kayla Edleman 10u softball \$600.00/season

MJ Schmidt discussed museum building repair.

Johnson moved, seconded by Harding to approve Trugreen contract for spraying park. All voted aye.

Borg moved, seconded by Edleman to approve the 2025 Annual Report. All voted aye.

The board will be sitting as a Review Board on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing and correcting assessment of said taxing district for the year 2026. All appeals must be submitted in writing to the finance office not later than March 12, 2026.

No one present for public comment.

The past due accounts were reviewed. Disconnect date is scheduled for March 17, 2026. Borg moved, seconded by Johnson. All voted aye.

No need for executive session.

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

Borg moved, seconded by Edleman to adjourn the meeting at 8:03p.m. All voted aye.

Delwin Bratland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heidi Madsen, Finance Officer

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