

# Clark City Council table hay land auction due to prospects of new fire hall, discuss summer rec policies

## CITY OF CLARK COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 7, 2026

**Call to order:** The Clark City Council met in regular session on April 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Room.

**Council Members Present:** Shane Hagstrom, Derrick Dohmann, Brandon Kottke, Melissa Nesheim and Andrew Zemlicka. Nick Dalton was absent.

**Others Present:** Mayor Kerry Kline, Finance Officer Rae Jean Flora, City Attorney Chad Fjelland (via Zoom), Deputy Finance Officer April Fitzgerald, Tammy Rusher, Cassi Kottke, Jason Foster, Rodney Foster, Tony Werdel and Rich Foster.

Mayor Kline called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Motion # 036-2026 Amend Agenda**

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Zemlicka to amend the agenda to include under department updates: trading skid steer and adding pool donation as the 12th item on the agenda. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

### **Motion # 037-2026 Adopt Agenda**

Motion by Kottke and seconded by Zemlicka to adopt the amended agenda. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Motion # 38-2026 Hay Land Auction**

After much discussion about the hayground land, with the fire department being represented by Tony Werdel and Shane Hagstrom, informing the Council that they could save as much as \$80,000 by using the dirt, from the hill on that ground, as fill for the new fire hall that is being planned. Kottke made a motion to table the auction until the next meeting, when we have more information from the fire department. Dohmann seconded the motion. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

### **Public Hearing on the Resolution of Intent for 3-Year Crop Land Lease**

A public hearing was held on the Resolution of Intent for the three-year Crop Land Lease with Cody Wookey and Jason McHenry.

### **Motion # 39-2026 Three-Year Contract**

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Nesheim to approve the three-year crop land lease with Cody Wookey and Jason McHenry. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

### **Public Input**

There was nobody present for public input, but Nesheim did say that she has had some complaints about the summer rec fees costing more for out-of-town players. Other Council members and Mayor Kline have heard the same complaints. They reiterated the reasoning behind their decision, as being due to the fact that the amount of money that comes in does not pay for all the costs to the City for the program and the City taxpayers are the ones that ultimately pay for the remainder of the costs of the program, so they feel the City's citizens should be able to get a small price break (\$10). Nesheim also said that she has visited with Summer Rec Coordinator in response to a question that had been presented to her about not allowing students from out-of-county to play here, and it has been decided that if any out-of-county students (that do not go to school in Clark) want to play for the Clark teams, they will be put on a waitlist. And, if we need more people on a team, they will be utilized, but our teams are already so full that there won't be any guarantees.

### **Motion # 040-2026 Backhoe Operator Bids**

Motion by Zemlicka and seconded by Nesheim to accept the bid from Forest Excavating, Inc. for backhoe operator. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

### **Motion # 041-2026 Solid Waste Collection Bids**

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Kottke to accept the bid from Cook's Wastepaper and Recycling for solid waste collection. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

### **Department Updates**

*Hagstrom reported, for the Clark Fire Department, that they are having a meeting the next night to decide where the new fire hall will go.*

*Nesheim reported that the older softball teams have changed leagues from the Watertown league to the Northern Plains league, so they will have some games, in Clark, now. The Summer Rec*

*Coordinator is busy recruiting coaches and setting schedules.*

*Kottke asked if they could receive a draft of the agenda the week before the meeting, to know if they need to do research on any of the items on the agenda or add to it. Flora said that would not be a problem.*

*Rusher said they had a good opening weekend; discounted memberships will be available the weekend of April 11-12 only. The new kitchen is great. Golf kids have started practice on the course.*

*Flora brought up buying iPads for the Council to replace their current tablet. They don't want them now; they would like the forms displayed on the TV screen instead. Flora would like to see Chief Wellnitz get paid for installing the replacement cameras for the City; the Council said to have him keep track of his hours, and they would decide on an amount when he is finished. Flora presented the annual report to the Council; she stated that Dala Albright would like to see four new garbage cans and four new picnic tables at Dickinson Park by the concession stand; the council said if there was money in the budget to buy the garbage cans, we could, but the tables would have to be put on next year's budget.*

*Flora updated the Council on a couple things that the Public Works Supervisor wanted discussed, as he was unable to attend. The dumpground will be opening in about two weeks, if the weather holds and isn't too wet; the first weekend will be free dump for trees and branches only, and the rest of the stuff brought out will be the same price as always. The dumpground fees will remain the same as last year.*

*The Clark Community Aquatics Center would like permission to move the pull-tab machine from the Sportsman Bar to the Golf Club for the summer. Kottke and Nesheim explained how the process worked. With Rusher's agreement, the council decided that the move would be fine with them. The machine will be moved on Friday, April 10.*

### **Motion # 042-2026**

#### **Approve Department Updates**

Motion by Kottke and seconded by Hagstrom to approve all of the above department updates, including the finance officer's annual report. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

### **Motion # 043-2026 Approve TC Energy Grant Application**

Motion by Nesheim and seconded by Hagstrom to approve Deputy Finance Officer April Fitzgerald to apply for the TC Energy grant for rubber mulch at the parks. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

### **Motion # 044-2026**

#### **Set Pool Fees for 2026**

Motion was made by Nesheim and seconded by Zemlicka to keep the same pool rates as in 2026 with one change. The city will offer \$50 punchcards for water aerobics that will be valid for this year only while still honoring the punch cards from last year that were sold for \$100 for two years. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

### **CCAC Voting Donation**

The CCAC representatives asked that the City commit to an amount they will be able to donate toward the pool. The Council said that the City had really just been waiting for them to come up with an amount they needed, and the City was planning to look at their options then. Without knowing which company they are going with, to see how much the pool is going to actually cost, it is hard to commit to a certain sum. Flora was directed to check on some different loan options and present them at the next meeting.

### **Motion # 045-2026**

#### **Approve March Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Dohmann and seconded by Nesheim to approve the March meeting minutes. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

### **Motion # 046-2026**

#### **Approve Financial Statements**

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Zemlicka to approve the financial statements. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

### **Motion # 047-2026 Approve Claims**

Motion by Zemlicka and seconded by Kottke to approve the following claims. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

### **MARCH CLAIMS**

#### **#, To, For, Amount**

3559, Quill, supplies, \$198.88; 3560, Amazon Capital Services, supplies, \$364.45; 32393, Cook's Wastepaper and Recycling, utilities, \$381.85; 32394, Clark County Historical Society, subsidy, \$577.00; 32395, CCAC, friendly feud, \$300.00; 32396, American Carpet Care, carpet cleaning, \$769.65; 3562, State of S.D., city sales taxes, \$5.83;

3563, State of S.D., golf club sales taxes, \$14.84; 3568, Northwestern Energy, utilities, \$12.19; 3569, Northwestern Energy, utilities, \$502.84; 32397, BMP Rackmount Solutions, cameras, \$17,999.95; 3571, A&B Business, copier contract, \$100.43; 3572, Northwestern Energy, utilities, \$193.24; 3576, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, \$8,418.10; 32400, AT&T, utilities, \$176.19; **3/17/2026 PAYROLL:** Mayor, payroll, \$230.77; Finance Office, payroll, \$2,724.48; Govt Buildings, payroll, \$68.75; Police, payroll, \$4,580.77; Streets, payroll, \$4,765.04; Sewer, payroll, \$1,507.55; Water, payroll, \$1,507.84; Transit, payroll, \$644.00; Golf Club, payroll, \$483.00; Library, payroll, \$811.00; EFTPS, payroll taxes, \$3,683.13; **3/31/2026 PAYROLL:** Mayor, payroll, \$230.77; Finance Office, payroll, \$2,742.59; Govt Buildings, payroll, \$58.44; Police, payroll, \$4,580.77; Streets, payroll, \$5,113.84; Sewer, payroll, \$1,583.83; Water, payroll, \$1,584.13; Transit, payroll, \$203.00; Golf Course, payroll, \$570.00; Golf Club, payroll, \$990.75; Library, payroll, \$769.75; 3573, EFTPS, payroll taxes, \$4,249.04; 32398, S.D. Retirement, retirement, \$6,393.06; 32399, Child Support Payment Center, child support, \$583.39; 3574, AFLAC, employee contributions, \$229.05.

### **APRIL CLAIMS**

IMEG, design development, \$1,250.00; Core and Main, equipment replacement, \$7,100.00; S.D. Dept. of Health, water testing, \$40.00; Forest Excavating, drainage ditch extension, \$408.16; Vision Service Plan, insurance, \$451.50; S.D. Dept of Transportation, fuel, \$450.41; Olson Plumbing, golf clubhouse improvements, \$1,008.74; Principal Financial Group, insurance, \$46.62; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, \$8,418.10; Star Laundry, laundry/rug service, \$248.40; Clark County Historical Society, subsidy, \$577.00; S.D. Rural Development, sewer loan, \$787.00; S.D. Rural Development, water loan, \$908.00; S.D. Rural Development, sewer loan, \$1,307.00; Delta Dental of SD, insurance, \$1,519.45; A-I Computer Solutions, software update, \$65.00; Creative Printing, golf booklets, \$786.72; Elan Financial Services, credit card payment, \$762.87; Butler Machinery, repairs, \$931.83;

Banyon Data Systems, software support, \$2,125.00; Dakota Pump, pump monitoring, \$780.00; Chesterman, beverages, \$687.30; Northwestern Energy, utilities, \$9,519.12; Sturdevant's, parts, \$1,478.26; Clark County Courier, advertising, \$442.23; Woodring Plumbing, repairs at Dickinson Park, \$195.92; Oscar's Machine Shop, repairs, \$162.34; Share Corporation, golf club fly spray, \$343.08; Colonial Research Chemical Corp, sewer pond supplies, \$1,243.89; Ken's Food Fair, groceries, \$132.83; WW Tire, repairs, \$63.00; City of Clark, utilities, \$357.95; Tara Thomas, per diem for library director's retreat, \$329.20; Mack's Standard, repairs and fuel, \$1,042.10; Clark Ace Hardware, supplies and maintenance, \$2,785.10; U.S. Foods, groceries and supplies, \$4,292.23; Swank Movie Licensing, movie licensing, \$485.00; Cook's Wastepaper and Recycling, April garbage pickup, \$8,522.45; Tony's Electric, electrical work at clubhouse, \$1,667.27; Prairie Lakes Wellness Center, lifeguarding and instructor classes, \$550.00; Westside Implement, parts, \$1,746.62; Dean Hilmoe, top for flat top stove, \$80.00; U Drive Technology, texting tool, \$50.08; Van Diest, chemicals, \$8,563.00; Doug's Service and Marine Inc., repairs, \$2,524.28; Clark Community Oil, fuel, \$73.43; ITC, utilities, \$811.19; VGM Financial, Golf Cart Leasing, \$1,903.15.

### **Motion # 048-2026 Adjourn**

Motion by Dohmann and seconded by Nesheim to adjourn. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Mayor Kerry Kline

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Attest: Finance Officer  
Rae Jean Flora  
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