

No election needed in 2026 for City of Willow Lake

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 9, 2026

The City Council for the City of Willow Lake, S.D. met in regular session on Monday, April 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 Jacob Edleman, Steve Johnson, Scott Borg and Leland Harding III. Finance Officer Heidi Maden was also present.

Also in attendance were Crystal Kannegieter, Ron Denman, MJ Schmidt, Kristi Guerdet, Jennifer Tellingshuisen and Ryan Kohl.

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 March 9, 2026 regular meeting and March 16, 2026 special meeting and equalization meeting. All voted aye. There was an error in March 16, 2026 regular meeting minutes; Archer Felberg wage should have been listed as \$13/hour.

Borg moved, seconded by Johnson to approve all financial reports ending March 31, 2026. All voted aye.

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

Claims Paid – Payroll: Finance Office \$3,179.62; Street Dept. \$1,381.31;

Sewer Dept. \$1,381.22; Water Dept. \$1,381.31; EFTPS \$1,743.84, payroll taxes; SDRS \$1,026.44, retirement; AgTegra \$439.73, propane; Asphalt Paving & Materials \$1,208.36, crushed asphalt; AT&T Mobility \$182.44, cell phones; Auto Value \$135.17, supplies; Clark Ace Hardware \$229.07, supplies; Clark County Courier \$373.05, proceedings, annual report; TwoTrees Technologies \$20.00, backup; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling \$2,158.68, garbage; Creative Product Sourcing \$217.00, DARE shirts; Clark Rural Water \$5,678.00, bulk water; Dacotah Bank \$1,048.39, credit card; Dakota Pump & Control \$17,153.56, pump, repairs; Dakota Data Shred \$105.31, shredding; Dept. of Health \$40.00, water samples; Forest's Excavating \$9,020.73, hydrant, curbstop; ITC \$173.44, phone, internet; Lake Grocery \$47.61, supplies; Menard's \$607.52, supplies; Northwestern Energy \$2,910.06, utilities; Runnings \$6.79, supplies; S.D. Assn Rural Water Systems \$520.00, hydrant testing; S.D. Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$414.86, sales tax; SDML Workers Comp \$675.00, insurance; S.D. Unemployment Insurance Div \$151.16, reemployment insurance; Team Lab \$1,829.00, pothole patch; USDA Rural Dev \$602.00, USDA water loan.

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

Borg moved, seconded by Johnson to approve the bid from Leo's construction for \$11,171.53 to install a door

on building in Jackson Ave. Addition. All voted aye.

Complaint filed by Anita Townsend regarding line maintenance fee was reviewed. Borg moved, seconded by Edleman to deny her request. All voted aye.

Crystal Kannegieter and Ron Denman addressed the council with their concerns of the water level of the waterway through town and drainage. Borg moved, seconded by Johnson to table the agenda item to May meeting when more information will be available. All voted aye.

Kristi Guerdet and Jennifer Tellingshuisen from the Recreation Committee were present to discuss the upcoming recreation and pool season. Fence around the swimming pool will be acted on at the August 2026 regular meeting.

Borg moved, seconded by Edleman to hire Garrett Schmidt for 8u boys baseball coach. All voted aye.

MJ Schmidt presented a quote from Schuelke Construction to add a doorway in the museum building. Borg moved, seconded by Johnson to approve the quote for \$250. All voted aye.

Edleman moved, seconded by Johnson to approve \$35/month residential and \$38/month commercial sewer rates. All voted aye.

Cook's Wastepaper and Recycling will be conducting citywide cleanup April 17, 2026.

Edleman moved, seconded by Harding to approve the Wellmark insurance renewal. All voted aye.

Johnson moved, seconded by Borg

to approve the Trugreen quote in the amount of \$2,600 to spray ballfield and swimming pool. All voted aye.

Edleman moved, seconded by Borg to accept the 2025 Drinking Water report. All voted aye.

There will not be an election. Petitions filed for Ward I two-year term by Shane Wicks and Mayor two-year term Jacob Edleman. Will need to appoint Ward I one-year term and Ward II one-year term at July meeting.

Ryan Kohl was present for public comment. He discussed his run for District 4 House of Representatives.

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

No need for executive session.

Next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Johnson moved, seconded by Harding to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. All voted aye.

Delwin Bratland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heidi Madsen, Finance Officer

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