

Clark City Council approves Nick Dalton resignation, appoints Jim Zeck to Ward I position

CITY OF CLARK COUNCIL MEETING MAY 5, 2026

Call to order: The Clark City Council met in regular session on May 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Room.

Council Members Present: Shane Hagstrom, Brandon Kottke, Andrew Zemlicka and Melissa Nesheim (via Zoom).

Others Present: Mayor Kerry Kline, Finance Officer Rae Jean Flora (via Zoom), Deputy Finance Officer April Fitzgerald, Tammy Rusher, Cassi Kottke, Todd Warkenthien, Darin Altfillisch, Jim Zeck, Lana and Don Greenfield, Tony Werdel, Ronnie Clausen and Chief of Police Jeremy Wellnitz.

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

Motion # 049-2026

Adopt Agenda

Motion by Zemlicka and seconded by Nesheim to adopt the agenda. Roll call vote and all members voting yes. Motion carried.

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion # 050-2026

Dalton Resignation

Nick Dalton will be moving out of the city of Clark and has turned in his resignation, as he is unable to fulfill his duties as Ward 1 council person. Motion by Zemlicka and seconded by Kottke to approve the resignation. All members voting yes by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion # 051-2026

Zeck Appointment

Jim Zeck is running for Ward 1 council person unopposed. Mayor Kline would like to appoint him effective immediately. Motion by Hagstrom, seconded by Kottke. Roll call vote with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Public Input

Political candidate Ryan Kohl was present and spoke regarding his run

for District 4 House. Tammy Rusher discussed that the group putting together a 250th celebration would like to have a parade on July 11; line up would start at 4:00 p.m. with the parade at 4:30 p.m.

Motion # 052-2026

Greenfield's Fireworks

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Zemlicka to approve Greenfield's selling fireworks on City-owned property to the north and east of the med van building. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Department Updates

Altfillisch reported that crack sealing is being done on North Commercial Street, and the City crew is getting the pool scrubbed and ready to be painted. The paint is on order, and the lifeguards will be helping with painting; paint needs to sit for 10 days, then will plan to start filling and looking for any leaks. The semi is being worked on currently; he's hoping to get it fixed and put it out for surplus and purchase something different.

Rusher has the sheds labeled and updated the Council on memberships so far for the season. Couple memberships have increased. Dorene Foster is booked for the Friday night tournament during Potato Days. There are two carts that are out being worked on.

Wellnitz reported that the new cameras are almost all done. These new cameras do not include any audio. There are no microphones or sound.

Fitzgerald reported that we received the DANR safe drinking water award and did not receive the TC Energy grant this year. Lifeguards have all been hired and are attending training. We purchased a couple rock climbing walls that will be installed at the current pool and will be able to also be used in the new pool. Mike Olson, code enforcement, would like the Council to know of a resident that has a shed that needs to be removed and would like to give a work order for the City crew to handle that.

Motion # 053-2026

Approve Department Updates

Motion by Kottke and seconded by Hagstrom to approve all the above department updates. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion #054-2026 Approve Malt Beverage and S.D. Farm Wine Licenses

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Kottke to approve the malt beverage and S.D. farm wine licenses for The Big C Travel Plaza and Ken's Fairway Foods. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Loan options for new pool

The Clark Community Aquatic Center has raised \$1 million and is looking to the City for their next contribution. Fitzgerald reported that a \$1 million loan through Dacotah Bank for nine years would have an annual payment of \$147,022.24. If stretched to 10 years, the annual payment would be \$135,867.96. These numbers were reported by Brandon Herr at Dacotah Bank. After discussion, the Council would like to get different loan options for \$500,000, \$750,000 and \$1 million and would like to know interest rates, annual repayment amounts and duration. This topic was tabled so that information can be gathered and will be discussed later this month.

Appoint Capital improvements board/implementing a capital sales tax

A discussion took place regarding the Capital Improvement Process. This would be a penny sales tax. The board would include one council person and four residents of the municipality. These board members are appointed by the mayor and approved by the governing body. Mayor Kline will reach out to some members of the community to get their interest in joining this board and will be decided on at the next meeting. This topic was tabled.

Motion # 055-2026

Approve April Meeting Minutes

Motion by Zemlicka and seconded by Kottke to approve the March meet-

ing minutes. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 056-2026

Approve Financial Statements

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

Motion # 057-2026

Approve Claims

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Zeck to approve the following claims. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

APRIL CLAIMS

#, To, For, Amount

IMEG, Design Development, \$1,250.00; Core & 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 S.D., 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 & 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 & Marine Inc., Repairs, \$2,524.28; Clark Community Oil, Fuel, \$73.43; ITC, Utilities, \$811.19; VGM Financial, Golf Cart Leasing, \$1,903.15.

MAY CLAIMS

Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance, \$8,418.10; Hawkins, Inc., Equipment, \$2,620.98; Porter Distributing, Liquor, \$99.65; Star Laundry, Laundry Service, \$246.35; Tony's Electric, Repairs at Dickinson Park, \$3,456.23; Westside Implement, parts, \$267.64; Republic National Distribution Co., Liquor, \$624.20; Southern Glazer's, Liquor, \$361.66; Johnson Brothers - S.D., Liquor, \$621.62; Delta Dental, Insurance, \$1,519.45; Pitney Bowes, Postage, \$1,041.99; Principal Financial, Insurance, \$46.62; Vision Service Plan, Insurance, \$451.50; Rivards Turf & Forage, Grass Seed, \$1,002.06; S.D. Dept. of Health, Water Testing, \$40.00; Zimco Supply Co., Chemicals, \$4,672.50; Chesterman Company, Concessions, \$682.65; Clark Building Center & Ranch Supply, Supplies, \$193.40; Moeller Sheet Metal, A/C check at City Hall, \$299.85; Motorola Solutions, Inc., Police Equipment, \$192.00; Clark Co. 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; U.S. Bank Corp., Water Loan, \$9,415.66; U.S. Bank Corp., Sewer Loan, \$25,016.47; Recreation Supply Co., Machinery & Supplies, \$11,116.17; Department of Transportation, Fuel, \$408.27; Joe Medanich Asphalt, Crack Sealing, \$30,750.00.

Motion # 058-2026

Executive Session

Motion by Zemlicka and seconded by Hagstrom to enter executive session for personnel and contractual issues, per SDCL 1-25-2.1 & 4. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 8:17 p.m. and ended executive session at 9:09 p.m.

Motion # 059-2026

Executive Session

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Zemlicka to appoint Tom LaBrie, Terry Schlagel and Brent Forest as appraisers of City-owned hay ground on the east side of town. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 060-2026

Adjourn

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Zemlicka to adjourn. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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Mayor Kerry Kline

Attest: Finance Officer
Rae Jean Flora
(seal)

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