

Willow Lake City Council approves spousal health insurance, part time help

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 11, 2026

The City Council for the City of Willow Lake, S.D. met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 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, and Leland Harding III. Absent Scott Borg. Finance Officer Heidi Maden was also present.

Also in attendance were Shelby Guerdet.

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

Johnson moved, seconded by Edleman to approve the published minutes from the April 9, 2026 regular meeting.

Edleman moved, seconded by Harding to approve all financial reports ending April 30, 2026. All voted aye.

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

Claims Paid – Payroll: Finance Office \$3,741.96, Street Dept. \$1,347.77, Sewer Dept. \$1,347.68, Water Dept. \$1,347.77, Mayor \$1,454.51, Council \$2,724.33; EFTPS \$2,604.29, payroll taxes; SDRS \$1,109.36, retirement;

AT&T Mobility \$182.40, cell phones; Auto Value \$228.80, supplies; Clark Ace Hardware \$132.18, supplies; Clark County Courier \$219.99, proceedings; TwoTrees Technologies \$20.00, backup; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling \$1,700.65, garbage; Clark Rural Water \$5,473.00, bulk water; Dacotah Bank \$315.91, credit card; Dakota Convenience \$109.98, fuel; Dakota Pump & Control \$516.07, lift station repairs; Fast Threads \$1,104.00, baseball uniforms; Hawkins \$1,843.17, pool chemical; ITC \$168.71, phone, internet; Lake Grocery \$10.58, supplies; Northwestern Energy \$3,037.24, utilities; S.D. Municipal League \$40.00, registration fee; S.D. One Call \$1.05, locates; Sign Pro \$9.56, golf cart stickers; Trugreen \$650.00, ballfield spraying; USDA Rural Dev \$602.00, USDA water loan; S.D. Dept. of Revenue \$301.01, sales tax.

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

Edleman moved, seconded by Harding to approve the hire of Lacey Zelinski for part-time maintenance help for the summer season. Wage set at \$20.00/hour. All voted aye.

Johnson moved, seconded by Edleman to approve the quote from Dan Thompson to remove dead trees in park in the amount of \$1,200.00. All

voted aye.

Whitney Edleman from The Rusty Nail requested temporary liquor licenses for the Slew Crew Ranch Rodeo on June 20, 2026, and Jakob Hohm ride on July 25, 2026. Johnson moved, seconded by Harding to approve both temporary liquor licenses. All voted aye.

Johnson moved, seconded by Edleman to hire Alex Hohertz for boys t-ball coach. All voted aye.

Ditch along Grant Avenue was discussed.

Edleman moved, seconded by Harding to approve Resolution #100 Utility Rates. All voted aye.

Johnson moved, seconded by Edleman to approve Resolution #101 Utility Rates non-user fee. All voted aye.

Johnson moved, seconded by Edleman to approve the records destruction list provided by Finance Officer.

Edleman moved, seconded by Johnson to approve the renewal of Retail, on-off sale) Malt Beverage license for Dakota Convenience effective July 1, 2026. All voted aye.

Report from code enforcement officer was reviewed.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Harding to approve travel and registration for Finance Officer Madsen to attend Human Resource and Finance Officer school June 10-11, 2026 and budget training June 24, 2026. All vot-

ed aye.

No one present for public comment. The past due accounts were reviewed. Disconnect date is scheduled for May 18 2026. Edleman moved, seconded by Harding. All voted aye.

Edleman moved, seconded by Johnson to go into executive session at 8:10 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2, 1). All voted aye.

Edleman declared out at 8:26 p.m.

Johnson moved, seconded by Edleman to approve offering 100 percent employer-paid spousal health insurance coverage to full-time eligible employees. All voted aye.

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

Edleman moved, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. All voted aye.

Delwin Bratland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heidi Madsen, Finance Officer

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