

Clark City Council approves Potato Days open-container requests, additional assistant pool manager

CITY OF CLARK
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 1, 2026

Call to order: The Clark City Council met in regular session on June 1, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Room.

Council Members Present: Shane Hagstrom (via Zoom), Jim Zeck, Brandon Kottke, Derrick Dohmann and Andrew Zemlicka. Melissa Nesheim was absent.

Others Present: Mayor Kerry Kline, Finance Officer Rae Jean Flora, City Attorney Chad Fjelland (via Zoom), Deputy Finance Officer April Fitzgerald, Police Chief Jeremy Wellnitz, Cassi Kottke (via Zoom), Todd Warkenthien (via Zoom), Public Works Superintendent Darin Altfillisch, Ron Bursch, John Pollock, Golf Club Manager Tammy Rusher, Belinda Hanson, Rene Herke and Sarah Frankenstein (via Zoom).

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

Motion # 067-2026 Adopt Agenda

Motion by Zemlicka and seconded by Dohmann to adopt the agenda. Since Hagstrom is on Zoom, all motions were voted on by a roll call vote. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

John Pollock said that a concerned citizen took a picture of him walking his dog without a leash and turned it into the police. He did have an electronic collar on the dog, but Wellnitz would like to see the words 'electronic collar' verbiage added to the city's code book section 4.02.04, to make the leash law a bit clearer. The Council will have a first reading on the change to the ordinance at the July meeting.

Hanson/Herke Neighbor Complaint

Hanson and Herke wanted to express to the council their unhappiness with the open hole between their homes, that used to be a basement, for the house that was torn down a few years ago. They feel like it is a hazard and an eye sore. They also have a grass and weed complaint. Since these are all a violation of city code, and the owner has had ample time to correct the problem with the open basement, as they were sent multiple letters from the code enforcement officer and chose to ignore them; the basement will be filled in by the City crew. The weeds and grass will be a new violation, and the City will begin the steps on this new violation and will make sure it is dealt with in a timely manner.

Motion # 68-2026 Spudniks Request for Open Container on Potato Days

Motion by Dohmann and seconded by Zeck to approve open containers for the street dance on Potato Days within a four-block radius of the bars. After a roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 069-2026 Spudniks Request for Free Swim on Potato Days

Motion by Zemlicka and seconded by Hagstrom to approve the request for free swim on Potato Days. After a roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Department Updates

Flora's department updates consisted of Flora and Fitzgerald being gone June 9-12 for HR school and Finance Officers School in Ocoma. The office will be open with Tara Thomas substituting for them. Fitzgerald will be out of the office June 22-29 with Flora being at a budget workshop on June 24. Thomas will substitute in the office that day also. Andrea Begeman, the pool manager, asked that Logan Seefeldt be bumped up to assistant manager, as they had two last year, and that worked really well. Krin Pederson was in an accident and was just released from the hospital last

week. She has a broken leg and foot. Nesheim and the Mayor have agreed that if she is able, she could work this summer at the concession stand at the west ball field, since she is unable to work at the pool this year. She will be paid minimum wage for that.

Rusher shared some concerns with men's and women's night. They had many complaints about people being at the golf club on these nights. After some trial and error, it was decided that only men or only women will be allowed on the COURSE on these respective nights. However, the CLUBHOUSE will be open to everybody, especially since they have such a large meal crowd now and because it is a municipal golf club and not a private one. The Council would like to see a list posted at the clubhouse of those golfers that haven't paid and just go out and golf whenever they want. Since the club is a small one, the employees are not able to be out there policing it, so she is asking the Council members that golf and the Mayor to mention it to the non-payers if they see them out there. There is a new sign and drop box going up at the golf club for when it is not open and people still want to golf.

Altfillisch reported that the rubber mulch, which is what is in the big bags down at Dickinson Park, is slowly going in. They are, however, busy getting the pool running. The proposed date to start the road surfacing, on North Commercial and North Smith Street is June 22. Pool will be turned on Tuesday, and if all goes well, they will open this coming weekend.

Motion # 070-2026

Approve Department Update

Motion by Kottke and seconded by Hagstrom to approve the department updates. During a roll call vote, all members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 071-2026

Executive Session

Motion by Zemlicka and seconded by Dohmann to enter executive ses-

sion for contractual issues, per SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 4. During a roll call vote, all members voted yes. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 7:36 p.m. and came out of executive session at 8:28 p.m. with no motions to follow.

Motion # 072-2026

Transfer of Restricted Cash

Motion by Kottke and seconded by Hagstrom to transfer \$1,800 from Restricted Cash – Park to General Fund for the recently purchased climbing wall. After a roll call vote all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 073-2026 CPI

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Zemlicka to take the 2.5 percent CPI increase. All members voting yes after a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion # 074-2026

Approve May Meeting Minutes

Motion by Dohmann and seconded by Zeck to approve the May meeting minutes. All members voted yes with a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion # 075-2026

Approve Financial Statements

Motion by Kottke and seconded by Zemlicka to approve the May financial statements. All members voted yes with a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion # 076-2026

Approve Claims

Motion by Zemlicka and seconded by Zeck to approve the following claims. All members voted yes with a roll call vote. Motion carried.

MAY CLAIMS

#, To, For, Amount

32490, Tyler Silkman, reimbursement for cdl renewal, \$43.00; 3617, State of South Dakota, sales taxes, \$263.40; 3618, State of South Dakota, golf club/course sales taxes, \$5,829.00; 32491, Verizon Business, utilities, \$30.02; 32512, Bo Begeman, mileage for lifeguard training, \$147.00; 32515, Petty Cash, concession stand petty cash, \$300.00; 32516, Fast Threads,

golf course shirts, \$3,736.78; 32517, Dakota Style, concessions, \$80.64; 32518, Elan Financial Services, credit card bills, \$2,412.72; 32519, My Turn Play-systems, rubber mulch, \$39,345.00; 32520, Zimco Supply Co, golf course chemicals, \$1,715.00; 3627, Northwestern Energy, utilities, \$125.81; 32521, AT&T, utilities, \$176.17; 3628, A and B Business Solutions, copier service contract, \$177.96; 32522, Michael Wadsworth, 10u tournament, \$300.00; **5/26/2026 PAYROLL:** Mayor, payroll, \$230.77, Finance Office, payroll, \$2,612.45, Govt Buildings, payroll, \$72.19, Police, payroll, \$4,814.10, Streets, payroll, \$4,736.88, Dump, payroll, \$480.00, Sewer, payroll, \$1,535.96, Water, payroll, \$1,536.27, Transit, payroll, \$668.50, Summer Rec, payroll, \$750.00, Pool, payroll, \$1,344.13, Golf Course, payroll, \$2,594.75, Golf Club, payroll, \$3,842.52, Library, payroll, \$858.88; 3620, EFTPS, payroll taxes, \$5,377.15; 32513, S.D. Retirement Systems, retirement, \$4,232.46; 32514, Child Support Payment Ctr, child support, \$461.54; 3621, AFLAC, employee deductions, \$404.28.

JUNE CLAIMS

Johnson Brothers of S.D., liquor, \$316.20; Porter Distributing, liquor, \$309.85; Star Laundry, laundry service, \$294.80; U.S. Foods, groceries and supplies, \$4,223.95; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, \$8,418.10; Principal Financial Group, insurance, \$46.62; S.D. DOT, fuel, \$518.64; Bioverse, supplies, \$552.00; Hawkins, Inc., pool chemicals, \$7,400.98; Sign Pro, golf cart permit, \$80.50; 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 ii, \$1,307.00; Delta Dental, insurance, \$1,519.45; Quill, supplies, \$250.05; Republic National Distributing, liquor,

\$795.83; Vision Service Plan, insurance, \$451.50; 212 Truck and Trailer, repairs, \$8,168.04; AgWrx Cooperative, fuel and diesel, \$3,139.30; A-I Computer, remote computer service, \$45.00; Chesterman Company, concessions, \$652.10; Clark Building Center, supplies, \$127.90; Northwestern Energy, utilities, \$9,064.96; Rivards Turf and Forage, supplies, \$1,766.25; S.D. Dept. of Health, water testing, \$40.00; Tony's Collision Center, pool repairs, \$1,120.00; New Dimension LLC, mowing, \$2,500.00; Recreation Supply Co., pool paint, \$1,399.50; Spectrum Aquatics, pool supplies, \$513.80; Westside Implement, parts and return, \$16.13; Fjelland Law Office, legal fees, \$2,000.00; Mack's Standard, fuel, \$766.40; S.D. DANR, environmental fees, \$600.00; Milbank Winwater, parts, \$3,510.57; Clark County Courier, advertising, \$266.33

Motion # 077-2026 Adjourn

Motion by Zemlicka and seconded by Kottke to adjourn. All members during a roll call vote, voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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Mayor Kerry Kline

Attest: Finance Officer
Rae Jean Flora
(seal)

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