Clark City Council members given oaths of office, hear public input, first readings of ordinances

CITY OF CLARK
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 6, 2026

Call to order: The Clark City Council met in regular session on July 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Room.

Council Members Present: Shane Hagstrom, Jim Zeck, Brandon Kottke, and Derrick Dohmann. Melissa Nesheim and Andrew Zemlicka were 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, Todd Warkenthien, Public Works Superintendent Darin Altfillisch, Golf Club Manager Tammy Rusher, Mario Guzman and Angie Osterloh.

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

Motion # 078-2026
Adopt Agenda

Motion by Dohmann and seconded by Zeck to adopt the agenda. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Motion # 079-2026
Approve June Meeting Minutes

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Kottke to approve the June meeting minutes. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 080-2026
Approve June Financial Statements

Motion by Kottke and seconded by Zeck to approve the June financial statements. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 081-2026
Approve June Claims

Motion by Zeck and seconded by Dohman to approve the following June claims. Kottke asked about the claim from Dacotah Bank and Axon. He was told that the bill for Dacotah Bank was a service charge for some returned items from some customers and the Axon billing was for some equipment purchased by the police department. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

JUNE CLAIMS
#, To, For, Amount

3630, Doll Distributing, liquor, $444.15; 3631, Doll Distributing, liquor, $421.90; 32548, Clark Ace Hardware, supplies, $1,171.07; 32549, A-I Computer Solutions, computer protection services, $20.00; 3632, City of Clark, utilities, $598.95; 32550, Clark Building Center, materials, $134.69; 32551, Dakota Style, concessions, $53.76; 3633, Doll Distributing, liquor, $680.70; 32552, VGM Financial, golf cart lease, $1,903.15; 32553, Asphalt Paving & Materials, asphalt, $1,952.12; 32554, Ken's Food Fair, groceries, $644.16; 3634, ITC Telephone, utilities, $806.24; 32555, Oscar's Machine Shop, repairs, $1,287.77; 32556, Porter Distributing, liquor, $514.25; 32557, Sturdevant's Auto Value, parts, $328.77; 32558, U Drive Technology, texting tool, $50.24; 32559, Gary Wadsworth, 10u tournament fee, $300.00; 32560, Shannon Huber, 10u & 12u boys tournament fee, $414.60; 32561, U.S. Foods, groceries, $8,455.84; 32562, Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, May & June garbage service, $17,706.46; 32563, Northern Truck Equipment Corp., equipment, $23,610.00; 32564, Peyton Lee, wsi training mileage, $42.00; 32565, Breanna Ahrens, wsi training mileage, $42.00; 32566, April Fitzgerald, per diem for finance officers school, $312.40; 32567, Rae Jean Flora, per diem for hr and finance officers school, $368.50; 32568, Avera Occupational Medicine, cdl drug testing, $37.70; 32569, Clark Community Oil, fuel and diesel, $449.23; 32570, Clark Golf Club, supplies, $29.75; 32571, Clark Rural Water System, materials, $37,395.00; 32572, Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, utilities, $381.85; 32573, Fast Threads, reimbursed uniforms and hats, $1,278.60; 32574, Axon Enterprises, machinery, $5,726.33; 32575, Hailee Olson, refund for community room deposit, $50.00; 32576, Shannon Huber, reimburse for summer rec equipment purchase, $477.87; 32577, JW Rolloff Service, rolloff service at dump, $796.00; 32578, Pheasantland Industries, swimming pool signs, $58.00; 32579, Sanford Health Occupation, dot drug collection, $32.00; 32580, Sugar Stems Floral, supplies, $16.99; 32581, Tony's Collision Center, towing fees, $225.00; 32582, Verizon Business, water utilities, $30.02; 32583, Dacotah Insurance, summer rec insurance, $558.00; 3641, State of S.D., general fund sales taxes, $650.30; 3642, State of S.D., golf club sales taxes, $3,441.72; 3643, Amazon Capital Services, supplies, $2,574.30; 3647, Northwestern Energy, utilities, $2,150.66; 3648, Doll Distributing, liquor, $1,007.00; 3649, Doll Distributing, liquor, $626.55; 3650, Doll Distributing, concessions, $38.00; 3651, Doll Distributing, liquor, $532.25; 32586, GTS, Jimmie Mora's CDL (Driving part), $160.00; 32587, Rae Jean Flora, per diem for budget training workshop, $190.40; 3656, A & B Business Solutions, copier contract, $685.52; 3657, Future POS, monthly fees, $69.36; 3659, Johnson Brothers, liquor, $601.25; 3661, Dacotah Bank, service charges, $20.00; **6/9/2026 PAYROLL:** Mayor, payroll, $280.77, Finance Office, payroll, $2,777.60, Govt Buildings, payroll, $127.19, Police, payroll, $4,630.77, Streets, payroll, $4,947.12, Dump, payroll, $480.00, Sewer, payroll, $1,638.04, Water, payroll, $1,638.38, Transit, payroll, $119.00, Summer Rec, payroll, $500.00, Pool, payroll, $2,980.02, Golf Course, payroll, $3,628.50, Golf Club, payroll, $5,389.78, Library, payroll, $775.50; 3635, EFTPS, payroll taxes, $5,945.46; **6/9/2026, Council Payroll:** Council, payroll, $3,231.00; 3636, EFTPS, payroll taxes, $609.38; **6/23/2026 PAYROLL:** Mayor, payroll, $230.77, Finance Office, payroll, $3,273.01, Govt Buildings, payroll, $65.31, Police, payroll, $4,730.77, Streets, payroll, $4,703.68, Dump, payroll, $480.00, Sewer, payroll, $1,493.27, Water, payroll, $1,493.55, Transit, payroll, $448.00, Summer Rec, payroll, $500.00, Pool, payroll, $6,572.44, Golf Course, payroll, $3,908.00, Golf Club, payroll, $4,911.13, Library, payroll, $775.63; 3645, EFTPS, payroll taxes, $6,751.95; 32584, S.D. Retirement, retirement, $4,250.54; 32585, Child Support Payment Center, child support, $461.54; 3646, AFLAC, aflac witholding, $404.28.

Thank Neshiem

Mayor Kline thanked Nesheim for her years of service to the Clark Community.

New Business:

Oaths of Office

Mayor Kline administered the oaths of office to Council People Shane Hagstrom, Jim Zeck and Todd Warkenthien and Finance Officer Flora administered the oath of office of mayor to Mayor Kline.

Council Members Present: Shane Hagstrom, Jim Zeck, Brandon Kottke, Derrick Dohmann and Todd Warkenthien. Zemlicka 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, Public Works Superintendent Darin Altfillisch and Golf Club Manager Tammy Rusher.

Mayor Kline called the meeting of the 2026 City Council to order at 7:06 p.m.

Welcome Warkenthien

Mayor Kline welcomed Todd Warkenthien to the council.

Motion # 082-2026
Elect President

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Zeck to nominate Brandon Kottke as Council President. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 083-2026
Elect Vice President

Motion by Dohmann and seconded by Warkenthien to nominate Shane Hagstrom as Council Vice President. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 084-2026
Mayoral Appointments

Motion by Zeck and seconded by Dohmann to approve the mayoral appointments for 2026, which are as follows. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Kerry Kline
2026 Appointments

Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks...Brandon Kottke
American Disabilities Act.....Jim Zeck
Pool.....Todd Warkenthien
Rubble Site.....Jim Zeck
City Parks.....Todd Warkenthien
Water & Sewer.....Brandon Kottke
Fire Dept.....Shane Hagstrom
Zoning Officer.....Shane Hagstrom
Finance Office.....Derrick Dohmann
Liquor Officer.....Derrick Dohmann
Med Van.....Andrew Zemlicka
Library.....Todd Warkenthien
Recreation Director, Softball & Baseball Complex.....Todd Warkenthien
Farm Land Lease.....Andrew Zemlicka
Government Buildings.....Jim Zeck
Golf Course/Clubhouse...Derrick Dohmann
Code Official...Jeremy Wellnitz/Rae Jean Flora
City Attorney.....Chad Fjelland
Health Officer.....Louann Streff
Police Chief.....Jeremy Wellnitz
Emergency Management...Jeremy Wellnitz
Hispanic Liaison.....Jimmie Mora

Boards

Library Board (three-year term)
Patty Rosenau –2027
Alaina Wellnitz –2028
Chris Jenkins – 2029
Tina Warkenthien - 2029
Barb Pollock, President – 2029

Park Board
Rae Jean Flora
April Fitzgerald
Alaina Wellnitz

Clark Housing & Redevelopment Board (five-year term)
Jon Moeller – 2027
Desi Lamb – 2029
Trevor Forest – 2030
Terry Schlagel – 2031
Melissa Altfillisch – 2029
Lori King, Secretary

IPMC Code Board of Appeals
Shane Hagstrom
Jim Zeck
Derrick Dohmann
Todd Warkenthien
Andrew Zemlicka

Brandon Kottke, alternate

Public Input

Mario Guzman was present to speak about the issues he has seen personally and heard about from other citizens with e-bikes and e-scooters. Chief Wellnitz stated that there is no law on the books, as of yet. None of these bikes and scooters are powerful enough to require licenses. At this point, they are asking parents to talk to your children, and he is planning on hosting a bike rodeo where the police will speak to the kids and try to educate them on the safety aspects of riding these. He stated that it is not just the e-bikes and e-scooters but also regular bikes and scooter riders that are riding in a dangerous manner, and nobody wants these kids to get hurt or worse. He stated that he would rather see them riding on the sidewalk than the streets, as long as they are not on the main street sidewalks. City Attorney Fjelland agreed with Wellnitz that education is very important in this matter and will work with Wellnitz in any way he can.

Angie Osterloh would like to add some color to our city in memory of Teresa (Teri) Cordrey. She asked permission to have her Bible school class decorate rocks for a rock garden, which would be movable, so it can go from park to park, and also decorate the fence at the swimming pool with ribbons, if that is something the Council would allow. Everyone agreed that it would be very nice and a fun thing for the kids to do.

April Fitzgerald, speaking on behalf of Dennis Thompson, said that the City office received a complaint from him about the trailer houses out at the trailer park, behind the Airstay Motel and in front of his house. He said the doors are open and windows have been broken out. Semis have been parked there, blocking his access to his house. The council asked that April talk to our code enforcement officer and see what our next steps are with these trailer houses and to bring it back to the August meeting for further discussion and action.

Tammy Rusher asked if the police were ready for the parade on Saturday for Clark's 250th celebration of the nation. The parade participants will be lining up at 4:00 p.m., and the parade will start at 4:30 p.m.

Department Updates

Altfillisch reported that the road work is done and would like to finish North Commercial and Smith Street next year and eventually the whole town. Double yellow lines have been painted on main street, and the Council would like them enforced.

Ryan Eggleston talked to the Mayor about the drainage behind his house, and Altfillisch stated that they are waiting on the utilities before they start tearing out the trees and the fence that are obstructing the drainage. Also, there is a fence on city property back there, that is not the city's, so that needs to be removed or the city will remove it. Fjelland stated that we should have a survey done, and Altfillisch said that we did have one done last year, so Fjelland said to mark the pins with clearly visible markings and if the fence owner does not remove the fence from the land, send them a letter that states that if it is not removed the City will remove it for them.

Altfillisch also said that the payloader quotes have gone up considerably since he first started getting quotes and will continue to rise. When Jimmie Mora went to Brookings to take the driving part of his CDL, the semi broke down and had to be towed back to Clark. We will have to look at replacing both of these big ticket items, in the near future.

Wellnitz stated that the storm sirens are not working, and he is looking into the options of fixing them versus replacing them.

Flora said that her and Fitzgerald have been going to different trainings this last month. Fitzgerald is keeping the Concession stands stocked. When Flora mentioned the budget training workshop that she went to, she also said that she will be starting to work on the budget for 2027 this month and will be calling on the council to help with the budget for their specific departments; so, please talk to your people and find out what they need and what they want for next year.

Mike Olson was here last week and said the cleanup around town is going well. There are two properties in town, that have had multiple warnings, and if they are not cleaned up by July 15, he will give the work order to the City crew to clean up those properties.

When it was Rusher's turn to talk about the Golf Club, she said the busy tournament season is beginning this weekend with the Calcutta tournament. She thanked Altfillisch for the chloride they put in the parking lot and said that it really has cut down on the dust.

Motion # 085-2026
Approve Department Update

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

Motion # 086-2026 Approve Special Event Liquor License

Motion by Dohmann and seconded by Kottke to approve the special On-Sale Liquor License request from the CCAC for a fundraiser for the construction of the new pool, in cooperation with the Clark Golf Club, during Potato Days on August 1 in the public parking lot between the Sportsman's and the Lookout, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Clark Golf Club will operate during normal business hours. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 087-2026
Changing Credit Cards

Motion by Kottke and seconded by Hagstrom to approve changing the city's credit card company to Dacotah Bank, with card holders being Flora, Fitzgerald and Wellnitz. During discussion, Flora was asked why she wanted to change companies, she said there isn't a lot of difference between them, but the main reason, is with the mail system the way it is, the payments do not always get to the credit card company on time. There have been times she sent it nine days in advance, and it hasn't got there in time. She tries to send them as soon as she gets them, but that isn't always soon enough, because of when the council meetings are and with the current mail system. With the Dacotah Bank card, we will be able to walk across the street and pay it. There is no annual fee. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 088-2026 Approve bid from William Neale & Co.

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Dohmann to approve the bid from William Neale & Co. for our 2025 audit. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Purchase of Equipment

Discussion was held about purchasing some equipment from Altfllisch. This is equipment the city crew has been using for about two years. The Council decided they would like to look at the equipment and make sure the price was fair; therefore, they tabled this decision until the August meeting.

Review Open Meeting Laws

Flora reviewed the open meeting laws with the council and answered questions from them. Per law, this is a requirement, but she feels that it is a very good thing to do annually.

Motion # 089-2026
Transfer of Lease

Motion by Kottke and seconded by Hagstrom to approve the transfer of the lease for the Clark pharmacy from Lewis Drug to Sanford Health and to authorize the mayor or the finance officer to sign the lease assignment. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance #596
Update to Code Book

A first reading of Ordinance #596 – Amending Title 4 of the Municipal Code Book to Recognize Electronic and Wireless Containment and Control Devices as a Means of Controlling an Animal was held.

First Reading of Ordinance #597
Imposing a Sales Tax for capital Improvement Projects

A first reading of Ordinance #597 – Imposing a Municipal Tax for Capital Improvement Projects was held. After some questions, discussions and changes there will be a second – First Reading in August.

Motion # 090-2026
Approve July Claims

Motion by Kottke and seconded by Hagstrom to approve the following July claims. Kottke asked about the Westside bill and was told that the bulk of the bill was for the lease agreement with Westside on the skid steer. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

JULY CLAIMS

Pitney Bowes, postage, $1,041.99; Wellmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield, insurance, $8,418.10; Republic National Distributing, liquor, $160.90; 212 Truck & Trailer, repairs, $2,648.87; Chesterman Company, concessions, $1,174.35; Principal Financial Group, insurance, $46.62; Clark Building Center, repair supplies, $288.19; Core & Main, parts and meter reader repair from lightning strike, $15,862.83; Dakota Style, concessions, $26.88; Gunderson Palmer Nelson Ash, legal services, $980.29; J & J Heating, repairs, $718.90; Hawkins, Inc., chemicals, $9,081.74; Lacey Well Drilling, Inc., well work, $300.00; Milbank Winwater Works, repair parts, $294.28; Moeller Sheet Metal, pool repairs, $249.88; Northern Con-Agg LLP, materials, $660.57; Porter, liquor, $1,282.60; S.D. Dept. of Transportation, fuel, $356.45; Star Laundry, laundry service, $329.83; Westside Implement, parts and repairs, $10,371.44; WW Tire Service, repairs, $283.04; Woodring Plumbing, repairs, $261.22; Amazon Capital Services, supplies, $926.44; Delta Dental of S.D., insurance, $1,519.45; Vision Service Plan, insurance, $451.50; Northwestern Energy, utilities, $8,854.94; Asphalt Paving & Materials, materials, $464.14; Byron Rieckman, storm siren repairs, $174.50; Clark Co. Historical Society, subsidy, $577.00; Dakota Butcher, liquor, $471.86; Duininck Inc., materials, $676.35; Midwest Turf & Irrigation, chemicals, $1,488.10; S.D. Dept. of Health, water testing, $40.00; Southern Glazers, liquor, $707.95; Spudnicks, Potato Days sponsorship, $1,500.00; S.D. Rural Development, sewer loan i, $787.00; S.D. Rural Development, water loan, $908.00; S.D. Rural Development, sewer loan ii, $1,307.00; Demco, library supplies, $187.75; AgWrx Cooperative, fuel, $535.00; AT&T Mobility, utilities, $147.23; Dollar General, supplies, $70.47; Johnson Trucking, towed semi in for repairs, $700.00; Mack's Standard, fuel and repairs, $760.95; New Dimension, LLC, mowing and trimming, $2,630.00; Olson Consulting Service, code enforcement, $1,603.83; Quill, supplies, $566.87; Clark Ace Hardware, supplies, $762.96; Pivotal Solutions, sign at golf club, $318.60; Elan Financial Services, credit card bill, $1,880.06; A-I Computer Solutions, online protection, $20.00; City of Clark, utilities, $6,191.07; Udrive Technology, texting service, $68.24; U.S. Foods, concessions and supplies, $14,127.08; ITC, utilities, $979.68; Ken's Food Fair, groceries/liquor, $729.17; Clark County Courier, advertising, $327.27; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, July garbage service, $8,901.38; Doug's Service & Marine, lawn mower repairs, $656.40; Electric Motors & Moore Inc., pool pump repairs, $138.00; Oscar's Machine Shop, pool repairs, $280.00; VGM Financial, golf cart lease, $1,903.15; **7/7/2026 Payroll:** Mayor, payroll, $280.77, Finance Office, payroll, $2,858.14, Govt Buildings, payroll, $51.56, Police, payroll, $4,630.77, Streets, payroll, $5,383.26, Dump, payroll, $360.00, Sewer, payroll, $1,362.20, Water, payroll, $1,362.47, Transit, payroll, $248.50, Summer Rec, payroll, $500.00, Pool, payroll, $6,480.26, Golf Course, payroll, $3,558.50, Golf Club, payroll, $4,587.15, Library, payroll, $728.50; EFTPS, payroll taxes, $6,313.91.

Motion # 091-2026
Executive Session

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

Entered executive session at 8:44 p.m. and came out of executive session at 9:33 p.m.

Motion # 092-2026
Mora Pay Raise

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Zeck to give Jimmie Mora a $1.00/hour pay increase, beginning with the 15th pay period of 2026, since he passed his CDL. All members voting yes. Motion carried

Motion # 093-2026
Adjourn

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Kottke to adjourn. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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Mayor Kerry Kline

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Attest: Finance Officer
Rae Jean Flora
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