

Willow Lake City Council members given Oath of Office, increase pool pay

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 7, 2026

The City Council for the City of Willow Lake, S.D. met in regular session on Tuesday, July 7, 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, Leland Harding III and Scott Borg. Finance Officer Heidi Maden was also present.

Also in attendance were Brandon Smid, Shane Wicks, Bob Syring, Shelby Guerdet, Kristi Guerdet and Luke Zelinski.

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

Borg moved, seconded by Johnson to approve the published minutes from the June 8, 2026 regular meeting.

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

Johnson moved, seconded by Harding to approve payment of the warrants and claims paid since June 8, 2026. All voted aye.

Claims Paid – Payroll: Finance Office \$3,996.64, Street Dept. \$1,617.11, Sewer Dept. \$1,616.84, Water Dept. \$1,616.98, Mayor \$230.88, Council \$808.05, Swimming Pool \$8,797.82, Parks \$1,573.13, Recreation \$2,216.40; EFTPS \$4,889.86, payroll taxes; SDRS \$1,169.46, retirement; AgTegra \$201.00, chemical; AT&T Mobility \$182.40, cell phones; Clark Ace Hardware \$53.97, supplies; Clark County Courier \$98.64, proceedings; Clark

County Weed and Pest \$161.68, mosquito spraying; TwoTrees Technologies \$489.95, backup, scanner/copier; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling \$1,788.75, garbage; Clark Rural Water \$6,763.00, bulk water; Dakota Convenience \$570.98, fuel; Dept. of Health \$114.00, samples; Ferguson Waterworks \$1,230.95, meter supplies; Hawkins \$2,019.37, pool chemical; Hillyard \$243.21, pool supplies; Hydro Klean \$3,953.00, sewer cleaning; ITC \$166.58, phone, internet; Lake Grocery \$858.14, pool supplies; Northwestern Energy \$4,273.00, utilities; S.D. Unemployment Insurance \$127.43, reemployment insurance; Team Lab \$2,062.00, sewer chemical; USDA Rural Dev \$602.00, USDA water loan; S.D. Dept. of Revenue \$292.49, sales tax; Willow Lake School \$378.00, crushed rock.

Borg moved to adjourn at 6:33 p.m., seconded by Harding. All voted aye.

The City Council for the City of Willow Lake, S.D. met in adjourned session with the new city council members on July 7, 2026 at 6:33 p.m. The finance officer gave the Oath of Office to Mayor Jacob Edleman and City Council Ward I Shane Wicks.

Certificate of Appreciation was given to Del Bratland for his years of service as Mayor and Steven Johnson for his years of service as council member.

Wicks moved, seconded by Harding to appoint Scott Borg as Council Member Ward I - one-year term. Wicks - aye, Harding - aye, Mayor Edleman - aye. Motion carried. Finance officer gave the Oath of Office to Borg.

No appointment for council member Ward II - one-year term was made.

Brandon Smid with Helms & Associates presented the preliminary

report for the sewer study and water amendment.

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

Non-metered water hydrants were discussed.

Borg moved, seconded by Wicks to increase water deposit to \$150.00. All voted aye.

Borg moved, seconded by Harding to nominate Wicks as President of the Council. Harding - aye, Borg - aye, Mayor Edleman - aye. Wicks abstained. Motion carried.

Borg moved, seconded by Wicks to nominate Harding as Vice-President of the Council. Borg - aye, Wicks - aye, Mayor Edleman - aye. Harding abstained. Motion carried.

Committees for 2026-2027 were reviewed. Committees will be finalized when Ward II council member seat is finalized.

Council was provided and reviewed the Conducting the Public's Business in Public brochure prepared by the S.D. Attorney General's Office in partnership with the S.D. NewsMedia Association.

Borg moved, seconded by Wicks to approve the second reading of Ordinance #250 Zoning Ordinance Amendment. All voted aye.

Museum ramp was discussed.

Borg moved, seconded Wicks to approve eligible employee health insurance reimbursement for \$400.00 and eligible employee spouse health insurance for \$400.00 effective July 2026. All voted aye.

Kristi Guerdet was in attendance

to discuss recreation committee items and swimming pool salaries. Wicks moved, seconded by Harding to increase lifeguard wages effective July 7, 2026 for the remainder of the pool season for the following:

Zoe Nichols - \$18.00/hr. WSI, \$17.00/hr. lifeguard

Chyanne Guerdet - \$18.00/hr.

Charlie McCune - \$17.00/hr.

Emma Bocek - \$17.00/hr.

Selma Nelson - \$17.00/hr.

All voted aye.

Shelby Guerdet gave the swimming pool report. Borg moved, seconded by Harding to approved her report. All voted aye.

No one present for public comment.

The past due accounts were reviewed. Disconnect date is scheduled for July 14, 2026. Borg moved, seconded by Harding. All voted aye.

No need for executive session.

Next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Borg moved, seconded by Wicks to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. All voted aye.

Jacob Edleman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heidi Madsen, Finance Officer

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