

Clark City Council hears updates, discusses properties, reviews code book, approves quote, ordinances

CITY OF CLARK COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 10, 2026

Call to order: The Clark City Council met in regular session on August 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Room.

Council Members Present: Shane Hagstrom, Jim Zeck, Brandon Kottke, Todd Warkenthien and Derrick Dohmann. Andrew 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, Pool Manager Andrea Begeman, Choose Clark County (CCC) Director Catie Noethlich, Jarvis Reidburn, Luanne Warren and Larry Warren.

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

Motion # 094-2026 Adopt Agenda

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Dohmann to adopt the agenda. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

After the mayor inquired if anybody was there for public input and found that nobody was present for public input, she moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Department Updates

Andrea Begeman: *She had a great group of employees this year. The first session of lessons, they taught 37 kids, and in the second session, they taught 65 kids. There were 175 rodeo kids that came during the free swim, sponsored by the Lee Schlagel Memorial Fund, and around 200 kids on Potato Days. She would like to see a policy for a minimum temperature and minimum attendance going forward; she thinks the lifeguards and instructors should get more for an hourly wage than they have gotten; the drain in the girls' bathroom shower is backed up and will need somebody to fix that before next season.*

Jeremy Wellnitz: *Storm sirens are still not working. He is applying for a cost-share grant for two new sirens, from the Community Foundation; with the Council's approval, he will send that in. As for the e-bikes and scooters, he is trying to get an e-bike company to donate a bike for education purposes; he also announced that Clark Lanes has donated sweet treat tickets to the department so they can hand out tickets, for a treat at Clark Lanes, to kids they see obeying the biking/scooter laws.*

Rae Jean Flora: *She is working on budget now; first reading on the budget ordinance will be in September. They are working on abatements; have been handling some zoning issues; the auditor started the 2025 audit; Roger Larson is back at the dump after an extended illness; softball/baseball/pool have wrapped up for the season after a really good summer; Coffee with Keri is picking up viewers.*

Derrick Dohmann: *The golf course is struggling for well water to keep everything looking nice. So far, they have had enough to keep the greens and the tee boxes alive, and the fairway is just what it is for now until we get some much-needed rain. The golf clubhouse is hurting for help.*

Darin Altfillisch: *They are working on drainage to the west of South Idaho Street and working on a fence to the south of the basketball court to the east of the swimming pool. He wants to list with Purple Wave the one-ton skid loader; push blade and 5,500 watt generator; he wanted to know who is responsible for the removal of the ash trees up at the softball field; he asked if he had the okay to get quotes for a semi cab.*

Motion # 095-2026

Approve Department Update

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

Motion carried.

Motion # 096-2026 Restoring Easement to Original State

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Dohmann to take the gravel down to the original state (removing as much gravel as possible) and remove anything else infringing on City property (parcel number 5819, lot 3) that comes off North Smith Street between the Lon Reidburn and Larry Warren property. Everything needs to be removed by September 30, 2026, or it will be removed by the City crew on October 1, 2026. Nothing more will be placed on there, including garbage cans. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion of access to

Jarvis & Jeff Reidburn Property

Jeff and Jarvis Reidburn own parcel number 5821, where there is a shed, behind the Lon and Teresa Reidburn property. Jeff proposed that the City take the sod and gravel that the City will be removing from City-owned lot 3 to City-owned lot 10 of parcel number 5819 and place it going north from their shed to create a path for access to their property and keep the path at a minimum of 20 feet from the Warrens' property. He and Jeff would move the doors from the north side of the building to the west side, and the gravel would only go as far north as there is enough to do. Once the gravel is done, the path construction is done. If the City wants an easement for access to drive on the property, Jeff and Jarvis would be okay with that. This was tabled to the September meeting, so the Council can look at the property and think about the suggestion before they make a decision.

Damages to Greenhouse Property Due to Repairs

Jarvis Reidburn stated that in late spring/early summer, there was a break between the greenhouse and Route 66 Hair Salon. Due to where the water lines were located, they had to dig under the greenhouse to repair them. When they the hole was back-filled, it didn't get packed down well enough and caused the cement in the building to crack. Fjelland said the proper way to handle this would be to turn it in on the City's insurance and then proceed from there. He suggested that Jarvis stop at City Hall the next day and fill out the paperwork to be submitted to the insurance company.

Review Code Book

Sections 10.22.12 & 10.22.14

Discussion was held about how when people divide lots, it would make sense that before the Council signs off on the new plats, it is determined where the utilities are ran and who is responsible for any repairs made to them. This was tabled until the next meeting, so the Council can decide how to handle these situations.

Motion # 097-2026 Approval of Forest Excavating Quote

Motion by Kottke and seconded by Zeck to approve the quote from Forest Excavating to remove the trailer houses from the YWH trailer park, due to the state of disrepair they are in. The code enforcement officer gave them until August 25, 2026 to remove these hazardous trailer houses. If these houses haven't been removed, Forest Excavating, along with the City crew and possibly the fire department, shall remove and dispose of them, and the bill for the removal will be sent to the property owners. If the bill goes unpaid, it will be added to the tax assessment roll, or a lien will be put against the property to recover the costs of the removal. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 098-2026 Purchase of Winch & Forklift from Altfillisch

Motion by Zeck and seconded by Warkenthien to approve the purchase of a winch for \$80.00 and a forklift for \$1,500.00 from Altfillisch. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Update on Choose Clark County

Catie Noethlich gave the Council an update on the projects she has been working on. She worked with SDSU to design a Community Vision, which includes some new housing options and beautification projects. She has also been working on stickers to promote Clark and the Prairie Combine app. She has applied for a grant to offer more low interest loans in the community; currently, they have one \$500 cost share grant for improving store fronts available, and the Welcoming New Residents program is going well. She also said that the talks with the development company that was interested in doing something with the lot down south had fallen through, so they are looking for something new for that property. She stated that there are new board members, and she is excited to work with them and help develop some of the ideas they bring to the table. The Council asked her what other towns and the county give a year in support of Choose Clark County, and she said that the county will give \$15,000 in 2027 along with \$5,000 from Willow Lake and \$5,000 from Industrial Development. The Council thanked her for all her hard work.

Motion # 099-2026 Clinic Lease Rate Beginning in 2027

Motion by Warkenthien and seconded by Kottke to approve a raise of \$300.00 from \$2,700.00 to \$3,000 monthly for the renewal lease with Sanford Health for the Clark Community Clinic Building, beginning in March of 2027. All Members voted yes. Motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance #596 to Update Code Book

A second reading of Ordinance #596 – An Ordinance Amending Title 4 (Animals) of the Municipal Code of the City of Clark, South Dakota to Recognize Electronic and Wireless Containment and Control Devices as a Means of Controlling an Animal was held.

Motion # 0100-2026 Approve Ordinance # 596 to Update Code Book

Motion by Hagstrom and seconded by Zeck to approve ordinance #596 to update the code book and add electronic and wireless containment and control devices as means of controlling an animal. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 596

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 (ANIMALS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CLARK, SOUTH DAKOTA, TO RECOGNIZE ELECTRONIC AND WIRELESS CONTAINMENT AND CONTROL DEVICES AS A MEANS OF CONTROLLING AN ANIMAL

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARK, SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. Chapter 4.02 (Definitions) of Title 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Clark is hereby amended by adding a new section 4.02.14 to read as follows:

4.02.14 Electronic or Wireless Control Device

An electronic or wireless control device means any functioning wearable electronic device designed to govern the movement of an animal through remote or automated correction, including a remote-activated electronic collar operated by the owner or a competent member of the owner's household and a wireless or GPS-based collar. The term does not include a device whose sole function is to deter or reduce barking.

Section 2. Section 4.02.04 (At Large) of Title 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Clark is hereby amended to read as follows:

4.02.04 At Large

An animal shall be deemed to be running at large when off or away from the premises and not under the control of the owner, possessor, keeper, agent or a member of the family. An animal off or away from the premises

shall nonetheless be deemed to be under the control of its owner, and shall not be deemed to be running at large, when the animal is fitted with a functioning electronic or wireless control device to which the animal has been trained and is responsive, the owner or a competent member of the owner's household is present and in immediate possession of the device's transmitter or control, and the animal in fact remains under control. An animal that is not responsive to the control of its owner shall be deemed to be running at large notwithstanding the presence of any such device.

Section 3. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to permit an electronic or wireless control device to satisfy any requirement of Chapter 4.12 (Vicious Animals). An animal declared vicious under Chapter 4.12 shall at all times remain subject to the muzzle, physical leash, enclosure, and other restraint requirements of that Chapter.

Section 4. If any section, provision, or portion of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force twenty (20) days after its passage and publication as provided by law.

	Kerry Kline Mayor
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ATTEST:

Rae Jean Flora, City Finance Officer

First Reading: July 7, 2026

Second Reading: August 10, 2026

Date Adopted: August 10, 2026

Date Published: August 12, 2026

Effective Date: September 1, 2026

First Reading of Ordinance #597 – The Imposition of a Capital Improvement Sales Tax

A second - first reading of Ordinance #597 - Imposing a Municipal Tax for Capital Improvement Projects was held with the changes that the council wanted made after the August meeting.

Motion # 0101-2026

Approve July Meeting Minutes

Motion by Dohmann and seconded by Kottke to approve the July Meeting Minutes. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 0102-2026

Approve Financial Statements

Motion by Zeck and seconded by Dohmann to approve July Financial Statements. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 0103-2026

Approve Claims

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

JULY CLAIMS #, To, For, Amount

32634, Petty Cash, cash for calcutta tournament, \$15,000.00; 32635, Elite Drain & Sewer, repairs at the pool-house, \$372.00; 32636, Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, utilities, \$399.00; 32637, Clark Community Oil, supplies, \$255.18; 32638, Clark Rural Water, materials, \$3,440.00; 32639, Dakota Butcher, supplies, \$440.02; 32640, Midwest Alarm Company, clinic fire alarm monitoring & testing, \$309.31; 32641, Sanitation Products, parts for street sweeper, \$1,161.11; 32642, Westside Implement, grass drill rental, \$200.00; 3666, Doll Distributing, liquor, \$201.00; 3667, Northwestern Enegy, utilities, \$140.85; 3668, Quill, office supplies, \$95.79; 3669, S.D. Dept. of Revenue, golf club sales tax-

es, \$4,323.17; 3670, S.D. Dept. of Revenue, sales taxes, \$1,110.70; 32643, JW Roll Off Service, dump ground roll off service, \$1,212.00; 32644, S.D. 811, one calls, \$66.15; 32645, Verizon Business, utilities, \$30.02; 32646, Carly Wodring, refund swimming lessons for 2, \$80.00; 32649, Elan Financial Service, supplies & concessions, \$1,510.44; 3674, Doll Distributing, liquor, \$622.90; 3675, Johnson Brothers Famous Brand, liquor, \$1,318.54; 3676, Doll Distributing, liquor, \$541.70; 3677, Southern Glazers of S.D., liquor, \$231.71; 3678, Johnson Brothers Famous Brand, liquor, \$759.32; 32650, S.D. Water Rights, irrigation permit for dickinson park, \$700.00; 32651, Heidi Dowdy, refund on swimming lessons, \$40.00; 32652, Aurora Stromsness, refund on mommy & me classes, \$40.00; 32653, April Fitzgerald, mileage to sioux falls for pool concessions & interview, \$187.60; 3685, Northwestern Enegy, utilities, \$1,949.26; 3687, Doll Distributing, liquor, \$833.50; 3688, Amazon Capital Services, concessions, supplies & books, \$1,425.10; 32654, AT&T Mobility, utilities, \$132.67; 3691, Dacotah Bank, service charges, \$20.00; 3692, Future POS, professional fees, \$69.38; 3693, Fintech, liquor payment management, \$44.99; 3694, Future POS, professional fees, \$76.95; 32656, A & B Business Solutions, copier contract, \$685.52; 3695, Northwestern Enegy, utilities, \$6,775.29; **7/21/26 PAYROLL:** Mayor, payroll, \$230.77; Finance Office, payroll, \$2,760.69; Govt Buildings, payroll, \$65.31; Police, payroll, \$4,730.77; Streets, payroll, \$4,995.53; Dump, payroll, \$240.00; Sewer, payroll, \$1,579.34; Water, payroll, \$1,579.63; Transit, payroll, \$231.00; Summer Rec, payroll, \$500.00; Pool, payroll, \$7,035.52; Golf Course, payroll, \$4,500.50; Golf Club, payroll, \$6,307.52; Library, payroll, \$726.00; 3672, EFTPS, payroll taxes, \$7,250.16; 32647, S.D. Retirement, retirement, \$4,253.92; 32648, Child Support Payment Center, child support, \$461.54; 3673, AFLAC, Aflac withholding, \$404.28.

AUGUST CLAIMS

Choose Clark County, subsidy, \$20,000.00; Clark Building Center & Ranch, supplies, \$63.96; Chesterman Company, concessions, \$1,476.85; Dakota Style, concessions, \$94.08; East-side Equipment, lawn mower parts, \$83.07; Porter Distributing, liquor, \$2,196.05; Star Laundry, laundry service, \$509.19; Midwest Turf & Irrigation, supplies, \$1,218.07; Westside Implement, parts, \$209.84; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance, \$8,418.10; Clark County Auditor, election costs, \$794.70; Elite Pest Solutions, pest control contract, \$400.00; Hawkins, pool chemicals, \$5,475.36; IMEG, engineering fees for road work, \$3,000.00; J & J Heating, air conditioning repairs at clubhouse, \$293.68; Pheasantland Industries, sign, \$138.28; Rivards's Turf & Forage, fairway mix, \$499.79; Taylor Weisler, tball coach, \$500.00; Malory McIntire, 8 & 12u softball coach, \$1,500.00; Samantha Noethlich, 8u & 10u softball coach, \$1,500.00; Amber Johnson, 14u softball coach, \$500.00; Stephanie Arthur, 14 u softball coach, \$500.00; Justin Irlbeck, boys tball coach, \$500.00; Brandon Kottke, boys tball coach, \$500.00; Sean McGraw, 8u baseball coach, \$500.00; Troy Mudgett, 8u baseball coach, \$500.00; Josh Florey, 10u baseball coach, \$1,000.00; Trevor Johnson, 12u baseball coach, \$1,000.00; Delta Dental, insurance, \$975.45; Principal Financial Group, insurance, \$46.62; Republic National Distributing, liquor, \$275.07; Southern Glazers of S.D., liquor, \$190.81; Vision Service Plan, insurance, \$286.94; Agwrx, fuel, \$2,758.35; Duininck, street materials, \$2,219.00; ECSDBA, boys league team, \$300.00; Northern Con-Agg LLP, street materials, \$226.79; S.D. Dept. of Health, water testing, \$40.00; Sports Facilities

Group, Inc., park equipment, \$1,767.48; Northwestern Energy, utilities, \$8,538.11; S.D. Dept. of Transportation, gas, \$490.59; Amazon Capital Services, supplies, \$921.80; City of Clark, utilities, \$4,876.55; Northwestern Energy, utilities, \$3,388.10; Northwestern Energy, utilities, \$117.34; Pitney Bowes, mailing meter maintenance, \$135.75; ITC Telephone, utilities, \$849.81; Quill, supplies, \$447.37; Johnson Brothers, liquor, \$1,399.90; Southern Glazers of S.D., liquor, \$542.73; A-I Computer Solutions, malware protection, \$20.00; Book Systems, Inc., online catalog subscription, \$1,210.00; Clark Ace Hardware, supplies & repair parts \$863.19; Clark County Weed Board, sewer lagoon spraying, \$74.60; Colonial Research, supplies, \$1,927.48; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, august garbage service, \$8,883.82; Clark County Courier, advertising, \$243.97; Dakota Butcher, liquor & concessions, \$660.81; Dollar General, softball concessions, \$98.55; Electric Motors & Moore, repairs, \$872.50; Fintech, liquor purchasing processing, \$44.99; Ken's Food Fair, concessions & alcohol, \$1,450.35; Mack's Standard, gas & repairs, \$1,753.40; Milbank Winwater, sewer repairs, \$347.81; New Dimension, mowing, \$2,500.00; Oscar's Machine Shop, repairs, \$156.54; S.D. Golf Association, sdga membership, \$370.00; U Drive Technology, texting service, \$77.32; VGM Financial Services, golf cart lease, \$1,903.15; US Foods, concessions & supplies, \$16,987.65; Clark Co. Historical Society, subsidy, \$577.00; S.D. Rural Development, sewer loan i, \$787.00; S.D. Rural Development, water utility loan, \$908.00; S.D. Rural Development, sewer loan ii, \$1,307.00; US Bank Corporate Trust, srf water loan, \$25,731.16; US Bank Corporate Trust, srf sewer loan, \$25,016.47; Eframson Electric, dickinson park light repairs, \$1,000.75; Clark Community Oil, propane, \$397.46; Clark Rural Water, July water usage, \$23,250.00; Creative Printing, supplies, \$633.64; Dacotah Bank, credit card bill, \$751.79; Gunderson Palmer Nelson Ash, legal fees, \$560.00; JW Roll Off Service, rolloff services at dump, \$772.00; Moeller Sheet Metal, repairs at water plant, \$299.85; **8/4/2026 PAYROLL:** Mayor, payroll, \$280.77; Finance Office, payroll, \$2,758.10; Govt Buildings, payroll, \$96.25; Police, payroll, \$4,630.77; Streets, payroll, \$5,083.58; Dump, payroll, \$240.00; Sewer, payroll, \$1,527.26; Water, payroll, \$1,527.57; Transit, payroll, \$353.50; Summer Rec, payroll, \$500.00; Pool, payroll, \$6,756.53; Golf Course, payroll, \$3,934.25; Golf Club, payroll, \$5,332.53; Library, payroll, \$759.00; EFTPS, payroll taxes \$6,679.55.

Next Meeting Date

Due to the first Monday of September being a holiday, it was decided to have the next city council meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion # 0104-2026

Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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	Mayor Kerry Kline
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Attest: Finance Officer
Rae Jean Flora

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