

**MOBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 14, 2025**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Mobridge, South Dakota was held in City Hall in said City on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Gene Cox, and the following council were present: Mound, Cerney, Reichert, Jensen, Kemnitz and Carlson.

**AGENDA:**

The agenda was approved on a motion by Reichert, second by Carlson and carried.

**MINUTES:**

Moved by Mound, second by Reichert and carried, to approve the minutes from April 9, 2025 regular meeting.

**Old Business:**

**RESOLUTION 25-06, WAIVE SIDEWALK REQUIREMENT** ó Moved by Kemnitz, second by Mound and carried, to approve Resolution 25-06, a resolution to waive sidewalk requirement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-06**

**RESOLUTION TO WAIVE SIDEWALK REQUIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the owners of the real property described as Lot 21B, Eklois 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition to the City of Mobridge, South Dakota have requested the City waive the requirement of placing a sidewalk on the above property; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no sidewalk on the adjoining properties and the property to the west also does not have sidewalks;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City of Mobridge hereby resolves to waive the requirement of placing a sidewalk Lot 21B, Eklois 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition to the City of Mobridge, South Dakota, until such time adjoining lots are developed.

**Adjournment** ó Moved by Mound, second by Kemnitz and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 PM.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL** - Beck swore in newly elected Councilor Jenny Goetz. Also, having filed petitions and continuing to serve their constituents for additional two-year terms were Councilors Brent Kemnitz and Curtis Reichert.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Mobridge, South Dakota was held in City Hall in said City on Wednesday May 14, 2025 at 5:39 PM. Mayor Gene Cox, City Administrator/Finance Officer Heather Beck, and the following council persons were present: Goetz, Cerney, Reichert, Jensen, Kemnitz, and Carlson.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Council**

**COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTION** - Moved by Kemnitz, second by Reichert and carried, to elect Carlson as council president. Carlson abstained. Moved by Carlson, second by Cerney, and carried, to elect Kemnitz as vice council president. Kemnitz abstained.

**MAYOR APPOINTMENTS** - Moved by Kemnitz, second by Carlson and carried, to approve the following Mayor's Appointments: Mayor ó Police, Finance, Rail Authority, Weed and Housing; Reichert ó Police, Finance, Library and Water/Sewer; Jensen ó Auditorium, Parks, and Airport; Cerney ó Park, Auditorium, and Streets; Kemnitz ó Fire, Police and Water & Sewer; Carlson ó Airport, Zoning and Streets; Goetz ó Zoning, Fire, and Water & Sewer.

Library Board: Amy Cerney, LeeAnn Mack, Danny Merkel, Katie Zerr, and Carli Goetz.

Zoning Board: Greg Mix, Liz Ford, Denise Centuro, Ken Rossow, Leah Schmidt, Jason Weisbeck and Lillian Wientjes.

Housing Board: Chris Fried, Jody Madison, Misti Helm, Rylae Jensen and Amy Cerney.

Appointed Employees and Officers: City Administrator/Finance Officer ó Heather Beck; Chief of Police ó Shawn Madison; Fire Chief ó Doug Delaroi; Asst. Fire Chief ó Ryan Ries; Fire Dept Secretary ó Kelly Silbernagel; Zoning Officer ó Jacque Rawstern; and Health Officer ó Dr. Robert Marciano.

### **Water/Sewer Department**

**STEP INCREASE 6** Moved by Reichert, second by Cerney and carried, to approve a step increase for Water Plant Manager Daron Brown, increasing his hourly wage from \$27.01 to \$27.26 effective May 5, 2025.

**CONCRETE REPLACEMENT 6** Moved by Cerney, second by Goetz and carried, to approve the quote to replace concrete at the shop in the amount of \$48,000. This project was included in the 2025 budget.

**PAY REQUEST NO. 3 6** Moved by Reichert, second by Carlson and carried, to approve pay request no. 3 to Preload, LLC in the amount of \$377,828.10 for the water tank and water main improvement project.

**PAY REQUEST NO. 4 6** Moved by Carlson, second by Kemnitz and carried, to approve pay request no. 4 to Sentry in the amount of \$151,979.35 for the water treatment plant project.

**PAY REQUEST NO. 2 6** Moved by Kemnitz, second by Cerney and carried, to approve pay request no. 2 to Muth Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$30,330.00 for the water treatment plant project.

### **Parks Department**

**CURB GUTTER & SIDEWALK 6** Part of the East Play Park project was to place curb, gutter and sidewalk along the west and south sides. The City budgeted \$70,000 for the project. Moved by Cerney, second by Carlson and carried, to approve the curb, gutter and sidewalk at the East Play Park in the amount of \$34,900 from Faehnrich Construction, LLC.

### **Fire Department**

**WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS 6** Moved by Reichert, second by Goetz and carried, to approve the following wildland firefighters and salaries: Colton Hunter- Eng. Boss \$29.76/hr; Kody Conlon- Eng. Boss Trainee \$27.32/hr; Matt McCranie- Eng. Boss Trainee \$27.32/hr; Ryan Ries- Firefighter T2 \$22.60/hr; Justin Sadler- Firefighter T2 \$22.60/hr; Rocky Good Shield- Firefighter T2 \$22.60/hr; and Lane Hansen- Firefighter T2 \$22.60/hr.

### **Police Department**

**NEW HIRE 6** Moved by Kemnitz, second by Cerney and carried, to approve hiring Michael Volz in the position of police officer, \$24.36 per hour effective May 5, 2025.

**NEW HIRE 6** Moved by Carlson, second by Kemnitz and carried, to approve hiring Kyle Brown in the position of police officer, \$24.36 per hour effective March 20, 2025.

### **Finance Department**

**BROWN BAG PERMITS 6** A public hearing was held for brown bag permits. Hearing no opinion for or against, moved by Cerney, second by Carlson and carried, to approve two brown bag permits for the Mobridge Chamber of Commerce on May 30 & 31, 2025 at South Main for the Masters Walleye Circuit. Hearing no opinion for or against, moved by Goetz, second by Cerney and carried, to approve a brown bag permit for the Mobridge Chamber of Commerce on June 14, 2025 at South Main for the Denny Palmer Memorial.

**ABATEMENT 6** Moved by Reichert, second by Kemnitz and carried, to approve the abatement for Lot 10, Block 4, Original to Mobridge, owned by the City of Mobridge in the amount of \$149.40.

**BUILDING MOVERS LICENSE 6** Moved by Carlson, second by Cerney and carried, to approve a building movers license to Martis Trucking LLC, valid until December 31, 2025.

**PERMIT TO MOVE BUILDING 6** Moved by Reichert, second by Carlson and carried, to approve a permit to move a building on a city street to Mike Szczur to move a mobile home to 322 9<sup>th</sup> Ave E.

**DEPOSIT RETURN 6** Moved by Kemnitz, second by Reichert and carried, to approve the return of a deposit for moving a building on city streets to Centennial Homes.

**STREET DEPT NEW HIRE 6** Moved by Kemnitz, second by Carlson and carried, to hire Killian Warner as street maintenance at \$21.30 per hour effective May 19, 2025.

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**LED STREET LIGHTS 6** Moved by Jensen, second by Carlson and carried, to approve the quote from Quenzer Electric in the amount of \$50,740 to replace streetlights on Grand Crossing and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue with LED fixtures. The repairs needed currently are approximately \$10,000. By replacing the lights, the cost savings of electricity will have the lights paid for in 7 years.

**POOL RATES 6** Moved by Goetz, second by Cerney and carried, to approve the following pool rates for the 2025 pool season: Day Pass 6 Children under 3 are free, Students 4-17 yrs are \$4, Adults are \$7 and Senior Discount at age 65 and older is \$4; Season passes are Single \$75 and Family \$180 with resident living in city limits receiving a 10% discount at city hall for passes.

**ANNUAL REPORT 6** Beck presented the annual report to the council pursuant to SDCL 9-22-21.

**DEPOSITORY 6** Moved by Cerney, second by Carlson and carried, to approve adding Dakota Community Bank to the City's list of approved depositories.

### **DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION:**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 6** Beck submitted a financial statement to the Council.

**BUILDING PERMITS 6** The following building permits were approved for the month of April 2025: JoVeloti & Connie Starkweather, 120 5th Ave East, Wood Fence ; Judy Richey, 1404 North Main, Replacing Deck; Buche Foods, 214 West Grand Crossing, New Signs and pylon sign on building; Carli Goetz, 1102 2nd Ave West, Fence; Jesse Roshau, 1105 2nd Street East, 16'x32' Addition; Donald Blankartz, 1005 3rd Ave West, 26'x34' Garage; KDJ Properties/Kyle Jensen, 1421 East Grand Crossing, 100'x100' Steel Building; Sandra Gipp, 917 1st Ave East, 10'x8' Shed addition; Michael Steiger, 1616 North Main Street, 12'x24' Storage building; Lori Unterseher, 701 1st Ave East, Repairing & renovating 10'x17' shed; Carrie Getz, 1121 1st Ave West, 6' Fence ; Chad Jager, 1403 Sunset Ave, Expanding driveway by 12'x34' & adding 4'x10' concrete slab next garage; Gary Street, 606 6th Ave West, Replacing existing 10'x15' deck.

**EVENTS & LIBRARY 6** An update was given to the Council.

**IPADS 6** Cerney asked if the Council would be interested in using ipads or some type of device for viewing packets versus large paper packets. She reasoned that this would be a cost savings to the City. Beck will research some options and bring it back to the council.

**PUBLIC FORUM AND VISITORS:** Two students from Mobridge Pollock government class to express their interest in the splashpad project and pool slide renovations.

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Moved by Reichert, second by Cerney and carried, to approve the following bills for payment:

Aflac, insurance 683.16; American Water Works Assn., membership dues 394.00; Aqua-Pure, chemicals 2,718.69; Associated Supply Co., repair & maintenance 373.74; AT&T Mobility, telephone/utilities 1,017.11; Auto Value Mobridge, equipment & machinery/ repair & maintenance/supplies/truck maintenance/vehicle maintenance/equipment maintenance 624.81; Avera Occupational Medicine, prof. services 73.20; Badger Meter, prof. services 125.23; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer, LLC, attorney services 2,388.68; Beadle Ford, vehicle maintenance 1,262.88; Beadle's Sales, repair & maintenance 81.16; Blankartz Construction, improve other than buildings 1,500.00; Border States, repair & maintenance 611.52; Bridge City Small Engine, machinery & equipment/supplies/repair & maintenance 1,484.18; Bushe Foods's, office supplies/supplies 226.16; Cahill Bauer & Associates, prof. services 75.00; Cam Wal Electric, street lights/utilities 607.21; Capital Trophy, prof. services 131.00; Cardmember Services, prof. services/uniform & equipment/publishing 1,004.53; Carlson Services, repair & maintenance 190.00; Centennial Homes, refund 500.00; Center Point Large Print, books 50.34; Central Diesel Sales, truck maintenance 941.72; Century Business Products, copier lease/supplies 574.31; CNA Surety, liability insurance 126.00; Credit Collections Bureau, garnishment 520.04; Dady Drug, supplies 80.69; Dakota Glass & Alignment, tires/vehicle maintenance 3,612.10; Dakota Pump & Control, repair & maintenance 714.29; David Beadle, refund 30.00; Davis Martin, contract labor 1,960.00; Delta Dental of SD, dental 577.80; Deputy Finance, postage/supplies 37.68; Diamond M Designs, uniforms 428.62; Dish TV, utilities 66.10; Douglas Sports Equipment, repair & maintenance 796.00; Faehnrich Construction, buildings 34,700.00; First Interstate Bank, HSA contributions/payroll

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tax 41,036.11; Fisher Scientific, chemicals/supplies 935.97; Fleet Services, gasoline/vehicle maintenance 2,534.39; Fred Fredericks, refund 357.27; Grand Central, repair & maintenance/vehicle maintenance 70.00; Graymont, chemicals 6,008.79; Hawkins, chemicals/repair & maintenance 6,505.93; Heartland Waste, city clean-up/prof. services 24,495.40; Heiman Fire Equipment, supplies 443.47; High Point Network, computer software & hardware 287.50; Homestead Building Supplies, supplies 49.98; Ingram, books 287.42; Jamie Dieterle, travel & conference 60.00; Jensen Rock & Sand, gravel & road oil 2,607.31; Jesse Konold, refund 100.00; Justin Jungwirth, travel & conference 376.06; Justin Wiest, refund 100.00; KCL, insurance 484.77; KLJ Engineering, prof. services 9,800.00; Language Line Services, prof. services 90.00; Legacy Mark, prof. services 432.80; Lynn Medernhall, refund 107.48; Mastercard, other services/computer software & hardware/uniforms/supplies/office supplies/repair & maintenance/travel & conference/chemicals 3,082.39; Mcleod County Social Services Child Support, garnishment 760.80; MDU, utilities/street lights 17,365.75; Merkel's Foods, supplies 88.10; Metering & Technology Solutions, water meters 2,534.60; Michael Todd Industrial Supply, equipment maintenance 6,875.90; Midcontinent Communications, utilities 420.78; Midwest Playscapes, improve other than buildings 35,000.00; Mike Nehls, travel & conference 40.00; Milliken Electric, building maintenance/prof. services 3,329.91; Misti Helm, refund 100.00; Mobridge Chamber of Commerce, prof. services 10,482.17; Mobridge Hardware, supplies/equipment maintenance/building maintenance/training/repair & maintenance 1,885.12; Mobridge Regional Health Care Foundation, refund 643.80; Mobridge Regional Hospital, prof. services 404.00; Mobridge Tribune, prof. services/supplies 1,327.95; Moore Engineering, other capital/water rehab project 199,778.20; MoRest Motel, travel & conference 85.00; NECOG, other capital 6,000.00; North Central Steel System, building maintenance 411.65; Northside Flowers, other services 80.00; Oahe Landscapes, repair & maintenance 124.38; Oahe Vet, prof. services 493.69; Office Depot, supplies 72.03; Patriot, prof. services/truck maintenance 936.10; Payment Service Network, credit card fees 54.95; Premier Equipment, repair & maintenance/supplies 525.61; Runnings Supply, repair & maintenance/equipment & machinery/supplies/yard work/office supplies/vehicle maintenance/small tools/truck maintenance 1,696.91; Sanitation Products, machinery 269,060.00; SCP Distributors LLC, improve other than buildings 8,234.00; SD Assn. of Rural Water Systems, membership dues 890.00; SD Association of Code Enforcement, prof. services 125.00; SD Child Support Payment Center, garnishment 513.24; SD DANR, prof. services 60.00; SD Dept. of Health, water samples 327.00; SD Magazine, other services 29.00; SD One Call, prof. services 48.30; SD Retirement System, retirement 18,870.52; SD Sheriffs Association, travel & conference 135.00; SD State Treasurer, sales tax 2,308.66; SDRS Supplemental Retirement, retirement 400.00; Shawn Madison, travel & conference 513.21; Slater Oil & LP Gas, gasoline/lp gas/diesel 21,651.86; Stock Enterprises, uniform & equipment 798.00; TK's Plumbing, repair & maintenance 112.20; Traffic Solutions, supplies 2,755.11; Tri-State Water, supplies 103.85; Uline, supplies 346.27; Uniform Center, uniform & equipment 212.94; US Bank, loans 17,431.25; US Postal Service, postage/supplies 1,005.18; USDA-Rural Development, loan payment 5,298.00; Valley Telecommunications, utilities 819.16; Van Diest Supply Co., supplies 6,089.25; Venture Communications, utilities 424.09; Verizon, telephone 176.96; Voyager, diesel/gasoline 629.33; Walworth County Landfill, other services 170.72; Walworth County Register of Deeds, prof. services 2.00; Wellmark, insurance 15,611.08; West River Telecommunications, utilities 4,903.83; Wright Line LLC, furniture 16,440.92; Salaries: Administration ó 9,466.80; City Administrator ó 2,375.42; Government Buildings ó 191.84; Police ó 72,188.66; Fire ó 800.00; Street ó 13,697.70; Regulation & Inspection ó 492.15; Park ó 2,097.00; Library ó 10,703.39; Auditorium ó 191.82; Housing ó 6,230.76; Zoning ó 1,087.46; 24/7 ó 2,150.62; Water Department ó 24,180.08; Sewer Department ó 11,571.39 and Airport ó 1,005.59

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM on a motion by Carlson, second by Cerney and carried.

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Heather Beck, Finance Officer

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Gene Cox, Mayor

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