

**MOBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 14, 2026**

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, January 14, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Gene Cox, City Administrator/Finance Officer Heather Beck and the following council were present: Goetz, Cerney, Reichert, Kemnitz and Carlson. Jensen was absent.

**AGENDA:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Moved by Reichert, second by Goetz and carried, to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 10, 2025.  
Moved by Carlson, second by Goetz and carried, to approve the special meeting minutes from December 29, 2025.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Water/Sewer Department**

**Michael Gorder with Moore Engineering** was in attendance to present project items to the council.

**PAY REQUEST NO. 10 6** Moved by Carlson, second by Cerney and carried, to approve pay request no. 10 to Preload, LLC in the amount of \$20,655.00 for the water storage tank project.

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 6** Moved by Goetz, second by Cerney and carried, to approve change order no. 3 to Preload, LLC in the amount of \$2,860.00 for the water storage tank project. This change order is to address additional electrical work required.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT 6** Moved by Reichert, second by Cerney and carried, to approve the plans for the wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation. The scope of the project is as follows:

- The project will replace the trickling filters and aeration basin with new aeration basins. The existing biological treatment process with trickling filters and aeration basin is at the end of its normal service life. The new aeration basins will allow for improved operational performance and efficiency and control.
- Replacement of the two existing aeration blowers with three more efficient aeration blowers.
- Construction of a new (second) final clarifier and replacement of the existing final clarifier drive. The existing final clarifier equipment is aging and does not provide redundancy. Adding a second final clarifier will allow for better service and maintenance of the clarifier equipment and provide for system redundancy.
- Construction of a new biosolids treatment building with mechanical dewatering equipment. This will allow the volume of the biosolids requiring disposal to be significantly reduced and provide an option to utilize landfill disposal of the biosolids in addition to the land application disposal that is currently utilized.

**ADVERTISING FOR BIDS** – Moved by Carlson, second by Reichert and carried, to approve advertising for bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation project pending approval of plans by the funding agency.

**Fire Department**

**2026 ROSTER AND OFFICERS** – Moved by Kemnitz, second by Goetz and carried, to approve the fire department roster and officers for 2026 as follows:

Fire Chief - Colton Hunter, Assistant Fire Chief - Ryan Ries, Secretary/ Treasurer - Justin Sadler, Kyle Beier, Kasey Roesler, Brent Wiederholt, Brady Fuhrer, Snowy Fire Cloud Schmidt, Adam Schmidt, Kody Conlon, Mitch

Voller, Chris Zeller, Kris Mosset, Kurt Schmaltz, Dave Guggolz, Michael Volz, Justin Wiest, Cody Zeller, and Steve Schneider

### **Police Department**

**NEW HIRE 6** Moved by Goetz, second by Kemnitz and carried, to approve new hire Keith Stetsor as Police Officer with a wage of \$25.10 per hour effective February 2, 2026.

**LEVEL INCREASE 6** Moved by Kemnitz, second by Reichert and carried, to approve a level increase for Dispatcher Cindy Rische increasing her hourly wage from \$27.15 to \$27.47 effective December 29, 2025.

### **Finance Department**

**TRANSFER LIQUOR LICENSE 6** A public hearing was held for the application of the transfer of a liquor license. Hearing no opinion for or against, moved by Carlson, second by Cerney and carried, to approve transferring a Package Off-sale Liquor license from Bruce Rinehart to Holiday Stationstores, LLC dba Circle K located at Lots 10, 11, and 12 in Block 1 of Eklois First Addition to the City of Mobridge, Walworth County South Dakota.

**TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSES 6** A public hearing was held for two temporary liquor licenses. Hearing no opinion for or against, moved by Carlson, second by Cerney and carried, to approve the following temporary liquor licenses: Mobridge Rodeo Inc on February 21, 2026 at Scherr Howe Event Center and Mobridge Rodeo Inc on April 11, 2026 at Scherr Howe Event Center.

**SHORT-TERM RENTAL LICENSE 6** A public hearing was held for a short-term rental license. Hearing no opinion for or against and having meant all the requirements, moved by Reichert, second by Carlson and carried, to approve a short-term rental license to Rocky and Susan Currington dba River Rest Lodge located at 813 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue east, Mobridge.

**RESOLUTION 26-01 6** Moved by Cerney, second by Carlson and carried, to approve Resolution 26-01, a resolution approving salaries for 2026.

### **RESOLUTION 26.01**

WHEREAS, the following offices or positions of the City are created by statute or ordinance (Mobridge Ordinance 1-1-2); and

WHEREAS, the compensation must be set for each employee (Mobridge Ordinance 1-1-1[25]);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following compensation shall be set for 2026;

Name	Position	Hourly	Annually
Cox, Gene	Mayor		\$9,548.00
Carlson, Randy	Councilor		\$6,753.00
Cerney, Amy	Councilor		\$6,753.00
Jensen, Kyle	Councilor		\$6,753.00
Kemnitz, Brent	Councilor		\$6,753.00
Goetz, Jenny	Councilor		\$6,753.00
Reichert, Curtis	Councilor		\$6,753.00
Beck, Heather	Finance Officer/City Administrator		\$96,384.00
Naasz, Alicia	Deputy Finance Officer	\$24.26	
Rawstern, Jacquelyn	City Clerk/Zoning Officer	\$20.59	
Dietterle, Jamie	Housing Director		\$83,430.00
Hoisington, Alexis	MYO Coordinator PT	\$15.00	
Fuhrer, Brady	Airport Manager		\$9,765.00
Blankartz, Donald	Waste Water Plant PT	\$40.00	
Brown, Daron	Water Plant Manager	\$28.08	
Fuhrer, Brady	Water/Wastewater Maintenance	\$23.74	
Kaiser, Charles Bo	Assistant Water/WW Superintendent	\$27.35	
Keller, Chris	Water/Wastewater Maintenance	\$26.06	

Schmaltz, Kurt	Water & Waste Water Superintendent	\$84,893.00
Severy, Andrew	Water/Wastewater Maintenance	\$21.63
Shillingstad, Nathan	Water Plant Operator	\$24.51
Vogel, Aaron	Wastewater Maintenance	\$23.48
Blankartz, Amy	Dispatcher	\$21.82
Brown, Kyle	Police Officer	\$26.02
Desersa, Emily	Police Officer	\$29.06
Eng, Pete	Fill In Police Officer	\$32.00
Fire Cloud-Schmidt, Snowy	Dispatcher	\$26.81
Fischer, Tammie Rae	Dispatcher	\$29.32
Jungwirth, Justin	Captain/E911 Coordinator	\$84,578.00
Kaiser, Mark	Dispatcher	\$27.15
Keller, Katelyn	Dispatcher	\$26.13
Knecht, Donovan	Dispatcher	\$21.82
Lutz, Candice	Fill In Dispatcher	\$28.24
Madison, Shawn	Police Chief	\$100,337.00
Maier, Laura	24/7 Administrator	\$19.56
Medina, Rickylee	Police Officer	\$25.09
Nehls, Mike	Code Enforcement Officer	\$23.85
Open	Police Officer	\$25.09
Perman, Layne	Fill In Police Officer	\$32.00
Rische, Cindy	Dispatcher	\$27.15
Romans, Teresa	24/7 Administrator	\$19.56
Romero, Ramiro	Police Officer	\$28.73
Schmeichel, Kiara	Dispatcher	\$21.82
Volz, Michael	Police Officer	\$28.03
Enderson, Ryan	Street/Park Superintendent	\$33.45
Fischer, Joshua	Street/Park Maintenance	\$25.70
Iron, Brad	Street/Park Maintenance	\$24.07
Sandquist, Mark	Street/Park Maintenance	\$21.63
Bieber, Karla	Head Librarian	\$25.69
Wilson, Staci	Librarian PT	\$17.38
	Fire Chief	\$5,400.00
	Assistant Fire Chief	\$1,200.00
	Fire Dept Sec-Treas	\$1,800.00
	Fire Safety Officer	\$1,200.00

Dated this 14th day of January 2026.

**OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER** 6 Moved by Reichert, second by Cerney and carried, to approve designating the Mobridge Tribune as the City's official newspaper.

**ELECTRONIC/EARLY PAYMENTS** - Moved by Kemnitz, second by Goetz, and carried, to authorize the Finance Officer to pay the following vendors electronically and/or prior to the next council meeting in order to meet vendor requirements and deadlines: AT&T, Breit & Boomsma, Cardmember Services, Century Link, Credit Collections Bureau, Deposit Refunds for Scherr Howe, First National Bank, Fleet Services, First Interstate Bank, Kansas City Life, Midco, Minnesota Child Support Center, SD Retirement System, SD Office of Child Support, SDRS Supplemental Retirement, SD State Treasurer, SD Unemployment Insurance Division, USDA Rural Development, Venture Communications, Verizon Wireless, United Accounts, US Bank and Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield.

**OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES** ó Moved by Kemnitz, second by Cerney and carried, to approve the following depositories for 2026: Dacotah Bank, First Interstate Bank, Dakota Community Bank, and SD Public Funds Investment Trust.

**CEMETERY DEED** ó Moved by Reichert, second by Carlson and carried, to approve the following cemetery deed transfer: City of Mobridge transferring Grave Number 4 in Lot 44, Block A located in Greenwood Cemetery to Rick Rieger.

**DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION:**

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

**BUILDING PERMITS** ó The following building permits were approved for the month of December 2026: Sheila Struxness, 620 5th Ave West, Handicap Ramp; Chris Lang, 314 4th Ave East, Enclosed front porch and changed out windows in house; Alvin Alcorn, 805 4th Ave East, 10'x12' lean to roof for the back door; Carmen Gisi, 318 5th Ave East, Remove south window & replace with 72"x80" patio door; Sean Keller, 207 20th Street West, Removing patio over garage & extending 2nd story by 20'x10' over garage; Mike & Jessie Norder, 421 2nd Ave West, Convert house into Restaurant Removing 2 walls & adding 4 walls.

**2025 Annual Building Permit Report:** Building permits ó 91, Demolition permits ó 7, Permits Denied due to code violation ó 2, and Extension Permit ó 1. Total Permits 101; Total dollar value of permits \$3,466,032.90, New Homes ó 5; Total: \$850,000.00. Commercial Permits: Buche Foods 85,000.00, KDJ Properties 400,000.00, Circle K Gas Station 45,000.00, Dakota Glass & Alignment 2,500.00, Lonnie Heier 1,200.00, Kevin Schaeffbauer 100,000.00, Jensen Properties 50,000.00, Dakota Community Bank 803,000.00, Thomas Unterseher 50,000.00, Mike & Jessie Norder 40,000.00, Total: \$1,576,700.00. General renovations, additions, new fences and garages \$999,432.90. Planning and Zoning Board 2025 Annual Report - The board held 4 meetings. They reviewed 3 Conditional Use Applications and 1 Retreat.

**PUBLIC FORUM AND VISITORS:** No one wished to address the Council.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Moved by Reichert, second by Goetz and carried, to approve the following bills for payment: Aflac, insurance, 1,043.13; Asure Operations, publishing, 99.00; AT&T Mobility, telephone/utilities, 984.79; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer, attorney services, 2,751.20; Brad & Darla Hollenbeck, refund, 10.16; Breit & Boomsma, garnishment, 72.75; Buche Foods, supplies, 178.65; Cam Wal Electric, street lights/utilities, 662.20; Cardmember Services, prof. services, 74.75; Central Specialties, refund, 60.00; CentralSquare, computer software & hardware, 44,347.81; Colliers Securities, prof. services, 300.00; Consolidated Electrical Distributor, prof. services/repair & maintenance, 2,490.31; Credit Collections Bureau, garnishment, 260.02; Dacotah Paper, supplies, 206.00; Dakota Glass & Alignment, repair & maintenance/tires/vehicle maintenance, 1,508.98; Dakota Pump & Control, repair & maintenance, 14,992.79; Delta, dental, 927.60; Deputy Finance, supplies/prof. services, 49.25; First Interstate Bank, HSA contributions/payroll tax, 22,219.62; Fisher Scientific, chemicals, 671.82; Fleet Services, gasoline/vehicle maintenance, 2,668.57; Gas-N-Goodies, supplies, 5.69; Grand Central, vehicle maintenance, 329.50; Graymont, chemicals, 6,296.59; Hach Company, supplies/chemicals, 3,101.69; Hanna Instruments, supplies, 755.88; Hawkins, chemicals, 18,308.50; Heartland Waste, prof services, 24,307.80; High Point Network, computer software & hardware, 5,168.61; Homestead, repair & maintenance, 5.89; Jan Wales, refund, 45.99; Johnson Controls Building Solutions, repair & maintenance, 1,836.00; KCL Group Benefits, health insurance, 524.09; KR Building products, building maintenance, 232.50; Language Services, prof. services, 90.00; Legacy Mark, prof. services, 216.00; Mastercard, supplies/other services/uniform & equipment, 782.41; Matheson Tri-Gas, other services/prof. services, 173.97; MDU, street lights, 3,457.37; Minnesota Child Support Payment Center, garnishment, 555.97; Mobridge Chamber of Commerce, prof. services, 13,580.92; Mobridge Hardware, supplies, 52.30; Mobridge Tribune, publishing, 691.59; Mobridge Youth Organization, refund, 350.00; MOCIC, membership, 100.00; NAPA of Mobridge, repair & maintenance/supplies/grease/vehicle maintenance, 744.87; NECOG, prof. services, 1,806.63; Oahe Vet, prof. services, 330.00; O'Connor Company, supplies, 718.11; Office Depot, supplies, 345.93; OverDrive, books, 1,100.00; Payment Service Network, credit card fees, 54.95; Plunkett Pest Control, prof. services, 74.68; Premier Equipment, repair & maintenance, 99.85; SD Child Support Payment Center, garnishment, 256.62; SD One Call, prof. services, 3.15; SD State Treasure, taxes, 1,911.02; SD Unemployment Insurance Division, unemployment

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compensation, 156.69; SDRS Supplemental Retirement, retirement, 151.00; Terry & Larianna While, refund, 750.00; Tri-State Waters, supplies, 91.50; Uniform Center, uniforms, 35.80; US Bank, loans/prof. services, 45,824.48; US Postal Services, postage/supplies, 1,144.57; USA BlueBook, small tools, 1,645.65; USDA-Rural Development, loan payment, 5,298.00; Valley Telecommunications, utilities, 814.16; Venture Communications, utilities, 424.09; Wellmark, health insurance, 18,396.74; West River Telecommunications, utilities, 4,423.79.

Salaries: Administration ó 6,641.60; City Administrator ó 1,223.34; Police ó 42,524.95; Fire Department ó 550.00; Street ó 7,657.73; Regulation & Inspection ó 95.40; Culture Recreation ó 356.25; Library ó 2,963.31; Housing ó 3,208.85; Zoning ó 560.05; 24/7 ó 1,017.12; Water Department ó 13,277.04; Sewer Department ó 6,785.38 and Airport ó 813.75.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM on a motion by Carlson, second by Cerney and carried.

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Heather Beck, Finance Officer/City Administrator

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Gene Cox, Mayor

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