

LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

March 2nd, 2026

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on March 2nd, 2026, at the City Hall. Mayor Bill Solberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Council Members were present, except Nelson and Fahey who were absent. City Auditor Amie Vasichok and City Supt. Josh Ulland were in attendance. City Attorney Tenneson entered the meeting at 6:40pm. Kelly Peters was in the audience.

The council stood and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Member Matejcek made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2nd, 2026, regular meeting, seconded by Member Haugland. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Solberg stated before he begins the meeting, he would like to request a pay increase of 5% for City Auditor Vasichok, in addition to the 3.5% COL given last month.

Member Matejcek made a motion to provide Amie Vasichok with a 5% wage increase, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor except Member Vasichok who abstained. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Peters provided the council with the land lease for the childcare lot with the Lakota Public School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supt. Ulland stated that he is waiting to hear from Concrete Mike regarding quotes.

CC contract review was tabled until Attorney Tenneson was in attendance later on in the meeting.

Supt. Ulland provided the council with the Ferguson Waterworks proposal to have a cloud-based software running the utility billing system. Ferguson Waterworks quote was \$2,914.60/annual.

Member Vasichok made a motion to approve the annual software program for the utility billing system of \$2,914.60/year, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

No update on the Hwy 2 reduced speed request.

Auditor Vasichok provided the written floodplain ordinance provided by Attorney Tenneson from the previous month.

Member Vasichok approved the first reading of the Floodplain Ordinance, seconded by Member Matejcek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Auditor Vasichек stated the election notice is in the newspaper and if anyone is interested to stop in for a petition.

Auditor Vasichек and Mayor Solberg reviewed with the council the BND Flex Pace application for Lakota Car Wash.

Member Ferguson made a motion to approve ½ the community share of the BND Flex Pace application for Lakota Carwash, seconded by Matejcek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Vasichек provided the council with the Lakota Legion Storefront Improvement application for a new sign.

Member Haugland made a motion to approve the Storefront Improvement application from Lakota Legion for \$1,501.25, seconded by Member Vasichек. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Supt. Ulland provided an estimate from Morris Sealcoat for chip sealing the remainder of the streets this summer. If the city were to do only the remaining streets north of the railroad tracks, the estimate is \$198,400; if we were to also include the remaining streets south of the railroad tracks, the estimate would be \$229,500. There was discussion on whether it needs to be bid if the project is estimated to be over \$200,000.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the bid of \$229,500 to chip seal the remaining streets this summer if bidding requirements were in order, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Ulland's provided the council with a verbal report.

Supt. Ulland stated he was able to install the mixer for the water tower.

Supt. Ulland provided an estimate to purchase a new skid steer from Bobcat and trading in the current one. Member Ferguson stated he would like to see more bids from other dealers.

ENGINEER REPORT

No report provided.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

The monthly and annual sheriff's report was provided to the council for review.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Member Ferguson stated he was contacted by Paul Miller after the last meeting with concern on the potential of the city opening an RV Park. Member Ferguson stated Mr. Miller reminded him that he already operates an RV Park and felt it would directly compete against his. Auditor Vasichек stated she did also reach out to Mr. Miller and has decided not to pursue the Destination Development Grant with the state.

Member Matejcek stated he was contacted by a member of the community after the last meeting upset on how the city voted on the community center lease with the school. Member Matejcek stated he was ok with how he voted.

Attorney Tenneson entered the meeting at 6:40pm

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Solberg had nothing to report.

AUDITOR REPORT

Auditor Vasichек' s written report was provided and attached with minutes.

Auditor Vasichек explained the Rural Catalyst grant for the clinic and what the match requirements entail. Auditor Vasichек explained that the city will provide at most \$60,000 for the purchase of the building and the renovations and furnishings will be funding with the grant money and NCHS contributions. Auditor Vasichек stated the plan would be to recoup the \$60,000 investment with the lease agreement to the NCHS.

Member Ferguson made a motion to approve the \$60,000 purchase of the Lakota American building for the Lakota Clinic project, seconded by Member Matejcek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the financial and utility report with no action taken.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Tenneson stated the chip seal project requires a bid process if the project is estimated over \$250,000, therefore it would not be needed.

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Attorney Tenneson stated he has the CC lease agreement for the school and will e-mail for the council to review. Mr. Peters stated the school board meets on March 11th and would review it at that time.

There was discussion on the golf cart storage and liability on the city. Attorney Tenneson and Supt. Ulland stated they will look into options and if each tenant should sign a waiver and provide a copy of their insurance for their cart.

After reviewing the bills and vouchers, a motion was made by Member Vasichek to pay all the bills presented for payment and those bills paid prior to the meeting. Member Matejcek seconded the motion. Motion carried, on roll call vote of 4-0.

ABM Equipment	\$ 2,279.77
Acme Tools	\$ 154.38
Advanced Business Methods	\$ 261.64
America Waterworks	\$ 25,245.21
Apex Engineering	\$ 1,690.00
BND	\$ 4,438.13
BCBS	\$ 9,555.97
Border States	\$ 4,672.37
Computer Express	\$ 428.37
City of Lakota	\$ 450.00
Dacotah Paper	\$ 495.65
EFTPS	\$ 2,396.86
EFTPS	\$ 2,351.69
Elan	\$ 1,623.19
Farmers Union Oil	\$ 1,816.74
Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 1,085.41
Ferry, Mark	\$ 560.00
GF Utility Billing	\$ 144.00
GF Welding	\$ 291.55

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Hawkins	\$	10.00
Interstate Billing	\$	523.85
IXOM Watercare	\$	9,574.00
Lakota American	\$	241.85
Lakota Hardware	\$	578.65
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	370.00
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	806.18
Lakota Municipal Utilities	\$	12,655.36
Lakota Sanitation	\$	11,531.76
Locators & Supplies	\$	1,441.73
Menards	\$	402.46
MARC	\$	9,174.00
MRES	\$	93,884.47
NC Sheriff	\$	3,415.00
Neonlink	\$	55.60
Nodak	\$	1,037.11
ND One Call	\$	1.50
ND Telephone	\$	49.69
Quill	\$	14.05
Renewed State	\$	1,449.61
Rysavy Plumbing	\$	285.00
Ramos, Ariel	\$	19.72
Thein Well	\$	13,965.72
United Laboratories	\$	2,242.21
USABluebook	\$	153.93
Vasichek, Amie	\$	40.00

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VCI	\$	28.70
Verizon	\$	126.57
Vestis	\$	74.82
Widseth	\$	1,700.00
Zion	\$	83,026.27
City Salaries	\$	13,420.95
City Salaries	\$	<u>14,039.60</u>
TOTAL	\$	336,096.29

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6th, 2026, at 6:00pm. Tax Equalization meeting is scheduled for the same day at 5:30pm.

Member Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Vasichек.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Bill Solberg, Mayor

Amie Vasichек, Auditor