

Unapproved Minutes  
Gettysburg, South Dakota  
January 5, 2026

Pursuant to the due call and notice thereof, the City Council met in regular session on January 5, 2026, at 7:00PM at the City Finance Office in Gettysburg, SD and via ZOOM. Those present were Mayor Adam Roseland, Philip Nagel, Michael Fischer, Cyle Phillips, William VanderVorst (Zoom), Kelly Archer, and Seth Warner (Zoom). Also present were Dave Mogard-Chief of Police, Greg Gerber-Maintenance Supervisor (Zoom), Sheila Schatz-Finance Officer, Shane Wager-Deputy Finance Officer, Ryan Vogel-City Attorney (Zoom), and Kara Williams-Economic Development.

Moved by Nagel, Fischer seconded, to approve January 5, 2026, proposed agenda. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischer, Archer seconded, to approve December 31, 2025, special council meeting minutes. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Vouchers Payable: None - Appointments: None.

Moved by VanderVorst, Fischer seconded, to go into Executive Session for personnel at 7:08PM. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Council reconvened at 7:40PM.

Moved by Fischer, Phillips seconded, to approve publishing an ad for three weeks to hire a seasonal on-call maintenance worker for the 2026 season, CDL required, at \$24.00 per hour. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Nagel, Archer seconded, to approve giving a merit raise to the following employees as follows to be effective second payroll in January 2026: Greg Gerber an additional \$1.00 per hour to total \$34.96 per hour; Allen Pope an additional \$.75 per hour to total \$30.12 per hour; Joshua Zweben an additional \$.75 per hour to total \$23.53 per hour; Sheila Schatz an additional \$1.00 per hour to total \$29.70 per hour; and Shane Wager an additional \$.50 per hour to total \$23.28 per hour. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

REMINDER: \$1.00 Basic Water Fee Increase effective January 2026 in-town from \$22.00 to \$23.00 and out-of-town from \$31.00 to \$32.00.

Moved by Nagel, Fischer seconded, second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2025-12-31 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance with \$250 being supplemented from Source 101-36700, Designated Donation to Appropriations 101-43700-42900 Cemetery-Other Expense. All members present voted with roll call as follows: Nagel – Aye, Fischer – Aye, Phillips – Aye, VanderVorst – Not Present, Archer – Aye, and Warner – Aye. Motion carried.

REMINDER: The 2026 SDML Legislative Rib Dinner will be happening again in Ft. Pierre, SD on February 3, 2026, from 5PM-8PM. The registration fee is \$35 and Alderman Nagel has signed up thus far. Schatz asked if any other council members were interested in attending and, if so, she needs to register them by January 20, 2026.

Moved by Fischer, Nagel seconded, to approve the 2026 Gettysburg Firemen and EMT rosters. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischer, Archer seconded, to approve Potter County News as the official newspaper for the City of Gettysburg for 2026. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischer, Phillips seconded, to give preliminary approval on city maintenance crew to hang Hometown Hero Banners the VFW will be getting put together either through a fundraiser or a community service project on the downtown street poles. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mogard gave the police report. Moved by Nagel, Archer seconded, to approve Chief Mogard to attend the 2026 South Dakota Police Chiefs' & Sheriffs' Conference in Deadwood, SD, April 14-16, 2026. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Gerber gave the maintenance report. Gerber stated maintenance has no need this year to apply for any grants available through the 2026 SDML Work Comp Fund Safety Grant. EMT Director Matthews would like to apply for the Lucas 3.v3.1 Chest Compression System Model 99576 via the 2026 SDML Workers' Compensation Fund EMS Equipment Grant. This grant is a 50/50 grant with a maximum grant award of \$5,000. Council will discuss this further at the February regular council meeting once they have a price on said equipment from Matthews.

There was one fuel bid from Agtegra for the following: Unleaded 10% Ethanol FTE at \$2.289, Ruby Fieldmaster at \$2.52, #1 Ruby Fieldmaster at \$3.09, AvGas at \$5.35, and Jet-A at "\$ quote day of delivery". Moved by Fischer, Nagel seconded, to accept the fuel bid from Agtegra. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischer, Phillips seconded, to approve paying the invoice from RDO Equipment on the SRE Equipment in the amount of \$294,806 wherein there will be a reimbursement from the State via the grant in place. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Nagel, Fischer seconded, to approve Schatz to earmark \$25,000 for both police and ambulance again in 2026. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischer, Nagel seconded, to approve the 2026 Renewal of Code Enforcement Specialists Independent Contractor Agreement and pay the annual retainer fee. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischer, Archer seconded, to approve hiring Kohlman, Bierschbach & Anderson, LLP to prepare the 2025 Annual Report in the amount of \$1,950. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

REMINDER: 2026 City Election will be combined with the county and possibly the school during primary election to be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. Earliest date for a candidate to sign the declaration of candidacy to begin petition circulation and file a petition is Monday, February 2, 2026. Deadline for a candidate to file nominating petitions or to withdraw their name from the ballot is 5PM CST on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. The Notice of Vacancies has been published and will be for Seat 2, Seat 3 and Seat 5 and will each be for a 4-year term.

- Building Permits: None; Moving Permits: None; Demolition Permits: None.

- Correspondence: PCC Ambulance Report; Gettysburg Whitlock Bay Development Corporation 2025 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter End-of-Year Financials;
- Round Table: Schatz thanks Council for their continued support and the generous merit raises given which are greatly appreciated. Wager thanks Council, as well, and says Schatz, maintenance crew and Council are all very supportive which he greatly appreciates. Fischer mentions an idea he has been thinking about regarding even further continued use of the new excavator. Possibly an agreement can be drawn up wherein city residents can hire city maintenance crew to tear down and remove any dilapidated structures on properties in town at a reduced price. A stipulation will be they must either have a new structure in its place on said property within (3) years, or if do not, must have an agreed upon fair price they will sell the property to the City to sell to another party for use or to Economic Development so they can do something useful with the property. This is just an idea. This obviously needs to be discussed in much more detail in the future with proper legal details being figured out, etc. It is a good way to drive some economic development in town and get our community cleaned up while taking care of many code enforcement issues. Fisher also wishes everyone a Happy New Year. Williams mentions that both herself and Mayor Roseland met with the new GOED commissioner when he was in town, and one of the things he was surprised to find out is Gettysburg does not have zoning. This possibly could be why the city has so many dilapidated buildings not being taken care of. Williams has approached some people over the years, perhaps there are opportunities to improve their property wherein they can possibly rent it out or even sell it. She has one person who got back to her stating their family was considering this. It is something that needs to be approached as to why these property owners are holding onto places that are truly not inhabitable. Nagel states he does not see zoning as a cure or the issue, but code enforcement is. Williams states we have become the town of storage containers now. She has had people approach her stating they see this as a bigger problem right now as people are just putting more storage container units up next to buildings that should be torn down. She does think code enforcement is great. Mayor Roseland mentions he recently met with EMT Director Matthews, some folks from Avera and from AMR, a private nationwide ambulance service with Pierre being one of their smallest populations they serve on a full-time basis. A document he received has been emailed to council and will be discussed in further detail at the February regular council meeting. If the agreement sent by AMR is signed by the city, AMR would be willing to come into our ambulance territory and take some transfers that the city is unable or unwilling to take. He is going to take this document to the next ambulance meeting to get their take on it before it is discussed any further at the February council meeting. The city would have the first right of refusal, and it would cost the city nothing as AMR would handle its billing directly. AMR is not interested in taking over our ambulance services but are interested in providing patient support. Archer states that Hoven should be communicated to as the second option to see if their services are interested in the transfer before AMR is contacted.

Moved by Fischer, Archer seconded, to adjourn meeting at 8:31PM. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

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Sheila Schatz, Finance Officer

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Adam Roseland, Mayor