Unapproved Minutes
Gettysburg, South Dakota
October 5, 2026

Pursuant to the due call and notice thereof, the City Council met in regular session on October 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, Sara Cronin, William VanderVorst, Kelly Archer, and Seth Warner. Also, present were Greg Gerber-Maintenance Manager, Shane Wager-Deputy Finance Officer, Ryan Vogel-City Attorney (Zoom), Kara Williams-Economic Development, MaryBeth Johnson, Joan Powell (via phone call), and a few other participants via ZOOM.

Moved by Nagel, Fischer seconded, to approve October 5, 2026, proposed agenda with the amendment of adding 10-03-26 Updated Code Enforcement Nuisance Listing at the end of correspondence. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischer, VanderVorst seconded, to approve September 14, 2026, regular council meeting minutes. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Payroll Expense by Department:

Airport	$3,361.68
Ambulance	$9,752.50
Auditorium	$0.00
Council	$0.00
Finance Office	$2,809.87
Mayor	$0.00
Parks	$1,957.48
Police	$5,511.05
Rubble Site	$3,859.56
Sewer	$2,822.78
Snow Removal	$0.00
Streets	$5,561.50
Swimming Pool	$1,448.31
Water	$4,252.78
West Nile	$137.79
Total Payroll Expense by Department	**$41,475.30**

Net Payroll	September 2026	$29,875.76
Aflac Ins.	Aflac Ins.	$394.16
AT&T Mobility	Police Cells & Hot Spots & Radios and Ambulance Hot Spots	$457.05
Avera Careflight	Annual Benefit Renewal	$343.00
Avera Patient Financial Svs.	Prof. Svs. – Ambulance, Street & Sewer	$39.48

Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Police Machinery & Equipment	$4,568.64
B&R Truck Repair, LLC	Sewer Supplies	$56.25
Cam-Wal Electric Co-Op	Airport Unmetered LED Light & Energy-Electric @ Rubble Site	$94.80
City of Gettysburg	Petty Cash	$17.65
Code Enforcement Specialists	Prof. Svs. – Code Enforcement	$783.27
Colonial Life Ins.	Life Ins.&Volunteer Policies (payroll deducted)	$1,026.50
Dollar General	Street Supplies	$192.85
Economic Development	3rd Qtr. Stipend	$5,000.00
First Citizens Bank	September Payroll Taxes & August Sales Tax	$9,893.46
First Interstate Bank	CC Payoff	$1,852.54
Gettysburg Ace Hardware	Airport, Fire Hall, Sewer, Police, Street, & Park Supplies	$1,030.16
Gettysburg Development Corp.	September BBB Taxes	$123.40
Heartland Payment Systems	CC Fees	$90.12
Heartland Waste Mgmt., Inc.	September Garbage Collection	$6,904.01
Helms & Associates	Prof. Svs. – Airport	$5,763.09
Holzwarth Sales & Service, Inc.	1/3 ea. Street, Rubble Site & Sewer Supplies	$631.80
Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc.	Ambulance Oxygen	$269.90
Marco	Copier Lease	$226.38
Menards	Street & Fire Hall Supplies	$988.48
Mid Dakota Rural Water System	Water Usage	$18,818.65
Mike's Repair	Street Repairs/Maintenance	$215.95
Montana Dakota Utilities	Gas & Electric	$5,513.63
New Creations	Police & Finance Office Supplies	$100.47
Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc.	Pool & Water Supplies	$817.20
PCC Ambulance Billing Services	Prof. Svs. – Ambulance	$350.57
Pope, Allen	Travel & Conference	$102.74
Potter County News	Finance Office & Street Publications	$747.25
Principal Life Insurance Company	Life Insurance	$74.76
Red River Grain Co.	West Nile Supplies	$459.60
Richardson, Wyly, Wise	Prof. Svs. – Legal	$872.25
Schlachter Lumber, Inc.	Pool, Park & Rubble Site Supplies	$175.45
SD Dept. of Revenue	Water Testing	$80.00
SD One Call Board	One-Calls	$13.65
SD Retirement Systems	September Retirement	$4,508.62
Servall	Rugs	$265.77
TASC	Health Flex Plan	$992.28
US Postmaster	September Water Bills & Fin. Off. Postage	$880.61
Venture Communications	Telephone/Fax/Internet/AWOS	$819.31
Verizon Wireless	Maintenance & Ambulance Cell Phones	$198.93
Wellmark BC/BS Health Plans	Health Ins.	$8,739.61
WEX Bank	Ambulance Fuel	$395.16
Zander Auto Parts	Street Supplies	$39.48
TOTAL CHECKS		**$115,804.69**

Moved by VanderVorst, Fischer seconded, to approve vouchers payable. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Appointments: MaryBeth Johnson (Unreasonable Noise from Public – Dynamic Braking)
Joan Powell (Abatement)
Thad Beringer (Larger Pipeline to PC Fairgrounds)

Appointment: MaryBeth Johnson (Unreasonable Noise from Public – Dynamic Braking)
Johnson (with the support of several constituents attending the meeting) explained she is at the council meeting this evening regarding unreasonable noise from dynamic braking. Johnson gave Deputy Wager a packet of information to hand out that explains all towns currently in South Dakota that have an ordinance in place regarding excessive noise. Because there isn't a statute that states you cannot jake brake, the State will not allow signs to be put up along the highway until the City has an ordinance in place to eliminate excessive noise. Mayor assigned the Policy and Ordinance Review Committee to put together possible wording for a new ordinance which will be discussed at the November 2, 2026, council meeting.

Appointment: Joan Powell (via phone call) – (Abatement of Tearing House Down located at 102 S East Street, Gettysburg, SD)
Discussion was had on setting a specific date of when the abatement of tearing the house down located at 102 S East Street, Gettysburg, SD, had to be completed by. Moved by Fischer, VanderVorst seconded, the house located at 102 S East Street, Gettysburg, SD, must be torn down by the owner no later than Sunday, November 15, 2026. If the house is not torn down by said date, the City will then move forward with the abatement by tearing the house down using the City's equipment, charging a corresponding labor rate 20% higher than a quote from one of our City's local contractors, plus dump fees at $120 per side dump. The lot must be completely cleaned off and the hole completely filled in with dirt. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Roseland stated our third appointment on the agenda, Thad Beringer, has not arrived as of yet. We will skip the larger pipeline to Potter County fairgrounds until later in the meeting.

Moved by VanderVorst, Cronin seconded, to approve second reading, adoption and publication of Ordinance 2026-09-14 An Ordinance Amending Title V: Public Works, Chapter 53 – Sewers, Section 53.01 Entitled "Fees; Rates". All members present voted roll call as follows: Nagel – Aye, Fischer – Aye, Cronin – Aye, VanderVorst – Aye, Archer – Aye, and Warner – Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischer, Warner seconded, to approve second reading, adoption and publication of Ordinance 2026-09-14(A) Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance regarding purchase of the Little Sprouts ECC daycare building (formerly the Bakery) located at 111 West Commercial Avenue. All members present voted roll call as follows: Nagel – Aye, Fischer – Aye, VanderVorst – Aye, Archer – Aye, Warner – Aye with Cronin abstaining from vote. Motion carried.

Moved by Warner, VanderVorst seconded, to go into Executive Session for both legal and personnel at 8:06PM. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Council reconvened at 8:28PM.

Moved by VanderVorst, Cronin seconded, to put Chief Mogard on administrative duties only, effective immediately, but on a temporary basis to be further addressed at the November 2, 2026, council meeting. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Attorney Vogel went over Open Meeting Laws with Council as a couple of new laws were passed this year. It is now mandatory to have this done one time, annually, and note same within the council meeting minutes.

Moved by Fischer, Archer seconded, to approve signing and paying the Periodic Payment Estimate #1 dated 10-05-26 from Logan Electric, Inc., in the amount of $316,655.84 on the Revenue Producing T-Hangar project AIP #3-46-0017-019/020-2026. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischer, Archer seconded, to approve the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission state financial assistance agreement in the amount of $2,401.33 for repairs on the CCR at the airport using fuel tax reimbursement funds the City currently has available. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by VanderVorst, Warner seconded, to approve Greg Gerber's 4-year 4% longevity raise to be effective 10-21-2026. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mogard gave police report. Mogard wanted to verify for the public, the administrative duties he is currently being put on, which the Council could not mention due to HIPPA reasons, is for medical reasons.

Gerber gave maintenance report. Mayor Roseland gave a quick pool update. The City does not have official bid specs for the concrete work from the engineer as of yet. We are hoping to get them this first week in October.

For an update on the airport T-hangar project, footings are in, and the project is moving right along.

Maintenance is still in the process of looking for a new/used truck for snow removal and also an air compressor to blow out lines as the old one is no longer in service.

Gerber stated Joie Jones had called and asked if it would be possible to vacate the road on the 300 block on South High Street. Mayor Roseland explained no action will be taken on this at tonight's meeting. If they want the City to vacate said property, they need to petition to vacate it. A petition has not been handed in as of this time.

The rubble site has remained busy. Bruns is doing an excellent job working out there. As of right now, for a season closing date on the rubble site, we will remain open until the end of October and see what the weather holds at that time.

Mayor Roseland wanted to discuss the possibility of getting a larger water pipeline put in at the Potter County fairgrounds. Appointment Thad Beringer was unable to make it tonight. Gerber explained the fairgrounds would like more volume of water at the fairgrounds as they use a lot of water. Currently, they only have about a 1" to 1-1/2" black polly line. We have a fire hydrant located on the east side of the trailer house currently located within the lot area of the old Stans building. In talking with Kevin Logan, he is giving the City permission to do an easement to go across on his land with the city water using 6" pipe and go to the ditch. Once at the ditch, it would then be the County's situation to bore underneath the road and take it from there. It would all have to be ran in 6" pipe. Several years ago, this was discussed and thought would move forward, but it didn't happen. Moved by Nagel, Fischer seconded, to authorize the City maintenance to run a 6" water main to the south side of Court Street to the ditch, approximately at the west end of Track 20, Potter/Sully County Addition, if and when County agrees to move forward with their part of the project. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischer, Warner seconded, to approve renewing the Airport Liability Insurance for 2027 with Old Republic Insurance Company in the amount of $2,079.00 which includes TRIA terrorism coverage. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischer, Warner seconded, to approve the publication for two weeks of the Advertisement for Bids on the Farmland Lease Bid. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischer, Archer seconded, to table discussion of renewing the Garbage Service contract until Nov. 2, 2026, regular council meeting. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Roseland stated there is no action to be taken at tonight's meeting, however, he explained that there has been some discussion amongst some city council members about exploring the option of eliminating the City of Gettysburg Police Department. This topic will be referred to the City's police committee who may further decide to enter into discussions with the Potter County Sheriff's Office and the county commissioner committee in charge of law enforcement. This will just be to approach them and discuss what this might look like.

Mayor Roseland also stated the City of Gettysburg had a 4-year contract in place with Chief David Mogard which said contract expired as of October 3, 2026. Expiration of the said contract does free the City up to explore different possibilities if so choose. VanderVorst stated City Council highly recommends that constituents of the city talk to City Council members to discuss pros, cons, ideas, etc. Feel free to join us in the next council meeting in person or via zoom which will be held on Monday, November 2, 2026, at 7PM. We would like the public's input on this.

No Agtegra fuel bid has been received at this time. Moved by Nagel, Warner seconded, to approve the Agtegra fuel bid once it has been received. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

No finance report was given. Finance Officer Schatz did research on comparable community municipalities with similar population on mayor/council wages and have the information included in the meeting packet. She is hoping to know as soon as possible for budget if council is wanting to increase any of their current stipend or per meeting pay amounts. Moved by Fischer, Nagel seconded, to table topic of mayor/council wages until the special budget meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 7PM. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- Building Permit: None
- Moving Permit: None
- Demolition Permit: None

- Correspondence: September 2026 Net Payroll & OT Reports; 3rd Qtr. Financials; Economic Development 3rd Qtr. Financials; July 2026 PCC Report; PMA SDFIT Report; Mike Rounds Weekly Round[s] Up Newsletter; 10-03-26 Updated Code Enforcement Nuisance Listing;

Round Table: Wager appreciates the public showing up at tonight's meeting for an issue which is really heartening. Wager believes we all would like to see more public involvement as it helps the public to know and understand the issues at hand, to give their input on what they are wanting to see which helps us to make decisions. Wager also wanted to thank the council members who have been coming into the office more regularly to get ahead of things while gaining more knowledge and helping us out, as well.

Gerber was thanked for his many years of service to the City as it will be coming up on 25 years. Mayor Roseland stated he regularly speaks with SD Department of Revenue employees in his day job as Director of Equalization and recently received an email from one of the Pierre employees. She explained that about once a month, her and her spouse like to go for a Sunday drive. They recently drove up this way taking 1806, enjoyed seeing the river, and came through Gettysburg. She commented she thinks our town is lovely and possibly one of the cleanest little towns she has ever seen. Mayor just wanted to share as is always great to receive such a compliment. Mayor's compliments to code enforcement, maintenance, police, and everyone.

Moved by Fischer, Warner seconded, to adjourn meeting at 9:33PM. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Witness:

Sheila K. Schatz, Finance Officer Adam Roseland, Mayor