Unapproved Minutes
Gettysburg, South Dakota
October 28, 2026

Pursuant to the due call and notice thereof, the City Council met in special session on October 28, 2026, at 7:00PM at the City Finance Office in Gettysburg, SD and via ZOOM. Present at the meeting were Adam Roseland, Philip Nagel, Michael Fischer (Zoom), Sara Cronin, Bill VanderVorst, Kelly Archer, and Seth Warner. Also present were Sheila Schatz-Finance Officer, Shane Wager-Deputy Finance Officer, Allen Pope-Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, Thomas Matthews-EMT Director, Ryan Vogel-City Attorney (Zoom), Kara Williams-Economic Development, and a few others via Zoom.

Moved by Nagel, VanderVorst seconded, to approve October 28, 2026, proposed agenda with the addition of Periodic Payment Estimate #2 from Logan Electric, Inc., on the airport T-hangar project in new business. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Minutes: None

Vouchers Payable: None

Public Comment: None

Moved by Nagel, VanderVorst seconded, to go into Executive Session for both legal and personnel at 7:08PM. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Council reconvened at 8:14PM.

Mayor Roseland stated that the mayor and council stipends and/or meeting pay will be discussed below when going through the 2027 budget.

Allen Pope, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, stated that maintenance has been looking into purchasing a new used dump truck, and there is a 2014 Caterpillar they are currently interested in. It was brought to the attention that with the cost of a new used dump truck, this may need to go to bids via bid law. It will be discussed further at the November 2, 2026, council meeting.

Moved by VanderVorst, Nagel seconded, to approve publication of Notice of Public Hearing on Application for Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for 2027 – City of Gettysburg/Harms Oil Co., dba Harms Oil Co.-Gettysburg East for a new Package (off-sale) Liquor License. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by VanderVorst, Warner seconded, to approve publication of Advertisement for Bids on Farmland Lease. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Nagel, VanderVorst seconded, to hire Barry Eikamp as a police officer starting at $28 per hour moving to $30 per hour after receiving state certification with a start date of November 2, 2026. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

The 2027 budget was gone through in detail and discussed. First reading of Ordinance No. 2026-11-02 2027 Appropriations will take place at the November 2, 2026, regular council meeting.

Moved by Nagel, Archer seconded, to approve Mayor signing and Finance Officer Schatz paying the periodic payment estimate #2 from Logan Electric, Inc., in the amount of $126,095.49 on the airport T-hangar project. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Round Table: Schatz thanked Council for having this meeting to go over budget in detail before trying to handle the actual First Reading. Schatz thinks it will work out great but would like department heads to get involved in the budget process at the very beginning of the process. Schatz stated it helps make numbers more accurate from the beginning of the process which alleviates having more changes in the ending process. Schatz also wanted to thank Deputy Wager very much for the spectacular spreadsheets he put together in helping with the budget process this year, and it was nice that he was much more involved in the process this year, as well. Wager reiterated what Schatz stated and thanked everyone for staying so late. Wager stated he really appreciates Council's participation and input on things and thanked Council for their dedication to the City. Nagel stated he noticed the airport courtesy car was being used this week and was parked outside the courthouse as the gentleman using it was walking through and admiring the flags and the monument. It was nice to see someone from out of town enjoying that. VanderVorst wanted to remind the community of the Masks on Parade event happening in town on Friday, October 30, 2026, from 3PM-5PM for trick-or-treaters to dress up and stop into local businesses for a treat. Please take extra caution in driving and slow down both Friday and Saturday watching out for all of the trick-or-treaters to be safe. Cronin reminded chili & grilled cheese will be served at the Little Sprouts Daycare right after the 5PM Masks on Parade. Warner thanked Finance Officer Schatz and Deputy Finance Officer Wager for their continued hard work. Mayor Roseland also thanked Finance Officer Schatz for putting the budget together. Mayor also stated that last month, the Potter County Commissioners passed an ordinance to change the way they do burn bans in the future, and it is now in effect. So, essentially, when the National Weather Service has declared the South Dakota Grassland Fire Danger Index to be in the very high or extreme category, or has issued a red flag warning for any portion of Potter County, that automatically puts Potter County in a burn ban according to the Potter County Commissioners. They carved out or are excluding municipalities. So, when the County does go on an automatic burn ban, it does not include within the City, itself. In the past, it used to be City Council has always taken position that if Potter County was in a burn ban, the City was also in a burn ban. This is no longer the case unless the commissioners do another burn ban on top of their automatic burn ban.

Moved by Nagel, Fischer seconded, to adjourn meeting at 10:38PM. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Witness

Sheila K. Schatz, Finance Officer

Adam Roseland, Mayor