

Elkton City Council Minutes January 7, 2026

The Elkton City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor, Charles Remund at 6:00 PM. Council members present were David Bierman, Tal Farnham, Brooke Greve and Emily Schelske. Council members Scott Stuefen and Rick Weible were not in attendance.

Motion by Farnham, second by Bierman to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Schelske, second by Farnham to approve the December 8 regular meeting minutes. All in favor - motion carried.

There were no citizen comments.

The community club requested a temporary alcohol permit to serve alcohol on February 28th for their Pizza, Pints and Puzzles event. Motion by Bierman, second by Greve to approve the temporary permit. All in favor – motion carried.

Public Works Director, Steve Jensen was on hand for his report. They have been chasing a water leak and found 2. Fixing equipment as needed after moving snow. A tree order has been placed. The city is now only using 1 of the 3 lift stations with the construction that was completed this fall the other 2 have been eliminated.

Jennifer McBrien, Bar Manager was on hand for her report. The plumbing and framing is complete for the kitchen, the electrical will start on Thursday, then walls and flooring. She is working on the menu and hope to be open by March.

Susan Schuurman, Finance Officer was on hand for her report. The auditor has been working on the 2023-2024 audit. The council meeting for February will be on Wednesday Feb 4th.

The fire department plans to add cameras for safety purposes and asked about fire alarm and heat sensors for the building.

The drawing for the ambulance garage was presented; Scott was going to look at it and then we would need specs to put out for bids. It was brought to the council's attention that there were several parties interested in donating, they would like to know the cost of the building and what the city is able to cover. Mayor Remund will work on that and get back to the individuals.

City Librarian, Sherry Bauman was not in attendance but left her report. Story hour and Daycare deliveries continue. Preparing for the summer reading program by going through the program manual. The next library board meeting will be Wednesday, January 14th at 5 PM.

Park and Rec was discussed, Schuurman will reach out to DeMarteleare and see if she is interested in coming back to run the program.

The council reviewed the 2025 budget overview.

The council reviewed Resolution 2026-01.01 salary resolution. Motion by Bierman, second by Greve to approve Resolution 2026-01.01. All in favor – motion carried.

In old business, city infrastructure projects. Phase III is underway new sanitary sewer has been installed down the alleys from 5th street through 2nd. And from Antelope to the lift station on 5th street. Work has been suspended until spring. If there are any road surfacing concerns the contractor should be contacted. Contractor's application for payment #3 has been presented to the council. Motion by Bierman, second by Schelske to approve the pay request in the amount of \$131,048.35. All in favor – motion carried. The funding application for Phase IV and the underfunded part of Phase III was submitted on December 31, 2025.

The community center floors were discussed, no correspondence has been received from the contractor that did the flooring.

In new business, the community club requests rental fee waiver for two planned events, one on 2/1 for a family movie night and 2/28 for the Pizza, Pints and Puzzle events. Motion by Bierman, second by Schelske to approve the rental waiver. All in favor – motion carried. The new contract for the code enforcement was received, there was a fee increase this year. Motion by Schelske, second by Bierman to approve renewing the code enforcement contract. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Bierman, second by Greve to approve payment of the January bills. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Farnham, second by Greve to go into executive session pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1) for employee reviews at 7:10 PM. All in favor – motion carried. The council came out of executive session at 7:28 PM. Motion by Farnham, second by Schelske to approve a 4% raise for Jill Frerichs to \$15.60 per hour, Steve Jensen to \$35.42 per hour, Linda Kampmann to \$15.62 per hour, Jennifer McBrien to \$28.12 per hour, Terry Nelson to \$26.19 per hour, Samuel Schuurman to \$15.60 per hour and Susan Schuurman to \$30.68 per hour. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Farnham, second by Greve to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. All in favor – motion carried.

January 2026 payments

A-OX welding 39.15 shop supplies; A-OX welding 165.01 shop supplies; Avid Hawk 45.00 website monthly fee; Beal Distributing 6057.45 beer purchases; Bobcat of Brookings 1662.32 vehicle maintenance; Br. Co. Sheriff's Dept 2952.00 contract law enforcement; Br. Co. Sheriff's Dept 25.83 animal control fees; Br. Deuel Rural Water System 4463.00 water purchased; CarQuest 98.78 vehicle maintenance; *Casilli, Todd 400.00 bar entertainment; Century Business Products 84.78 library copier lease, copies; Chesterman 837.80 pop purchased; CHS 2311.45 propane, diesel, supplies; City of Elkton 373.40 utility fees; fees; Code Enforcement Specialists 1500.00 retainer fee; Colonial Life 720.60 insurance; Cook's Wastepaper 4659.86 contract garbage; Dakota Beverage Co 10,495.55 beer purchases; DANR 750.00 wastewater fee; Dept of Rev & Reg 3076.41 sales tax remittance; DEMCO 69.45 library supplies; DMI 439.25 vehicle maintenance; *EFTPS 8927.36 federal tax payments; Electronic Security Equip 190.03 bar camera repairs; Elkton Lumber 59.48 shop supplies, bar maintenance; Elkton Plumbing 4057.84 bar upgrades; Harry's Frozen Food 1940.75 pizzas for bar; Henry's 3236.94 bar supplies; Independent Audit Services 6750.00 audit costs; ITC 1091.62 phone & internet service; installation fee; Jensen, Steve 70.00 phone reimbursement; Johnson Bros 5303.63 liquor purchases; LEAF 41.00 finance office copier lease; Lyle Signs 21.08 street signs; Master Blaster 3840.20 fire dept equipment; McBrien, Jennifer 30.00 phone reimbursement; Minnkota Pest Control 380.48 pest control; Napa Auto Parts 17.41 shop supplies; Nelson, Terry 30.00 phone reimbursement; One Office Solution 24.09 copier maintenance, copies; Ottertail 2460.59 electricity; Penworthy 160.00 library books; Pepsi 168.00 pop purchases; Postmaster 183.00 postage; *Republic Beverage Company 458.50 liquor purchases; RFD Newspapers 170.77 publications; Runnings 178.75 shop supplies; Schuurman, Hannah 31.86 reimbursement for class fee; Schuurman, Susan 30.00 phone reimbursement; SD Health 106.00 sewer tests; SD Municipal League Worker's Comp 7521.00 insurance; SD Retirement 3467.98 retirement payment; SDRS 119.84 penalty fee; Sensus 4699.00 meter reader support fee; Sioux Valley Energy 94.00 lagoon electricity; Skyview

54.57 fuel purchases; *Southern Glazer's 860.65 liquor purchases; Southern Glazer's 1156.99 liquor purchases; Vadim Municipal Software 4142.04 annual support, maintenance fees; Verizon 159.54 cell service; Vestis 531.67 bar, c-ctr mats; Visa 638.16 library, c-ctr, shop, bar supplies; water tests; Wellmark BC/BS 4059.20 health insurance; Westberg, Julie 45.00 bar supplies; Wex 60.44 fuel purchases; WW Tire 99.00 JCB maintenance.
***denotes already pd. *Payroll:** Mayor/Council 860.06; Finance 6416.51; C-ctr 307.09; Street 4227.26; Library 2407.63; Bar 13315.88; Water 4768.73; Sewer 4227.25.