

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
BALTIC CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 9, 2026, 7:00 PM BALTIC CITY HALL
130 ST. OLAF AVENUE BALTIC, SOUTH DAKOTA**

Mayor Brian McGreevy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Baltic City Hall, 130 St. Olaf Avenue. Answering roll call were Alderman Eric Comes, Mayor Brian McGreevy, Alderman Nikki Oien, and Steve Boeve and Edward Clark. Also in attendance were Finance Officer Lauren Utecht and Public Works Supervisor Paul Osthus and City Attorney Mae Pochop. Also in attendance was Engineer from ISG, Justin Heim.

Brian McGreevy led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL/AMEND AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda was approved by Edward Clark, seconded by Eric Comes.

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes was motioned to approved by Edward Clark, seconded by Steve Boeve. All ayes, motion carried.

CLAIMS PAYABLE

The Council reviewed the Claims Payable. Steve Boeve made a motion to approve the amended Claims Payable, seconded by Nikki Oien . All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC TIME

Citizen Philip Soulek from Kringen Ave came forward to ask if the city has made any headway on changing the ordinance on the water lines and who is responsible. Mayor Brian McGreevy informed Philip that the city is in process of changing the ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Public Works Supervisor Paul Osthus gave update that the new main lift station is up and running 100%. The old lift station was taken down. Paul also asked for Council approval on GPS Mapping of the lagoons, this will help with treatment, smell and to make sure everything is working as it should. Approximate cost of this would be \$800. Engineer Justin Heim mentioned that a lot of cities do this and would be very beneficial for the city. Edward Clark made a motion to approve the GPS Mapping of the Lagoons for approximately \$800, seconded by Steve Boeve.

FINANCE OFFICE UPDATE

Finance Officer Lauren Utecht gave recommendations on two different options for Code Enforcement. Paul Clarke who is currently our Building Inspector, also does code enforcement and is willing to help Baltic out for a year doing code enforcement. The other option would be a company called Signal. The Council requested that Paul Clarke become Baltic's Code Enforcement for the next year.

The City of Baltic will be having the Board of Equalization Meeting on Monday March 16, at 7pm at the Baltic City Hall.

Finance Officer Lauren Utecht has received two Abatements on property taxes. City council and Mayor Brian McGreevy reviewed the abatements, and Nikki Oien made a motion to approve said abatements. Seconded by Steve Boeve, all ayes. Motion carried.

Garbage pick up day for the City-Wide Rummages will be held on June 13.

The first 2026 Dog Days planning meeting will be held on Thursday March 12 at 6:30pm at the Baltic City Hall. Involvement from the community is always welcome.

Lauren Utecht also announced the Baltic Library is holding story time for kids on the first Saturday of every month at 10am and would like to invite families in the community to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

City Attorney's are currently in the process of Revising Ordinance #281.

NEW BUSINESS

Poker Run- Legion Street Closure. The Legion requested street closure on July 18 from 8am-9pm for a local poker run. Edward Clark made a motion to approve the street closure on July 18 from 8am-9pm on July 18. Seconded by Eric Comes.

Dog Days Street closure. Will need to confirm dates and circle back to this at the April City Council Meeting.

ENGINEERING UPDATE

1. Main Lift Station- done and closed out.
2. Transportation Alternative Grant- approved, waiting for next steps on this.
3. 5th Street Improvements- waiting until Spring
4. 5th Street Ditch Improvement- Completing final restoration in the spring.

Executive Session

Oien made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:03pm, Comes seconded, all ayes, motion carried. McGreevy took the Council out of Executive Session at 8:25 pm.

LEGAL/COUNCIL/MAYOR UPDATE

Public Works Supervisor Paul Osthus gave his Oath of Office.

With no further business to discuss, Nikki Oien made a motion to adjourn at 8:26pm. Seconded by Boeve, all ayes, motion carried.

Lauren Utecht
Municipal Finance Officer

Brian McGreevy
Mayor