

**CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS  
YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA  
FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Yankton City Commission was called to order by Mayor Villanueva at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Commissioners Bertsch, Carda, Conkling, Hunhoff, Moser, Spencer, and Mayor Villanueva. Attorney Den Herder, City Manager Leon, and Finance Officer Yardley were also present. Absent: Commissioners Benson and Brunick. Quorum present.

**Action 26-50**

Moved by Commissioner Hunhoff, seconded by Commissioner Conkling, to approve the agenda with the removal of the executive session. All present voted aye; motion carried, 7-0.

**Action 26-51**

Moved by Commissioner Bertsch, seconded by Commissioner Spencer, to approve minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2026. All present voted aye; motion carried, 7-0.

**Action 26-52**

Moved by Commissioner Hunhoff, seconded by Commissioner Bertsch, that the Schedule of Bills be approved and warrants be issued as listed below. All present voted aye; motion carried, 7-0.

Acuity (Supplies) \$564.62; American Fence (Railing) \$8,148.99; A-OX (Propane) \$89.17; Banner (23rd St Bridge) \$4,869.50; Blackstrap (Road Salt) \$7,099.64; Book Systems (Subscription) \$5,506.36; Burning Light (Music At Meridian) \$2,500; Cedar Knox Power (Electric) \$1,094.40; CenturyLink (Phone) \$1,165.74; Credit Collection (Utility Collections) \$214.31; C-Side Consultants (Training) \$5,600; Equipment Blades (Bucket Edges) \$4,390; GFL Environmental (Disposal) \$182.10; Hart, Samantha (Service) \$130; HDR Engineering (WWTP Project) \$89,219.58; J&H Cleaning (Services) \$3,100; JCL (Supplies) \$1,156.20; JJ Benji's (Uniforms) \$42; KLJ Engineering (FAA Report) \$1,591.05; Language Line (Interpretation) \$85.12; Leibold Irrigation (Repairs) \$12,802.11; Midwest Alarm (Testing) \$775.67; Office Advantage (Lease/Copies) \$1,486.27; Onward Yankton (Popcorn) \$125; Powers Port-A-Pot (Rental) \$420; Press & Dakotan (Publications) \$51.88; Riverfront Broadcasting (Website) \$325; Sanitation Products (Parts) \$25,241.98; SD Redbook (Books) \$1,278; SDN Communications (Internet) \$1,400.80; SDWWA (Conference) \$240; Sherwin Williams (Paint) \$5,544; Sign Solutions (Signs) \$16,508.26; Slowey Construction (Marne Creek Project) \$145,800; Stan Houston (Calibration) \$1,165.50; Truck Trailer (Parts/Repairs) \$2,071; Vermeer (Parts) \$563.86; Yankton County Auditor (Safety Center Share) \$12,401.26; Yankton Fire & Safety (Inspections) \$597; Yankton School District (Capital Expense) \$53,897.62; Yankton Thrive (Special Appropriation) \$115,140.

City Manager Leon submitted a written report giving an update on community projects and items of interest.

Commissioner Spencer read a proclamation recognizing WWII Veteran Jim Black's service to our country.

Sheriff Preston Crissey thanked the City and spoke on behalf of the Battle of the Badges.

Larry Rupiper made a public appearance regarding his current building project and his plans to have a bathroom on the sky deck. He asked the Commission to work with him to achieve this goal since there is a code height restriction.

John Halsted, with Roger Wilco Aviation, made a public appearance regarding his airport lease, history, and running his maintenance business at Chan Gurney Airport. Mr. Halsted asked the Commission to consider extending his stay in the corporate hangar for a period of time.

Airport Advisory Board members Brian Rippe, Steve Hamilton, and Rick Daugherty spoke in favor of keeping Roger Wilco Aviation at the Chan Gurney Airport

**Action 26-53**

Moved by Commissioner Moser, seconded by Commissioner Carda, to approve the consent agenda item listed below. Commissioners Carda, Conkling, Hunhoff, Moser, Spencer and Villanueva voted aye; Commissioner Bertsch abstained; motion carried, 6-0.

1. Establish March 9, 2026 as the date for the public hearing for a new Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine license for the Yankton Area Senior Center, d/b/a The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton, SD.

**Action 26-54**

Moved by Commissioner Conkling, seconded by Commissioner Carda, to approve the application for a Retail (on-off sale) Wine & Cider License effective through December 31, 2026 from the Yankton Area Senior Center d/b/a The Center, 900 Whiting Drive. (Memorandum 26-44) Commissioners Carda, Conkling, Hunhoff, Moser, Spencer and Villanueva voted aye; Commissioner Bertsch abstained; motion carried, 6-0.

**Action 26-55**

Moved by Commissioner Bertsch, seconded by Commissioner Moser, to approve the purchase of a new Kubota F2690 out-front mower for \$26,800.00 from Koletzky Implement, Yankton, SD. (Memorandum 26-45) All present voted aye; motion carried, 7-0.

**Action 26-56**

This was the time and place for the bid opening of the for the Alley Paving Project from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Maple Street and Green Street. The following bids were received and opened on February 12, 2026 at 3:00pm: Masonry Components, Inc., Yankton, SD \$154,992.66; Feimer Construction, Inc. Yankton, SD \$158,715.60; and Black Top Paving, Sioux Falls, SD \$206,328.00. (Memorandum 26-46) Moved by Commissioner Hunhoff, seconded by Commissioner Conkling, to award the alley paving contract to Masonry Components, Inc. in the amount of \$154,992.66. All present voted aye; motion carried, 7-0.

**Action 26-57**

Moved by Commissioner Conkling, seconded by Commissioner Moser, to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. All present voted aye; motion carried, 7-0.

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Lisa Yardley, Finance Officer

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