

**CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
APRIL 13, 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 Benson, Bertsch, Brunick, Carda, Conkling, Hunhoff, Spencer, and Mayor Villanueva. Attorney Den Herder, City Manager Leon, and Finance Officer Yardley were also present. Absent: Commissioner Moser. Quorum present.

Action 26-95

Moved by Commissioner Bertsch, seconded by Commissioner Hunhoff, to approve the agenda. All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

Action 26-96

Moved by Commissioner Conkling, seconded by Commissioner Carda, to approve minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 2026 and work session meeting of March 30, 2026. All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

Action 26-97

Moved by Commissioner Hunhoff, seconded by Commissioner Brunick, that the Schedule of Bills be approved and warrants be issued as listed below. All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

AFLAC (Premiums) \$4,128.21; AFSCME (Dues) \$1,137.12; Alex Air (Supplies) \$601.27; Alfa Laval (Freight) \$1,681.46; A-Ox Welding (Propane) \$81.31; Avera Education (Certification) \$75; Avera Health (Premiums) \$95,549.95; Banner (23rd St) \$30,247.08; Bow Creek Metal (Trellis) \$2,563.87; Cassidy's Cookies (Class) \$225; Centurylink (Phone) \$583.63; Certified Laboratories (Fuel) \$471.90; City Of Vermillion (Joint Powers) \$79,417.80; City Utilities (Water-Sewer Charges) \$8,057.49; Connecting Cultures (Services) \$2,500; Constellation New Energy (Fuel) \$1,467.62; Credit Collection (Garnishment) \$374.03; CW Suter Services (Repairs) \$229.50; Dakota Fire Chaplains (Dues) \$125; SD DMV (Fees) \$7.50; Emme Sand (Sand) \$777.81; Ethanol Products (CO2) \$1,444; Feimer Construction (8th St RR) \$439,994.40; Fejfar Plumbing (Repairs) \$190; First Dakota (Contributions) \$12,779.87; First National (Cafeteria Plan) \$3,440.05; Floor Tec (Maintenance) \$3,870; Frontier Precision (Software) \$164; General Traffic Controls (Sign) \$420; Gerstner Oil (Diesel) \$26,867.57; GFL Environmental (Services) \$182.18; Guardian Fleet (Equipment) \$19,505.21; Hansen Locksmithing (Keys) \$181; Hanson Briggs (Labels) \$813.52; Harn Systems (Filters) \$11,591.81; Hartington Tree (Trees) \$900; Hawkins (Chemicals) \$9,431.14; HDR Engineering (WWTP Project) \$85,796.84; Heiman Fire (Repairs) \$13,831.93; ICMA (Contributions) \$160; Ingersoll Rand (Parts) \$888.93; Interstate Battery (Batteries) \$69.64; IA DSS (Child Support) \$507.68; J&H Cleaning (Services) \$3,100; John T Jones Construction (WWTP Construction) \$1,191,902.31; Johnson Controls (Repairs) \$1,930.15; Klein's Tree (Services) \$2,400; Koletzky Implement (Kubota RTV) \$27,500; Kopetsky's Ace (Repairs) \$259.98; Law Enforcement Standards (License) \$75; Lumen (Internet) \$430.27; M&T Fire (Flashlights) \$205.60; Mayer Signs (Repairs) \$1,122.45; Merkel Electric (Repairs) \$1,863.80; MidAmerican Energy (Fuel) \$13,647.12; Millennium Recycling (Single Stream Fee) \$2,215.02; Morrow/Joseph (Design Work) \$2,280; My Fitness Rewards (Fee) \$12.50; NE Dept Of Revenue (Withholding) \$961.72; Northwestern Energy (Electric) \$101,131.65; Novelty Machine (Repairs) \$2,400.74; Observer (Advertising) \$48; Press & Dakotan (Publications) \$766.22; Pfeifer Implement (Parts) \$3,227.65; Power Source Electric (Repair) \$335.17; PSN (Fee) \$72.01; Public

Health Laboratory (Testing) \$524; Ron's Auto (Door) \$1,480; Sanitation Products (Garbage Truck) \$394,213; SD DSS (Child Support) \$2,164.84; SDRS (Contributions) \$105,249.02; SDSRS (Contributions) \$29,150.58; Security Shredding (Services) \$40; Sioux Sales (Uniforms) \$847.50; SDPAA (Premiums) \$554,136.01; Standard Insurance (Premiums) \$1,211.12; Stanley Petroleum (Testing) \$511.25; Streicher's (Name Tags) \$95.92; Sun Life (Premiums) \$7,031.53; Teledyne Instruments (Cable) \$20,319; Third Millennium (Utility Billing) \$830.68; Traffic Control (Equipment) \$3,965; Transource (Parts) \$1,675.42; Truck Trailer (Parts) \$1,650.58; UKG (Software) \$2,618.38; US Treasury (Withholding) \$196,810.35; United Way (Special Appropriation) \$11,250; United Way (Contributions) \$90; USPS (Postage) \$1,406.31; Yankton Sharpshooters (Memberships) \$1,800; Yankton Co Treasurer (License Plates) \$74.10; Yankton Janitorial (Supplies) \$79.90; Yankton Police (Reimbursement) \$35.45; Yankton Thrive (Sales Tax Reimbursement) \$13,508.85.

BMO Spend Dynamics P-Card Statement (Supplies, Parts, Training Travel, Professional Services, Postage, Misc. Concessions, Small Tools & Hardware, Telephone/Internet, Uniforms): \$87,980.34. Adobe \$89.98; Alliance Software \$102; Amazon \$5,470.85; A-OX \$376.41; Apple.com \$31.85; Artistic Custom \$2,851.80; AT&T \$1,692.73; Auto Value \$1,583.88; Avantor \$497.54; Avera \$36.07; Axon \$240.25; AxVoice \$21.44; Bluepeak \$1,250.91; Bomgaars \$1,572.77; Broadway Chrysler \$2,553.93; Bulbs.Com \$249.90; C&B \$782.04; Canva \$30.50; Casey's \$18.22; CCSI \$12.69; Christensen Radiator \$300.46; Clark's Rentals \$335; Coffee Cup \$64.91; Conoco \$63.62; Core & Main \$386.05; Cornwell D-P \$256.51; Cowpoke Cafe \$38; Crescent Electric \$194.83; Dept of Ag \$3,095.51; Detectachem \$256.96; DNS Made Easy \$96; Dollar Tree \$13; Dominos \$79.90; Downtown Screen Printing \$257; eBay \$597.98; ECHO \$93.95; Eden Brothers \$132.36; Equipment Specialists \$199.70; ERSI \$800; Fastenal \$596.32; Frontier Mills \$920; GDP Hard Drive \$72.54; Go To Glass \$329.65; Graham Tire \$269.60; Grainger \$229.80; Granite City \$13.97; H1B Registration \$215; Hach \$2,119.29; Harbor Freight \$1,191.85; Healthworks \$150.80; Heoya \$14.35; Irvin Hahn Company \$68.25; JCL Solutions \$701.97; Jimmy Johns \$14.55; JJ Benjis \$93.96; JLC Piano \$175; Kaiser Refrigeration \$1,080; Kaminsky/Sullenberger \$375; Koletzky Implement \$1,714.20; Kopetsky's Ace \$688.68; Kore Essentials \$169.95; Laserline \$334; Lewis & Clark Ford \$137.95; Loves \$55.39; Mackin Educational \$2,656.30; Maglite \$44; Magnum Electronics \$358; Masterlocks \$346.85; McDonalds \$24.37; McMaster \$1,680.20; Mead Lumber \$895.44; Menards \$3,695.70; Midco \$1,569; Midwest Alarm \$128.14; Midwest Tire \$5,270.39; Mount Marty \$50; Mouser Electronics \$36.58; Mutt Mitt \$2,999.78; NAPA Auto \$130.20; National EMT Registry \$32; Norse Fire \$7,235.06; North American Signal \$1,170.46; Northtown Auto \$31.73; NRA \$40; Olson's Pest \$185; One Office \$250.06; O'Reilly \$1,437.10; OTC \$166.24; P&D \$296.19; Panera Bread \$17.91; Pitney Bowes \$639.66; Powers Port A Pot: \$300; Puerto Vallarta \$69.99; R&L Supply \$222.46; Raising Canes \$10.51; Red Cross \$559.34; River District \$350; Riverside Hydraulics \$308.87; Rogue \$1,974.44; Safariland \$750; Scheels \$129.99; Scooters Coffee \$10; Scott's Kitchen \$46.51; SD Historical Society \$30; SD Narco \$200; SDML \$500; SESD Advertising \$100; SHRM \$299; Sportsfacility \$1,849.22; Tessman \$3,525.11; Tigertough \$784; Towneplace Suite \$486.72; Trassig \$286.60; Tri-Tech Forensics \$158.86; TRK Hosting \$7.95; Truck Trailer \$521.25; Tumblebooks \$1,511.36; UPS \$219.18; USPS \$42.68; Verizon \$1,140.68; Vistaprint \$29.06; WalMart \$865.02; WSJ -\$48.35; Yankton Janitorial \$390.95; Yankton Rotary \$300; Yankton Thrive \$15; YMC \$188.

Salaries by Department for March:

Administration \$69,370.34; Finance \$39,840.41; Community Development \$31,598.82; Police / Dispatch \$237,753.91; Fire \$16,778.54; Engineering/Sr. Citizens \$64,033.77; Streets \$65,033.77; Traffic Control \$4,841.49; Library \$43,253.22; Parks/SAC \$96,241.57; Marne Creek \$4,016.71;

Cemetery \$5,895.70; Water \$46,343.16; Wastewater \$54,034.98; Solid Waste \$37,479.30; Joint Powers \$23,065.08; Central Garage \$10,321.57.

New Hires:

Police Department: Jordan Mogck, Police Officer, \$2,361.30 biweekly; Environmental Services Department: Thomas Chase, Water Distribution/Wastewater Collection Operation Specialist, \$1,894.84 biweekly; Public Works Department; Brandon Gaumer, Transfer Station Attendant, \$1,803.54 biweekly.

Wage Changes:

City Manager Office: Amy Leon, City Manager, \$6,546.15 to \$6,761.19 biweekly; Finance Officer: Lisa Yardley, Finance Officer, \$4,657.96 to \$4,810.96 biweekly; City Attorney: Ross Den Herder, City Attorney, \$3,557.69 to \$3,674.58 biweekly.

Position Changes:

Parks, Recreation and City Events Department: Shane Nakamura, Transfer Station Attendant to Grounds Maintenance, \$1,826.26 to \$1,827.57 biweekly.

City Manager Leon submitted a written report giving an update on community projects and items of interest. She emphasized the new changes to the City Commission meeting packet and explained that compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) will be required starting in April of 2027.

Mayor Villanueva read a Proclamation regarding The General Federation of Women's Club. Pauline Ackland and Ruth Ann Dannenbring spoke on behalf of the organization.

Mayor Villanueva read a Proclamation regarding Arbor Day. Todd Larson spoke on behalf of Arbor Day and the City's tree planting efforts.

Mayor Villanueva read a Proclamation regarding National Library Week. Dana Schmidt spoke on behalf of the Yankton Community Library and various events taking place during the week of celebration.

Mayor Villanueva read a Proclamation regarding National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Julia Hussein spoke on behalf of the City of Yankton Dispatch Center.

Yankton Finance Officer Lisa Yardley presented the 2025 Summit Activities Center Annual Financial Report.

Action 26-98

Moved by Commissioner Bertsch, seconded by Commissioner Carda, to approve the consent agenda item listed below. Commissioners Benson, Bertsch, Brunick, Carda, Conkling, Hunhoff and Spencer voted aye; Mayor Villanueva abstained; motion carried, 7-0.

1. Establish April 27, 2026 as the date for the public hearing for a Special On-sale Malt Beverage Retailers License for three days, August 21-23, 2026, from Yankton Area Riverboat Days, Inc. at the following location: Riverside Park.

Action 26-99

This was the time and place for the second reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 1106 (Memorandum 26-74) Moved by Commissioner Conkling, seconded by Commissioner Carda, to adopt Ordinance No. 1106 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES OUTSIDE THE DOWNTOWN MERIDIAN DISTRICT AND FOR PARADES. All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

Commissioner Brunick introduced and Mayor Villanueva read the request for the Olson Pest Technician 60th Anniversary open house special event requesting a public parking lot closure on the west side of Broadway Avenue North of West 2nd Street and South of West 3rd Street located next to 229 Broadway, and set the date of the second reading and public hearing as April 27, 2026. (Memorandum 26-75)

Action 26-100

Moved by Commissioner Carda, seconded by Commissioner Brunick, to appoint Heather Wicken to serve on the Yankton Housing and Redevelopment Commission. (Memorandum 26-76) All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

Action 26-101

Jeff Dayhuff spoke about the upcoming Ribfest & Chislicfest. Moved by Commissioner Conkling, seconded by Commissioner Bertsch, to approve the applications for a Special On-sale Liquor License and a Transient Merchant License, for one day, June 13, 2026, from Rock 'N' Rumble, Inc. 3012 Mary Street, Yankton, SD for the Ribfest & Chislicfest at Riverside Park. (Memorandum 26-77) All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

Action 26-102

Moved by Commissioner Benson, seconded by Commissioner Brunick, to approve the application for a Special Malt Beverage Retailers License and Special On-sale Wine Retailers License for five days: July 4, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2026 from Ben's Brewing Co. 719 Walnut Street, Yankton, SD for the Music at the Meridian events at Riverside Park. (Memorandum 26-78) All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

Action 26-103

Moved by Commissioner Brunick, seconded by Commissioner Conkling, to approve the application for a Transient Merchant License, for three days, August 21-23, 2026, from Yankton Area Riverboat Days, Inc. for Riverboat Days at Riverside Park. (Memorandum 26-79) Commissioners Benson, Bertsch, Brunick, Carda, Conkling, Hunhoff and Spencer voted aye; Mayor Villanueva abstained; motion carried, 7-0.

Action 26-104

Moved by Commissioner Conkling, seconded by Commissioner Benson, to issue a 2026 Sidewalk Café Permit to the Walnut Tavern located at 100 West 3rd Street. (Memorandum 26-80) All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

The Board of City Commission discussed charging entrance fees for all patrons at the Summit Activities Center and the Huether Family Aquatics Center. (Memorandum 26-81) Jean Hunhoff appeared and spoke in favor of a waived entrance fee for elderly spectators. It was decided that

additional data is needed and the Commission will revisit this matter in the future. No official action was taken at this time.

Action 26-105

Moved by Commissioner Hunhoff, seconded by Commissioner Benson, to accept the Transportation Alternative Grant for Project P TAPU (57) PCN 0AGM and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement between the State of South Dakota and the City of Yankton. (Memorandum 26-82) All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

Action 26-106

This was the time and place for the public hearing on the 2026 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant in the amount of \$50,000 for enhancements to Fox Run Park during construction season in 2027 and 2028. Moved by Commissioner Benson, seconded by Commissioner Bertsch, to adopt Resolution #26-21 and authorize City Manager Leon to sign the letter of intent to apply for said grant. (Memorandum 26-83) All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

RESOLUTION #26-21

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of South Dakota have authorized the making of grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to public bodies to aid in financing the acquisition and/or construction of specific public outdoor recreations projects:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That City Manager Amy Leon is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Yankton with the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, through the State of South Dakota, Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Division of Parks and Recreation, for an LWCF grant to aid in financing the Fox Run Park Project for the City of Yankton, South Dakota and its Environs.
2. That Lisa Yardley, Municipal Finance Officer, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the above-mentioned federal and/or state agencies may reasonably request in connection with the application which is hereby authorized to be filed.
3. That the City of Yankton shall provide a minimum of 50% of the total cost of the project; and will assume all responsibility in the operation and maintenance of the project upon completion of construction, for the reasonable life expectancy of the facility.

Action 26-107

Moved by Commissioner Conkling, seconded by Commissioner Spencer, to accept the contract for federal inmate labor as it has been reviewed by Attorney Den Herder and allow City Manager Leon to sign the agreement between the Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (trade name "UNICOR) and the City of Yankton. (Memorandum 26-84) All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

Action 26-108

This was the time and place of the bid award for the 2nd Street and Capital Street Parking Lot Construction – Project #2025-019. The following bids were opened on March 31, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.: Feimer Construction, Inc., Yankton, SD \$128,804.00; Masonry Components, Inc., Yankton, SD \$132,204.46; BX Civil Construction, Dell Rapids, SD \$189,212.00; SubSurfco, Inc., North Sioux City,

SD \$201,560.35; and Alberto’s Concrete, Sioux Falls, SD \$203,112.50 (Memorandum 26-85) Moved by Commissioner Bertsch, seconded by Commissioner Brunick, to award the bid for Project #2025-019 to Feimer Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$128,804.00. All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

Action 26-109

This was the time and place of the bid award for the Kellen Gross Drive Pavement Replacement between 21st Street and 23rd Street – Project #2026-004. The following bids were opened on April 2, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.: Masonry Components, Inc., Yankton, SD \$582,911.27; Katzer Concrete, Inc., Sioux Falls, SD \$623,829.60; Feimer Construction, Inc., Yankton, SD \$627,890.00; Steve Harris Construction, Yankton, SD \$688,082.23; Timmons Construction, Brookings, SD \$728,098.28; East River Contracting, Watertown, SD \$764,267.02; BX Civil Construction, Dell Rapids, SD \$795,000.00. (Memorandum 26-86) Moved by Commissioner Brunick, seconded by Commissioner Carda, to award the bid for Project #2026-004 to Masonry Components, Inc. in the amount of \$582,911.27. All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

Action 26-110

Moved by Commissioner Conkling, seconded by Commissioner Benson, to approve the application for a Special Malt Beverage Retailers License for one day, May 16, 2026, from The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton, SD. (Memorandum 26-87) Commissioners Benson, Brunick, Carda, Conkling, Hunhoff, Spencer and Villanueva voted aye; Commissioner Bertsch abstained; motion carried, 7-0.

Commissioner Hunhoff introduced and Mayor Villanueva read the request for the Market at the Meridian special event parking lot closure on the east side of Douglas Street at the intersection of 2nd and Douglas, and set the date of the second reading and public hearing as April 27, 2026. (Memorandum 26-88)

Action 26-111

Moved by Commissioner Conkling, seconded by Commissioner Benson, to adopt Resolution #26-22. (Memorandum 26-89) All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

RESOLUTION #26-22

WHEREAS, SDCL 6-13-1 requires a municipality owning personal property which is no longer necessary, useful, or suitable for municipal purposes shall, by resolution, declare it surplus and may, by resolution, order the sale, trade, destruction or other disposals of said personal property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following personal property be declared no longer necessary, useful, or suitable for municipal purposes and said property shall be disposed of in accordance with SDCL 6-13-1, et sequential:

PROPERTY TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS

Eight (8) office chairs

One (1) DeWalt digital jump starter

Moved by Commissioner Conkling, seconded by Commissioner Benson, to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss contractual, litigation and personnel matters under SDCL 1-25-2. All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

Regular meeting of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton was reconvened by Mayor Villanueva at 9:21 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Benson, Bertsch, Brunick, Carda, Conkling, Hunhoff, Spencer and Mayor Villanueva. Absent: Commissioner Moser. Quorum present.

Action 26-112

Moved by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Bertsch, to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. All present voted aye; motion carried, 8-0.

Michael Villanueva, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Yardley, Finance Officer

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