

WENTWORTH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

The Wentworth Town Council met in regular session on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Office. President Roger Vogt called the meeting to order with the following Council members present for roll call: Josh Bjorklund, Ryan McManus and Roger Vogt. Also present was Trish Natwick, Finance Officer.

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion was made by McManus and seconded by Bjorklund to approve the Minutes of the December 22, 2025, Council meeting as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no increases or changes to 2026 employee & council wages. President-Regular meeting \$220.00, \$140.00-Special meeting; Trustees-Regular meeting \$180.00- \$110.00 Special meeting; Streets and Water & Sewer Maintenance \$21.75/hour; Snow Removal & Mowing \$21.75/hour; Finance Officer \$22,824.00 per year, \$110.00 Special meeting.

McManus motioned, Bjorklund seconded to designate the Madison Daily Leader as the Town's legal publication, as required by SDCL 9-12-6.

Bjorklund motioned, McManus seconded to designate First Interstate Bank and SD Public Funds Investment Trust as the legal depositories for the Town of Wentworth.

Natwick presented the Town's property inventory to the Board as of December 31, 2025, as required by South Dakota Codified Law 5-24-1. McManus motioned and Bjorklund seconded to accept the December 31, 2025 property inventory as written.

The Town received notice from Big Sioux that our water rates will be increasing on January 1, 2026. To offset the additional fees, the Town will need to increase our water rates on April 1, 2026.

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office for Trustee – Three Year Term. Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on February 2, 2026. The Finance Office will be open on Monday, February 2nd from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm to accommodate any resident desiring a petition. Petitions may also be picked up at the Finance Office at 216 S Main Avenue between the hours of 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. In municipalities of the third class, the nominating petition must be signed by not less than ten registered voters of the municipality. Petitioners must live within city limits and must be an active registered voter. The deadline for filing a nominating petition with the Finance Officer is March 23, 2026, between the hours of Noon and 3:00 pm.

Council reviewed December financial and January billing vouchers. Motion was made by Bjorklund & seconded by McManus to approve & pay the monthly claims as follows: Big Sioux Water-\$1,027.12 Water Purchases; Big Sioux Water-\$1,270.00 Sewer & Water Operator Contract; Bud's Clean-up-\$1,020.00 Garbage Contract; City of Sioux Falls-\$26.37 Water Expense; CNA Surety- \$525.00 Insurance Expense; F&M Coop-\$885.43 Fuel & Utility Expense; IRS-\$963.86 Payroll Tax Expense; ITC-\$145.31 Phone, Fax and Internet; Madison Daily Leader-\$34.83 Publications; Ottertail Power Company-\$646.61 Electric; Office Peeps-\$27.04 Office Expense; Reinicke Construction-\$200.00 Street Expense; SD811-\$4.48 Locate Fees; SD Association of Rural Water Systems-\$385.00 2026 Dues Expense; SD Dept of Revenue-\$189.72 Sales Tax Expense; SD Reemployment-\$7.88 4th Quarter Reemployment Taxes; Executive Administration-Council \$973.04 Payroll Expense; and Financial Administration \$1,671.53 Payroll Expense.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next regular session meeting will be at 5:30 PM on Monday, February 23, 2026, at the City Office.

Trish Natwick
Finance Officer

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