

Wall City Council Meeting
Community Center Meeting Room

January 29th, 2026, 6:30pm

Members' present:

Mary Williams - Mayor

Rick Hustead - Councilman

Jerry Morgan - Councilman

Stan Anderson - Councilman

Mike Anderson - Councilman

Dan Hauk - Councilman

Members' Absent:

Zack Hoffmann - Councilman

(All action taken in the following minutes carried by unanimous vote unless otherwise stated)

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30pm; roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Morgan, second by S Anderson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by S Anderson, second by Hauk to approve the minutes of the 1/15/2026

city council meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Hauk, second by M Anderson to approve the City of Wall, Fire Department, and Library claims. Motion carried.

Council Reviewed

- Fire Department January 13th meeting minutes
- Sales Tax Report
- Budget Reports

Public Comments:

Liliya Stone addressed the council stressing the importance of transparency and communication in the decision-making process, noting that public frustration increases when the reasoning behind decisions is unclear. She encouraged the city to more thoroughly explore alternative options and consider operational impacts.

Ambulance Report – Liliya Stone

- In 2025 there were 157 calls for service with 77 of those calls being transported.
- 2 EMT's who took the course offered in Wall last summer have obtained their licenses so far.
- The Wall Ambulance Annual Meeting is March 10th at the community center. Two positions will be open on the board, and petitions can be picked up in the finance office beginning February 2nd and need to be returned by February 13th at 4PM.

Wall Chamber Report – Michaela Lavender

- Today is her fourth day as Chamber Director and she has been trying to establish where the Chamber is at and where it is going.
- Melanie Shull is helping get financials straightened out and has been incredibly helpful as there is a communication issue with the previous director.

WEDD Report – Rochan Burrell

- Burrell attended Elevates' Annual Meeting, mixers and traveled to meetings in Pierre several times and has been letting others know what we have available in Wall.
- The Energize Conference is May 6 & 7. Planning Committee has been meeting.
- Projects being worked on are the business incubator, and planning with the school on a year-round greenhouse and refurbishing the Powerhouse.
- The first Lunch & Learn was hosted by Black Hills Federal Credit Union. There will be four more on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please RSVP so a number for lunch can be obtained.
- Legislature is in full swing. Burrell attended the State of the State update at the Governor's Mansion.
- Burrell was appointed chair of the Rushmore Regional Alliance Marketing Committee.

Motion by Hauk, second by Morgan to approve Resolution 26-02; Electronic utility payment options. Motion carried.

Motion by M Anderson, second by S Anderson to approve Resolution 26-03; Water, Sewer and Garbage rates established. Motion carried.

Motion by Hauk, second by M Anderson to surplus the metal community center chairs. Motion carried.

There was a consensus with the council to donate chairs to local non-profit organizations. Motion by Hauk, second by M Anderson to approve the appraisal committee of Wayne Shull, Rose Ludeman and Jackie Heathershaw to determine the value of the old community center chairs. Motion carried.

Senior Finance Officer (SFO) Anderson Report:

- FO Anderson will be out of the office for two days next week for a meeting, SDML Rib Supper and Legislative Day in Pierre.
- Payroll will run through the new software system this month.
- Preparation of the annual report has begun.

Finance Officer (FO) Bruce Report:

- Unofficial council meeting minutes will be posted on the city website under the notification tab. When the minutes are approved, they will be placed under the minutes tab. Official minutes can be viewed on the city website, in the Rapid City Journal or at www.sdpbpublicnotices.com

Public Works Director (PWD) Bryan Report:

- Twelve flags will be purchased and placed on Main and Glenn Street and 4th Avenue for Project 250. Other organizations are welcome to participate in recognition of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.
- When the renewal of the rubble site permit has been approved, a wider variety of items will be able to be accepted.
- Metal chairs were moved to the transfer station.
- Public Works completed the MSHA training today.
- Final touches on the community center kitchen have been finished.

Mayor Williams Report:

- An airport subcommittee met last week to develop hangar construction guidelines. The draft will be reviewed by the Airport Steering Committee and then brought to the council for approval.
- A meeting with the city engineer is scheduled for Feb 10th to discuss drainage.
- Will be attending SDML Legislative Day with SFO Anderson.

Items for Discussion: PWD Bryan advised the council cameras will be installed at the airport.

Councilman Hustead reminded everyone that utility rates were not raised for 10 years. As a result, the city was unable to qualify for grants to help build or maintain infrastructure.

Next City Council Meeting will be Monday, February 9th, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Motion by Hustead, second by Hauk to move into executive session at 7:19pm for the purpose of SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Motion carried.

Mayor Williams declared the meeting out of executive session at 7:29pm.

With no further business, Mayor Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

Mary Williams, Mayor

Katie Bruce, Finance Officer

CITY BILLS

January 29, 2026

January 29, 2026 Bills:

A&B Business	copier/printer contract	\$202.45
Evergreen Office Solutions	paper towels	\$59.75
First Interstate Bank	amazon yearly membership	\$139.00
First Interstate Bank	ACH bank fees	\$30.30
Fourth Ave Floral	funeral flowers	\$154.00
Mead & Hunt	engineering	\$2,123.67
Pennington County Sheriff	1st quarter 2026 LE contract	\$43,877.00
REED	loan	\$14,213.48
SD Airports Conference	April 8 conference	\$100.00
SD Dakota Drug & Alcohol Consortium	employee drug test	\$90.00
Verizon	PW phones	\$135.09

Additions

Adobe	software	\$20.83
Crown Oil	gas/diesel	\$1,506.84
Lighting Maintenance	I-90 light maintenance	\$208.96
Petty Cash	postage	\$18.08
SD Dept of Revenue	Title fees for vac trailer replacement window for airport overhead	\$28.00

SD Overhead Doors

SD Overhead Doors	door	\$205.62
TDM	gravel & trucking	\$6,523.68

211 BBB Funds

Wall Badlands Chamber	BBB Funds	\$1,871.44
Core & Main	602 Water Fund	\$192.43

Crown Oil

Crown Oil	charging cord for meter reader	\$192.43
Crown Oil	gas/diesel	\$753.43

604 Sewer Fund

Crown Oil	gas/diesel	\$753.43
Kieffer Sanitation	garbage service	\$33,658.24

TOTAL BILLS:

\$107,619.15

Approved by the Wall City Council this 29th day of January 2026

FIRE DEPARTMENT BILLS

January 29, 2026

January 29, 2026 Bills:

First Interstate Bank	Fire truck loan payment	\$2,218.92
Fourth Ave Floral	funeral flowers	\$54.00
Wall Ambulance Service	portion of electric bill	\$72.62

TOTAL BILLS:

\$2,345.54

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LIBRARY BILLS

January 29, 2026

Ester Johannessen

Ester Johannessen	mileage	\$114.24
TOTAL BILLS:		\$114.24

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RESOLUTION 26-02

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH ELECTRONIC UTILITY PAYMENT OPTIONS

WHEREAS the City of Wall finds it necessary to allow electronic payment options for customers to pay their utility bill as a convenience, and

WHEREAS those electronic payment options are an e-check or credit card payment, and

WHEREAS electronic payment options entail a processing fee set by the software provider and collected by the software provider, and the city will not collect or receive any of these processing fees, and

WHEREAS the customer has other options for payment of their utility bills, by cash or check which will not have processing fees for these options, and

WHEREAS the City of Wall is empowered by South Dakota Codified Law § 4-3-28 to establish a processing fee for electronic payment options, and the City of Wall allows each customer to choose which payment option is best for them, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Wall allows the software provider to collect additional fees set by the software provider to be passed onto the customers who chose the e-check and credit card payment option, and the City of Wall will not collect or receive electronic payment processing fees.

Dated this 29th day of January 2025 at Wall, South Dakota.

Mary Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Bruce, Finance Officer

RESOLUTION 26-03

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH WATER, SEWER, GARBAGE RATES

WHEREAS the City of Wall finds it necessary to provide clarification on the water, sewer and garbage rates for 2026, and

WHEREAS those rates are as follows: Residential base water rate is \$49.00 and residential additional per thousand gallons above the minimum of 2,000 gallons is \$2.75. Commercial base water rate is \$61.50 and commercial additional per thousand gallons above minimum of 2,000 gallons is \$3.00.

Residential out of city limits per thousand gallons rate \$4.75. Residential availability rate is \$35.00. Unsubsidized fee \$10.00. Offal Disposal is \$130.00. Special water per thousand is \$2.25.

Non-Profit base rate is \$25.00 for a minimum of 2,000 gallons and an additional \$2.50 per thousand gallons above the base. Non-Profit sewer is a flat rate of \$27.00.

Residential sewer is a flat rate of \$56.00, Commercial base sewer is \$63.50 and an additional rate of \$3.00 per thousand above the minimum 2,000 gallons of water usage.

Residential garbage rate is a flat \$27.50, and commercials will need to contract individually with the provider.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED that the rates listed will be effective for 2026.

Dated this 29th day of January 2026 at Wall, South Dakota.

Mary Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Bruce, Finance Officer

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