

PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL

City of Rapid City, South Dakota
6:30 P.M., Monday, January 20, 2026
Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rapid City was held at City Hall, 300 Sixth Street, Second Floor, in Rapid City, South Dakota on Monday, January 20, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Jason Salamun and the following Alderpersons: Kevin Maher, Bill Evans, Lance Lehmann, Stephen Tamang, Greg Strommen, John Roberts, Lindsey Seachris, Rod Pettigrew and Josh Biberdorf; the following were absent: None; the following joined the meeting by telephone: Callie Meyer; and the following Alderpersons arrived during the course of the meeting: None

Staff members present included: City Attorney Joel Landeen, Police Chief Don Hedrick, Fire Chief Jason Culberson, Community Planning Director Vicki Fisher, Finance Director Daniel Ainslie, Public Works Director Mike Theis, IT Director Jim Gilbert, Human Resources Director Amber Cornella, Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Biegler, Chief of Staff Leah Braun, City Engineer Roger Hall, Assistant Public Works Director Stacey Titus, Public Information Officer Darrell Shoemaker and Senior Administrative Coordinator Heidi Weaver.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Biberdorf, second by Tamang to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 10-0.

PRESENTATION

David Holland, Chair, and Heidi Sieverding, Vice-Chair, gave the Sustainability Committee Annual Presentation. Key Highlights and Activities: Community Engagement: The committee hosted and participated in numerous events, including the Earth Day Expo (which saw over 1,000 attendees), the BH Home Show, and the YFS Harvest Festival. Education and Contests: They organized a Drinking Water Photo Contest, the Earth Day Trail Challenge, and Master Food Preservation training. Sustainability Infrastructure: Significant milestones included the installation of a bike rack at the Minneluzahn Senior Center and the receipt of a grant from Rotary. Special Projects: The committee engaged in subcommittees focused on Sustainable Growth and Development and a Local and Sustainable Food Supply, advocating for urban foraging, community gardens, and local food directories.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Anthony Wright of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSMT) Student Association Senate informed the Council that students have returned for the spring semester, noting a successful TIF forum attended by 100-200 people. He highlighted that 20 students will participate in SHED (Student Higher Education Days) later this month to engage with legislative sessions. Regarding historic preservation, Jean Kessloff emphasized the increasing cultural and narrative value of historic neon signs in Rapid City. She noted that a previous offer of 38 artworks from Joan Croft had been withdrawn which was a great loss for Rapid City. Safety concerns were a primary focus for Ron Bunnell, who detailed ongoing efforts since October 2025 to develop an evacuation plan for the 1,400 residents of Chapel Valley for the upcoming bridge repairs. Education and infrastructure concerns were also raised: Michael Lakkies addressed academic integrity and leadership diversity at Central High School. Dale Nikkila reported on fence line weed maintenance along city drainage ditches. Also highlighted were the physical dangers of broken sidewalks and exposed rebar, urging the city to prioritize repairs to prevent further injuries.

NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Items 2 - 27

CONSENT ITEMS

Items 2 - 21

There were no items pulled from the Non-Public Hearing Consent Items for discussion. Motion was made by Tamang, second by Seachris to approve items 2-21. Motion carried 10-0.

Approve Minutes

2. Approve Minutes for the January 5, 2026 Regular Council meeting.

Public Works Committee Consent Items

3. PW011326-01: Authorize Mayor and Finance Director To Sign Agreement For Infill Construction Of Public Sewer Main, For Oversize Payment, And For Easement Acquisition Between The City Of Rapid City And Robert Powles For The Plum Creek Gravity Sewer Extension Project, Project No. 2850 / CIP No. 51438, In The Amount Of \$36,957.80 For Oversize Payment And \$119,500.00 For Easement Payment.

4. PW011326-02: Confirm the appointment of Gene Williams to the Rapid City Air Quality Board.

Legal & Finance Committee Consent Items

5. Acknowledge the Following Volunteers for Worker's Compensation Purposes: Shawn Kirby (RCPD)

6. LFO11426-06 - Confirm the Reappointments of Trevor Johnson, Jerry Schmidt, and Todd Hollan to the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) Board

7. LF011426-01 - Approve 2026 Insurance Renewals for Property, Liability, Workers' Compensation and Excess Workers' Compensation

8. LFO11426-02 - Approve Resolution No. 2026-008, a Resolution Establishing 2026 Encumbrances

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2026 ENCUMBRANCES

WHEREAS there are existing bills due and payable relating to Calendar Year 2025 operations of the City of Rapid City totaling \$2,567,079.32, and

WHEREAS it is desirable that these bills be charged to the 2025 appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Rapid City does hereby request that the Rapid City Finance Officer encumber appropriate balances of December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$2,567,079.32.

GENERAL FUND 0101

0101 MAYOR 35,658.48

0104 FINANCE 7,937.81

0105 GIS 727.80

0106 ATTORNEY 4,853.53

0108 PUBLIC WORKS 87,086.54

0109 GENERAL GOVERNMENT 44,150.33

0111 HUMAN RESOURCES 22,429.65

0195 EPA GRANT 61.99

0196 COMMUNITY CIT GRANT 37.71

0198 CIVI GRANT 102.32

0201 POLICE 35,079.73

0202 FIRE 34,136.02

0204 DEVELOPMENT SERVICE CENTER 12,902.43

0205 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING 119,474.35

0222 SAFETY SPECIALISTS 23.52

0301 STREETS & HIGHWAYS 8,473.23

0302 SNOW REMOVAL 39,911.67

0305 EQUIPMENT 5,048.31

0401 STREET CLEANING 4,356.41

0601 RECREATION 279.11

0603 ICE PROGRAMS 402.46

0607 PARKS DEPARTMENT 20,955.49

0608 PARK RANGER 506.17

0609 LIBRARY 25,935.58

0612 AQUATIC PROGRAMS 1,761.00

0616 AQUATICS 16,747.50

0617 ICE MAINTENANCE 67.45

0618 PUBLIC 837.67

0706 TRANSPORTATION 31,339.55

0708 ENVIRONMENTAL 123.66

PLANNING 38.71
0711 CODE ENFORCEMENT 131.77
0860 CEMETERY 1,017.24
1010 COUNCIL 117.47
6024 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 81,545.29
6031 GRANTS DIVISION 230.61 650,666.22
ARPA GRANT FUND 0102 81.42

WILDFUND 0104 40.71
HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT 0105 1,652.89
VISION FUND 0107 1,652.89
0127 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VISION 67,200.00
0132 SPECIAL PROJECTS 11,434.95 78,634.95
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND 0160 45,730.00
REPAIR/DEMOLITION FUND 0260 9,909.00
TID93 HOMESTEAD ST EX FUND 0443 14,108.40
CONSOLIDATED CONSTRUCTION FUND 0505 6,498.10 557,389.56
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 0510 0.73
WATER ENTERPRISE FUND 0602 0.73
0933 WATER REPLACEMENT/ IMPROVEMENT 245,175.17
0934 WATER EXPANSION PROJECTS 50,843.95
0810 WATER OPERATIONS 41,094.30 337,113.42
WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND 0604 0.73
0831 WASTEWATER 16/ SRP PROJECTS 14,962.65
0833 WASTEWATER RPLCMNT/IMPRVMT 13,578.13
0834 WASTEWATER EXPANSION PROJECTS 11,441.70
0830 WASTEWATER OPERATIONS 22,121.14 62,103.62
AIRPORT FUND 0606 216,754.29
TRANSPORTATION TERMINAL FUND 0608 592.62
STORMWATER DRAINAGE FUND 0609 481.46
7401 STORMWATER DRAINAGE OPERATIONS 481.46
7402 STORMWATER DRAINAGE RPLCMNT 5,000.00 5,481.46
PARKING LOT & AREA FUND 0610 504.66
0870 PARKING LOT & AREA SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND 0612 14,414.68
7101 WASTE COLLECTION GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND 0613 1,704.93
0604 MEADOWBROOK GOLF COURSE (502.00)
0664 GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE 2,206.93 1,704.93
EXECUTIVE GOLF COURSE FUND 0614 137.40
0665 EXECUTIVE GOLF COURSE MAINT 7102 WASTE DISPOSAL 20,535.72
7103 SOLID WASTE MR/ COMPST 8,396.94
7104 SOLID WASTE CAPITAL PROJECTS 10,737.41 39,670.07
AMBULANCE ENTERPRISE FUND 0618 25,500.70
QTA FUND 0660 20781 QTA DETAIL 2,042.88
20782 QTA WASH 1,462.45 3,505.33
PAYROLL WITHHOLDING FUND 0702 167.85
0922 PAYROLL WITHHOLDING EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND 0718 6,132.35
1002 EDUCATIONAL LOAN AIRPORT CAPITAL FUND 0734 7,657.20
0909 AIRPORT CAPITAL CIVIC CENTER ENTERPRISE FUND 0775 872.27
0913 CIVIC CENTER OPERATIONS 80,062.27 80,934.54
0919 CIV CAMP/ AIRPORT CFC SECTION 125 FUND 0791 5,104.80
0966 SECTION 125 LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND 0793 990.75
0968 LIABILITY INSURANCE LIBRARY BOARD FUND 0996 5.15
0971 LIBRARY BOARD **GRAND TOTAL** \$2,567,079.32
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and support of the municipal government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect upon the passage and publication thereof.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2026

CITY OF RAPID CITY

s/ Jason Salamun

Mayor

ATTEST:

s/ Daniel Ainslie

Finance Director

(SEAL)

RESOLUTION # 2026-003

RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY SURPLUS

RESOLUTION # 2026-003

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