

Wall City Council Meeting**Community Center Meeting Room**January 15th, 2026, 6:30pm

Members' present:

Mary Williams - Mayor	Others present:
Rick Hustead - Councilman	Carolynn Anderson - Senior Finance Officer
Jerry Morgan - Councilman	Katie Bruce - Finance Officer
Stan Anderson - Councilman (Zoom)	Garrett Bryan - Public Works Director
Zack Hoffman - Councilman	Deputy Kerner - Penn Co Sheriff's Dept
Dan Hauk - Councilman	Nathan Chicoine - Wall City Attorney (Zoom)
Members' Absent:	Ted Schultz - Foth Engineering
Mike Anderson - Councilman	Michaela Lavender, Lilly Stone, Linda Hiltner
	Gina & Gordy Kraut, Brandy Kammerer
	Wayne & Melanie Shull

(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.

Councilman Stan Anderson and city attorney Nathan Chicoine was present on Zoom. Deputy Kerner presented the council with the December 2025 Pennington County Sheriff's Department law enforcement report.

Motion by Hustead, second by Hoffman to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Morgan, second by Hauk to approve the minutes of the 12/18/2025 city council meeting. Motion carried.

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

Council Reviewed

- On-call schedule/Employee OT-sick-Vac report
- 2025 Final Revenue Budget
- Water usage report
- 2025 Final Sales Tax Report
- Bank account balances
- Budget Reports

Mayor Williams presented a State of the City address: highlighting airport expansion, Echo Valley and Hansen Subdivision housing developments, 2023 to 2025 building permit comparisons, Prairie Village, infrastructure projects, community center upgrades, and 2026 coming events such as Badlands National Park Dark Skies, 250th Independence and Energize Conference.

Gordy Kraut addressed the council over his concern regarding the new convenience fees for electronic payments. After discussion, city attorney advised drafting a resolution for clarification purposes.

Wall City Engineer Ted Schultz discussed areas of poor drainage and flooding.

He presented several possible solutions and commented it would require more extensive surveying and engineering to find what would be most effective. Motion by S Anderson, second by Hustead to proceed with surveying and the plan to further analyze the situation and find the most accurate way to pursue solving the drainage problem in Wall. Motion carried.

A concern form was submitted by a resident regarding flooding and poor drainage on his property and his request for the city to address the issue. The city is currently exploring possible solutions. In the meantime, residents are encouraged to keep yards clear and to trim trees and bushes where possible to help promote drainage.

Superintendent's Report - Mayor Williams read Dr. Crowser's report in her absence

- The fall semester is completed, and teachers have a workday tomorrow.
- Community performance of the One-Act Play will be at the community center on 1/16/2026 at 6pm.
- WEDC met with the school board building committee about partnership funding they are jointly exploring.
- Sixth grade students finished the Hunter Safety course today and they were taken out to practice at the shooting range afterwards.
- Freshman Impact will be held in Wall on April 29th and planning is underway.
- CTE job fair with other area schools will be held at the Wall school on April 16.

Wall Chamber Report - Brandy Kammerer

- Kammerer introduced and gave a recommendation for hire for the Chamber Director position. Motion by Hauk, second by Morgan to approve the hire of Michaela Lavender as the Wall Chamber Executive Director starting January 26th for the hourly rate of \$24.50. Motion carried.
- The final Wall Bucks drawing was completed, and the results will be announced once Michaela is in the Chamber office.

Motion by Hauk, second by Hoffman to approve Resolution 26-01; 2026 Wages.

Motion carried.

Motion by Hustead, second by Morgan to approve the CommNet Cellular Tax Abatement. Motion carried.

Senior Finance Officer (SFO) Anderson Report:

- Inquiry was made regarding the possibility of having a kiosk to renew license plates in Wall. It would cost \$100,000 to purchase and maintain the machine.
- The new GWorks Finance Hub is being used so the budget reports have a new look.

Finance Officer (FO) Bruce Report:

- Motion by Hauk, second by Hoffman to waive the Community Center usage fees for the Tines benefit 1/17/2026.
- The Jan/Feb Community Center report was presented to the council.
- The process to sign up for the new alert system on the city's website was explained.

Public Works Director (PWD) Bryan Report:

- The community center kitchen update has been completed.
- The leased loader has arrived to be prepared for potential snow accumulation.
- A hydrovac has been purchased, which will be a timesaver when working on sewer lines.

Mayor Williams Report:

- Dollars for nine benches have been collected and ordered by Judy Goldhammer recognizing individuals and families. Public Works will help assemble and install when they arrive.
- A video created by Public Works employee Brandon Smith, highlighting their past year, was shared.

Items for Discussion: Councilman Morgan suggested placing flags on light poles this summer to celebrate 250 years of independence. PWD Bryan will research flag options.

Next City Council Meeting will be Thursday, January 29th, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Motion by Hustead, second by Hoffman to move into executive session at 8:37pm for the purpose of SDCL 1-25-2 (1) (6)(c).

Motion carried.

Mayor Williams declared the meeting out of executive session at 9:14pm.

With no further business, Mayor Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

Mary Williams, Mayor

Katie Bruce, Finance Officer

CITY BILLS

January 15, 2026

Gross Salaries - December 30, 2025:

Gross Salaries: Adm. \$22,041.97; PW \$16,095.94

AFLAC

insurance

DELTA DENTAL

dental

\$814.50

AVESIS

vision

\$171.43

FIRST INTERSTATE BANK

Employee payroll tax

\$8,472.45

HEALTH POOL

Health/Life Insurance

\$10,468.81

SDRS

Employee Retirement

\$4,053.62

SDRS-SRP

Employee Supp Retirement plan

\$150.00

January 15, 2026 Bills:**101 General Fund**

A&B Welding Supply	Acetylene	\$17.85
A&B Solutions	copier contract/printer count	\$202.45
Adobe	software	\$20.83
Badlands Automotive	loader wipers/service both pickups	\$84.17
Butler Cat	Loader parts	\$87.12
Canadian Pacific Railway	RR land lease at airport	\$1,107.00
Evergreen Office Solutions	paper towels	\$73.27
FIRST INTERSTATE BANKCARD	office/WED supplies/fees	\$146.30
FP Mailing Solutions	ink for postage machine	\$404.00
Golden West	phone-internet	\$348.77
HCS, LLC	NAS & battery backup install/PC setup	\$777.00
Lighting Maintenance	I-90 light maintenance	\$208.96
Pennington County Courant	publishing	\$801.48
Riteway Business Forms	utility postcards	\$330.64
SDML	street maintenance membership - corrected fee	\$15.00
Servall Uniform	CC rugs/rags	\$186.84
Wall Building Center	supplies	\$453.54
Wex	fuel	\$19.45
WREA	ambulance loan	\$1,286.66
Zoom	electricity	\$5,418.15
	meetings	\$16.99

Additions

North Central Rental & Leasing	Loader Rental/freight from Fargo	\$8,651.00
Golden West	Airport Internet	\$66.32
Mead & Hunt	Airport Engineering	\$12,940.64
Wall Food Center	Meals	\$31.97

211 BBB Funds

Wall Badlands Chamber	BBB Funds	\$2,120.28
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602 Water Fund

Hawkins	water treatment	\$1,656.83
SD 811	locate requests	\$6.30
Wall Building Center	supplies	\$212.51
West River Lyman Jones	water purchase - meter	\$4,591.20
WREA	electricity	\$4,828.45

604 Sewer Fund

Golden West	phone-2nd line	\$40.61
TDM Excavating and Trucking	Vermeer Vac Trailer	\$51,000.00
SD 811	locate requests	\$6.30
Wall Building Center	supplies	\$176.35
WREA	electricity	\$241.03

612 SW Fund

First Interstate Bank	sales tax	\$587.36
WREA	electricity	\$327.26
Golden West	TS phone	\$42.11
Wall Building Center	supplies	\$176.35
TOTAL BILLS:		\$99,709.34

Approved by the Wall City Council this 15th day of January 2026**FIRE DEPARTMENT BILLS**

January 15, 2026

January 15 2026 Bills:	meals	\$58.30
First Interstate Bankcard	Denim Aprons	\$105.00
Stecs	portion of electrical bill	\$76.96
Wall Ambulance	electricity	\$190.72
WREA	fuel	\$391.87
TOTAL BILLS:		\$822.85

Approved by the Wall City Council this 15th day of January 2026**LIBRARY BILLS**

January 15, 2026

Gross Salaries - December 31, 2025:	Employee payroll tax	\$519.98
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	books-supplies	\$26.88
January 9, 2025 Bills:	internet and phone	\$69.54
First Interstate Bankcard	mileage	\$114.24
Golden West	filtering firewall equip, bridge, btry	\$1,320.00
Johannesen, Ester	bckup	
Larson, Ron	electricity	\$182.40
WEST RIVER ELEC		
TOTAL BILLS:		\$1,713.06

Approved by the Wall City Council this 15th day of January 2026**CEMETERY BILLS**

January 15, 2025

January 15, 2026 Bills:	electricity	\$435.00
TOTAL BILLS:		\$435.00

Approved by the Wall City Council this 15th day of January 2026**RESOLUTION 26-01****CITY OF WALL – WAGES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following 2026 annual salary schedule be adopted and effective January 1, 2026:

Garrett Bryan	\$77,327.26	Plus Benefits
Trevor Fricke	\$59,407.73	Plus Benefits
Brandon Smith	\$51,631.84	Plus Benefits
Carolynn Anderson	\$77,269.40	Plus Benefits
Katie Bruce	\$69,655.04	Plus Benefits
Rochan Burrell	\$53,774.24	Plus Benefits
Mayor	\$100.00	per meeting
City Council	\$75.00	per meeting
Custodial position	\$25.75	per hour
Seasonal Employees	\$12.00-25.00	per hour
Librarian	\$16.50-23.00	per hour
Cemetery maintenance	\$21.28	per hour

Adopted and dated this 15th day of January 2026.

Mary Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Bruce, Finance Officer

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