REGULAR MEETING DE SMET COMMON COUNCIL

November 10, 2026

The De Smet Common Council met in regular session on November 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., with the following present: Council members Bret Jensen (arriving a little later), Dustin McCune (via speaker phone until he arrived in person), Brian Fischer, Mykel Anderson, Brady Anderson, Derek Sprang, Mayor Gary Wolkow, Finance Officer Tracey Larson, and City Attorney Todd Wilkinson. Absent: None.

Mayor Gary Wolkow called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The meeting started with the council and those from the public reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
MINUTES: Motion was made by B. Anderson, seconded by M. Anderson, to approve the minutes of October 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, all voting aye, motion carried.
CLAIMS: Motion was made by M. Anderson, seconded by B. Anderson, to approve paying the claims as presented, all voting aye, motion carried. The claims are as follows: PAYROLL $38,816.98; OASI Benefit 2,969.47; Aflac, ins. premium 95.03; Madison National, life insurance 24.00; Delta Dental of South Dakota 471.92; VSP 159.60; The Health Pool of SD, health insurance 7,657.26; SDRS, retirement 4,240.66; Visa, utilities, supplies, travel 1,041.15; Alexis Tilton, deposit refund 355.00; Anderson Lumber, supplies & repairs 511.30; Avid Hawk, monthly website fee 35.00; Bode Construction, tree & stump removal 2,755.11; Butler Machinery, generator repair & maint 1,372.55; Caleb Antelope, deposit refund 200.00; Center Point Large, books 27.27; Chesterman Company, supplies 62.40; City of De Smet, meter deposits applied to bills 850.00; City of De Smet, utilities 1,534.39; City of De Smet, supplies & postage 13.54; City of De Smet, deposit applied to utilities 15.00; City of De Smet, meter deposit donation 150.00; City of De Smet, replacement deposits back to the city 60.00; Clyde Beck, replacement check 75.00; TwoTrees Technologies, backups & software 83.60; Continental Western Group, premium for mower 16.00; Cooks Wastepaper & Recycling, garbage service 327.90; Cooks Wastepaper & Recycling, residential garbage collection 7,222.54; Core & Main, parts for well #9 649.80; Cowboy Country Store, fuel 610.86; CR Corner, fuel 1,538.86; CR Mechanical, install heating & repairs 24,104.33; Daniel Piehl, deposit refund 125.00; De Smet Trustworthy Hardware, supplies & repairs 44.95; De Smet Trustworthy Hardware, library supplies 472.78; Demco, supplies 292.56; Department of Health, water labs 52.00; Efraimson Electric, repair & maint 408.18; Halme, well #9 piping 42,971.00; Hawkins, sewer chemicals 3,754.66; James Farrel Estate, deposit refund 10.00; Jim Harvey, deposit refund 75.00; Kaci Stevens, deposit refund 30.00; Karen Hansen, deposit refund 85.00; Kingsbury Electric, repair & maint 130.23; Kingsbury Electric, maint contract 220.00; Kingsbury County Auditor, law enforcement contract 6,933.33; Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, utilities 180.98; Kingsbury Journal, publishing 268.35; Kingsbury Journal, library publishing 63.00; Klinkhammer Plumbing & Heating, museum porta pot 600.00; Mack

Landscaping, winterize irrigations 480.00; Mediacom, utilities 149.99; Michael Todd & Co, repair & maint 187.91; Micro Marketing, books 681.45; Northwest Pipe Fittings, repairs & maint 182.93; Northwestern, utilities 193.59; Office Peeps, library copier contract 72.75; Office Peeps, supplies & copier contract 730.65; Olson's Pest Technicians, pest control 150.00; Ottertail Power Company, utilities 5,213.81; Postmaster, supplies 390.00; Rob Cleveland, deposit refund 75.00; SD Dept of Revenue, recreation sales tax 670.97; SD Dept of Revenue, garbage sales tax 501.24; Share Corp, sewer chemicals 3,734.66; SD 811, locates 58.80; Ultra, city software support contract 1,410.00; Valley Fibercom, utilities 391.42; Visa, utilities supplies & lodging 2,244.82; Wilkinson Law, legal fees 5,905.00; Helms & Assoc, airport taxilane project - design 13,200.03; Helms & Assoc, airport taxilane project - construction 1,292.34.

WARD II COUNCIL RESIGNATION: Motion was made by B. Anderson, seconded by Fischer, to approve accepting the resignation submitted by Bret Jensen as Ward II Alderman due to his recent move out of Ward II, all voting aye, motion carried.

WARD II COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT: Mayor Wolkow made a recommendation for the appointment of Derek Sprang as the Ward II Alderman. Motion was made by B. Anderson, seconded by Fischer, to appoint Derek Sprang as the Ward II Alderman, all voting aye, motion carried. The Oath of Office was administered by City Attorney Todd Wilkinson to Derek Sprang – Alderman Ward II.

WARD III COUNCIL REIGNATION: Motion was made by B. Anderson, seconded by Fischer, to approve accepting the resignation submitted by George Cavanaugh as Ward III Alderman due to his upcoming move out of Ward III, all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Wolkow thanked George Cavanaugh for his eleven years and three months of service to the community of De Smet.

BUILDING PERMIT: Motion was made by B. Anderson, seconded by Fischer, to approve the building permit submitted by Mark Hinkley – gazebo, all voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC GROUNDS VACATE: This being the date and time advertised for the public hearing, discussion for the vacate of public ground Outlot Four (4), Except the East Thirty Feet (E 30') Subdivision to the City of De Smet, in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Twenty-Eight (28), Township One Hundred Eleven (111) North, Range Fifty-Six (56), West of the 5th P.M., in Kingsbury County, South Dakota was held. Both property owners on each side of the proposed street agreed to vacate this area. Nobody from the public was present to appeal. Motion was made by Fischer, seconded by B. Anderson, to approve Resolution 2026-10, to approve vacating - Outlot Four (4), Except the East Thirty Feet (E 30') Subdivision to the City of De Smet, in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Twenty-Eight (28), Township One Hundred Eleven (111) North, Range Fifty-Six (56), West of the 5th P.M., in Kingsbury County, South Dakota lying between Lot Four (4) of Wilder Pass, Except the East Thirty Feet (E 30') Subdivision to the City of De Smet, in the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section Twenty-Eight (28), Township One Hundred Eleven (111) North, Range Fifty-Six (56), West of the 5th P.M., in Kingsbury County, South Dakota and Lot Five (5) of A Plat of Lots 5, 6, 16, and 17 of Wilder Pass to the City of De Smet, in the SW ¼ of Section Twenty Eight (28) Township One Hundred Eleven (111) Noth,

Range Fifty Six (56) West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota, all voting aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

WHEREAS a Petition for Vacation of Public Grounds described as **Outlot Four (4) of Wilder Pass, Except the East Thirty Feet (E 30′), Subdivision to the City of De Smet, in the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section Twenty-Eight (28), Township One Hundred Eleven (111) North, Range Fifty-Six (56), West of the 5th P.M., in Kingsbury County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof, subject to easements and reservations of record,** has been presented to the City of De Smet, pursuant to SDCL 9-45-7; and

WHEREAS publication of a Notice of Hearing on the proposed vacation has been given; and

WHEREAS the Petition and the evidence and testimony presented evidenced a necessary and compelling basis for vacating that public ground described thereon; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the public grounds located at **Outlot Four (4) of Wilder Pass, Except the East Thirty Feet (E 30′), Subdivision to the City of De Smet, in the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section Twenty-Eight (28), Township One Hundred Eleven (111) North, Range Fifty-Six (56), West of the 5th P.M., in Kingsbury County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof, subject to easements and reservations of record,** is hereby declared vacated and that portion of the property as vacated shall relict back to the adjoining property.

On roll call, all voting "aye", Resolution declared PASSED and ADOPTED on the 10th day of November, 2026.

CITY OF DE SMET

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Finance Officer

SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE: An application for a special liquor license was submitted by Lu Ann Klinkel, owner of Klinkel's III, for November 14, 2026, from 5:00 pm – 12:00 am, to be held at the De Smet Legion Hall. Motion was made by McCune, seconded by Fischer, to approve the special liquor license to Lu Ann Klinkel, owner of Klinkel's III, for November 14, 2026, from 5:00 pm – 12:00 am, at the De Smet Legion Hall, all voting aye, motion carried.

HOSPITAL CONCRETE: Maintenance Manager, Jason Small, met with the council to discuss the replacement of the concrete ramp on the West side of the hospital building for the Physical Therapy entrance. The concrete is broken up and is a hazard. Small submitted an estimate in the amount of $7,654.00 to remove and repour the concrete ramp. Motion was made by B. Anderson, seconded by M. Anderson, to approve replacing the hospital concrete ramp, all voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mark Siefkes wished the council a Happy Veteran's Day. Siefkes stated that he is opposed to a dynamic brake ordinance because it is not enforced, and on the cat ordinance, just wants to see the cats get home to their owners.

DE SMET DEVELOPMENT CORP: Grace Aughenbaugh, Executive Director for the De Smet Development Corporation, reported that 91 responses were received for the housing study. The Housing Study should be complete by the end of November. An application to the TA grant for the trails project. The annual Development Corporation meeting will be held on December 8, 2026, at 7:00 am at the Oxbow, and Travel SD has awarded $500.00 for Rooster Rush that has been used to make 130 hunting bags.

Council member Jensen arrived at this time.

WARD III COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT: Mayor Wolkow made a recommendation for the appointment of Bret Jensen as the Ward III Alderman. Motion was made by B. Anderson, seconded by Fischer, to appoint Bret Jensen as the Ward III Alderman, all voting aye, motion carried. The Oath of Office was administered by City Attorney Todd Wilkinson to Bret Jensen – Alderman Ward III.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE VI-12 FOR DYNAMIC BRAKING: Motion was made by Jensen, seconded by B. Anderson, to approve the first reading of Ordinance VI-12 – Prohibiting the unlawful Use of Engine Compression Brakes, all voting aye, motion carried.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE VIII-12 – REGULATING STRAY AND FERAL CATS: Motion was made by B. Anderson, seconded by M. Anderson, to approve the first reading of Ordinance VIII-12 – Regulating Stray and Feral Cats, all voting aye, motion carried.

DIGITAL SIGN: Motion was made by B. Anderson, seconded by Sprang, to approve replacing the City Hall digital sign in the amount of $40,243.00 from Stein Sign Display, all voting aye, motion carried.

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT: Water & Sewer Supt., Jason Springer, informed the council that the new Well #9 is hooked up and running; Replacement of two lead lines and one galvanized service lines will be replace in November; and the water mains were flushed.

PROJECT PAYMENTS: Motion was made by M. Anderson, seconded by B. Anderson, to approve the project pay requests – Helms, pay request #10, airport taxiway design $13,200.03; Helms, pay request #11, airport taxiway construction $1,292.34, all voting aye, motion carried. Airport project payments are reimbursed 95% to 97.5% by Federal and State grant funds.

DECEMBER YEAR END SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: Motion was made by B. Anderson, seconded by M. Anderson, to approve scheduling the year end special council meeting on December 30,2026, at 5:00 pm, at the City Hall, all voting aye, motion carried.
FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion was made by McCune, seconded by B. Anderson, to approve the October 2026 Cash Balances Report as presented by the Finance Officer, all voting aye, motion carried.
OVERTIME: Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by M. Anderson, to approve the overtime hours for the month of October as presented, all voted aye, motion carried.
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by B. Anderson, seconded by Fischer, to approve going into executive session at 6:14 pm to discuss litigation, all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Wolkow declared the council out of executive session at 6:26 pm.
OTHER: Other non-action items of discussion were as follows: 1) the October law enforcement report; and 2) the current payloader.
ADJOURN: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion by McCune, seconded by Jensen, all voting aye, motion carried.

To comply with SDCL 6-1-10. Publication of Payroll information, the payroll changes were effective as follows: Ryan Bickett $19.82/hour effective November 1, 2026.

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Gary Wolkow, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tracey Larson, Finance Officer

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