

Wall City Council Meeting
Community Center Meeting Room
September 19th, 2024, 6:30pm

Members present:

Mary Williams - Mayor
Rick Husted - Councilman
Dan Hauk - Councilman
Jerry Morgan - Councilman
Mike Anderson - Councilman
Zack Hoffman - Councilman

Members absent:

Stan Anderson - Councilman

Others present:

Carolynn Anderson - Finance Officer
Katie Bruce - Chamber Director
Rochan Burrell – WEDC Director
Deputy Nyblom – Penn Co Sherriff’s Dept
Grant Holub, Kittrick Jefferies, Linda Hiltner
Justin Perkins – Wall Ambulance Director
Linda Hiltner, Jean Destry, Kendall Nelson
Stephanie Trask – Bad River Law

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

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:31pm; roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Deputy Nyblom presented the council with the August police report that was shared at the previous meeting. He introduced himself as he will be working in Wall until new deputies arrive.

Motion by Hauk, second by M Anderson to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Councilman Hoffman advised there is no need for item 14; an agenda request from Stephanie Volmer on the location for the food truck for her Quilting event, which would have been a conflict of interest for him, as they have found another option.

Motion by Hoffman, second by Morgan to approve the minutes of the 9/5/2024 city council meeting. Motion carried.

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

Review

- Golf Course financials
- Budget Reports

Wall Ambulance Report – Justin Perkins presented the council with the August ambulance report of 33 calls. 18 of these calls were transports and 15 were cancels or standbys. The 2025 budget was approved at last night’s meeting, and they will be sending in their request for funding to the city next week. They are working on a grant with Rapid City to put on a free EMT class in Wall for anyone interested in the future.

Jean Destry addressed the council on speeding concerns on 4th Avenue. He commented it is a speedway in both directions and would like to see something happen to slow traffic down. He suggested more speed limit signs going west from the grain elevator.

Kittrick Jeffries addressed the council as a representative of Puffy’ s LLC regarding the location change on their application for a cannabis medical dispensary and add six new members. Motion by Hoffman, second by M Anderson to approve the revised application from Puffy’ s LLC on the location for a medical cannabis dispensary. Motion carried.

Motion by Husted, second by Morgan to approve Resolution 24-08 rezoning the recently annexed Hancock property to residential. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoffman, second by Hauk to approve a building permit for Tanner Handcock to build a house at 1494 Golf Course Rd. Motion carried.

Motion by Hauk, second by Hoffman to approve a building permit for Lance Sundall to build a 24 x 48 shop addition at 40 Stone Dr. Motion carried.

Motion by Hauk, second by Morgan to approve a conditional use permit for Kendall Nelson to have an Airbnb at 12 Stone Dr on the condition that Public Works will measure for accuracy to determine if another neighbor's signature is needed if it is under 100' from the property line. Motion carried.

Motion by Morgan, second by Husted to approve Resolution 24-07; Intent to enter into an agreement regarding airport hay ground improvements. Motion carried.

Chamber Director Katie Bruce report:

- The August and September Community Center report was shared with the council.
- The 2025 budget has been approved and submitted to the city.
- October 11th is Homecoming Appreciation Supper from 5-6:30pm at the Wall City Park.
- The Wall Community Craft Show is Saturday, November 2nd and there are still vendor tables available.
- Chamber Board meeting 9/27 at 7am, Chamber Luncheon 10/8 at 12pm at the Community Center.

WEDC Executive Director Rochan Burrell report:

- Introduced herself and indicated her first day was on September 16.
- She has been working on reviewing files and understanding the position.
- She has been setting up meetings with local and state contacts.

Finance Officer (FO) Anderson report:

- A concern form was submitted for 2 large lots that do not get mowed. Consensus from the council for PWD Bryan to discuss with landowners the potential for haying the lots.
- A tree grant will be applied for to plant trees at the city park and swimming pool.
- FO Anderson will be out of the office for three days for a school board function and will be utilizing vacation time.

Public Works Director (PWD) Bryan report:

- The ditch was cleaned out on South Blvd according to SD DOT policy. It has better drainage now and the grass was replanted.
- Grass on 4th Ave has been getting watered daily to get it established.
- He was not able to get a bid submitted on the brush mower he was interested in but will work with the county on one they plan to surplus.
- A roll off has been placed at the transfer station and tomorrow the metal on the chute should be replaced so the items the previous contractor needed to complete will be finished.
- PW will be starting to clean sewers soon to get ready for Fall.

Mayor Williams report:

- The animal control committee met and have recommended allowing quail with the same approval process and criteria as chickens.
- The American Legal ordinance revisions were sent out electronically for council members to review. October 3rd will be the first reading. There were not many changes, however they were updated and were organized.
- Over the past weekend the Shriners were in Wall for their event, an area fly-in brought many airplanes to our airport, there was a Little Britches rodeo with competitors from

6 states at the rodeo arena, there were 3 youth football games and a pop-up event at Stompin' Grounds. It was great to see so many people here for so many different events.

PWD Bryan commented he will put up more speed limit signs with flags on 4th Ave to see if that helps with the speeding issue.

Councilman Hoffman commented he would like to work on updating our ordinances to allow for front yard fences. M Anderson agrees as it helps to keep children and animals safe and to just keep in mind the need for visibility with walking and driving. Morgan mentioned the need for upkeep on these. Hawk commented he feels there needs to be standards set. PWD Bryan commented we need to remind those with back yard privacy fences they need to mow on the outside of their fence.

Next City Council Meeting will be October 3rd, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Motion by Husted, second by Hawk to move into executive session at 7:44pm for the purpose of SDCL 1-25-2 (4). Motion carried.

Mayor Williams declared the meeting out of executive session at 8:49pm.

Motion by Hawk, second by Morgan to approve hiring Rochan Burrell as the Economic Development Executive Director, with a 6-month agreement at \$24.50/hr. and benefits. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoffman, second by Morgan to terminate the agreement with Bad River Law pursuant to paragraph 12 in the agreement for City Attorney services dated April 5th, 2024. Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Hoffman – yes, Morgan – yes, Husted – no, Hawk – yes, M Anderson – no. Motion carried.

The Airport hay ground agreement was moved to the October 3rd meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Mary Williams, Mayor

Carolynn Anderson, Finance Officer

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