

MINUTES OF MENNO CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 2, 2026

Mayor Darrell Mehlhaf called the city council to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 2, 2026 in the finance office at city hall. Council answering roll call: George Cokens, Ron Diede, Jerry Fischer and Jacob Mettler. Finance Officer Jodi Fischer, Superintendent Anthony Cokens, Chris Kropuenske and Chad Hanson were also present.

Agenda: Mettler moved to approve the agenda. Diede seconded the motion. All votes aye.

REGULAR MEETING ITEMS: Minutes: Cokens moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026 regular meeting. Fischer seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Finance Report: Diede moved to approve the January finance report. Mettler seconded the motion. All votes aye.

	General	Restricted GO Bond	Water	Sewer	Bond Ph 1 Sewer Surchg	Dev Ph 2 Sewer Surchg	Restricted Perpetual Care	Totals
Checking Balance 12/31/25	1,168,836.56	95,939.77	57,031.21	205,945.40	62,148.98	32,034.96	3,277.86	1,625,214.74
Warrants:	(43,040.81)	0.00	(10,031.74)	(7,455.42)	0.00	(3,077.00)	0.00	(63,604.97)
JE Adjustment -January 2026	194.83		(521.15)	128.00	97.42	100.90		0.00
Receipts:	55,275.24	227.44	19,214.91	8,034.01	2,410.50	3,119.00	200.00	88,481.10
Interest:	337.43	27.39	18.71	86.44				469.97
Checking Balance 01/30/26	1,181,603.25	96,194.60	65,711.94	206,738.43	64,656.90	32,177.86	3,477.86	1,650,560.84
<i>Profit or (Loss) for the month</i>	<i>12,766.69</i>	<i>254.83</i>	<i>8,680.73</i>	<i>793.03</i>	<i>2,507.92</i>	<i>142.90</i>	<i>200.00</i>	<i>25,346.10</i>

Council Financial Review: The council reviewed the bank statements, credit card invoices, bank reconciliation, automatic withdrawals, receipts and checks written during the month of January.

Warrants: Fischer moved to approve the following warrants. Mettler seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

WARRANTS APPROVED: Council 788.05; Mayor 253.96; Finance 2310.57; Buildings 19.40; Street 3132.45; Cemetery 161.61; Ambulance 859.45; Library 254.89; Development 273.35; Water 1782.68; Sewer 1790.59; Aflac, insurance 181.32; Wellmark BCBS, group insurance 3648.21; VSP, vision insurance 31.95; SDRS, retirement 1563.66; SDSRP, supplemental retirement 445.00; EFTPS, payroll taxes 3402.52. **Utilities:** NorthWestern Energy, electricity & gas 4991.33; Golden West, phone 402.67; AT&T Mobility, police cell phone 54.99; SD State Treasurer, sales & excise tax 1778.67; USDA, Phase 2 sewer loan pmt 3077.00; Badger Meter, support 90.72; Barnes & Noble, library books 155.15; B-Y Water, water (2 months) 10,729.50; Cardmember Service, supplies & library furniture 1038.99; CNA Surety, finance officer bond 525.00; Dept. of Health, water sample 20.00; Green Eggs & Ram, IT services & firewall 1163.85; Grosz Underground Const., water service replacement 538.27; Klautd Service, fuel-repair 569.71; Matheson Tri-Gas, amb supplies 80.70; Maxwell Sign & Graphics, police pickup graphics 975.00; Menno Lumber, supplies 816.73; Menno State Bank, safe deposit box rent 35.00; Myers Sanitation, 283 residential 6783.51; One Office Solution, supplies 43.29; OverDrive, library digital consortium 300.00; Principal Life, group ins. 676.34; SD Municipal Street Maintenance, 2026 dues 15.00; SD Police Chiefs Assoc., conference 135.00; SCPI, publishing 212.79; SD One Call, locates 4.41; Total Stop, amb fuel 119.69; Walter Welding, supplies 9.66; Woehl Johnny, painting 275.00.

NEW BUSINESS: Core & Main – Water Meters: Core & Main talked about their Sensus water meters and their solutions and support for long term success with our water metering.

Advertise for pool personnel: Diede moved to advertise for a pool manager, lifeguards and swimming lesson instructor. Cokens seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Pool – Front Counter Person: Cokens moved to advertise for an individual to work the front counter at the pool. This position does not require lifeguard certification. Mettler seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Equalization meeting: Fischer moved to hold the equalization meeting on Monday, March 16th at 6:00 p.m. Cokens seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Police Chiefs’ Conference: Cokens moved to pay the registration and related expenses for Bryan Spiotti to attend the Police Chiefs’ meeting in Deadwood April 14-16th. Diede seconded the motion. All votes aye.

District III meeting: Diede moved to pay expenses for those attending the District III meeting in Lennox on March 24th. Fischer seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Librarian Assistants: Mettler moved to acknowledge that Rachael Massey is substituting as librarian when Lehr has other commitments. Cokens seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Designated Date for Election: Diede moved to hold the municipal election on November 3, 2026, if needed. Mettler seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Ambulance: The council discussed different options for replacing our current ambulance vehicle.

Executive Session: Fischer moved to go into executive session at 7:49 p.m. for personnel according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Diede seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Mayor Mehlhaf declared out of executive session at 8:01 p.m.

Diede moved to hire Matthew Van Der Linden as part-time certified police officer at \$20.50/hr. Cokens seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Mettler moved to accept Mindy Spanglers resignation as janitor effective immediately. Cokens seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Diede moved to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Mettler seconded the motion. All votes aye.

ATTEST:

CITY OF MENNO, SOUTH DAKOTA

Jodi Fischer, Finance Officer

Darrell J Mehlhaf, Mayor

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