

**MINUTES OF MENNO CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**April 6, 2026**

Mayor Darrell Mehlhaf called the city council to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 6, 2026 in the finance office at city hall. Council answering roll call: George Cokens, Amber Cross, Ron Diede, Jerry Fischer and Terah Schoenfish. Finance Officer Jodi Fischer and Police Chief Bryan Spiotti were also present.

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

**REGULAR MEETING ITEMS: Minutes:** Fischer moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2026 regular meeting and the March 16, 2026 equalization meeting. Schoenfish seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Finance Report:** Cokens moved to approve the March finance report. Diede seconded the motion. All votes aye.

|                                       | General             | Restricted<br>GO Bond | Water            | Sewer             | Bond Ph 1 Sewer<br>Surchg | Dev Ph 2 Sewer<br>Surchg | Restricted<br>Perpetual Care | Totals              |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Checking Balance 02/27/26</b>      | <b>1,187,179.55</b> | <b>96,248.07</b>      | <b>71,635.90</b> | <b>211,157.58</b> | <b>67,171.83</b>          | <b>32,340.86</b>         | <b>3,477.86</b>              | <b>1,669,211.65</b> |
| Warrants:                             | (31,742.83)         | 0.00                  | (10,936.46)      | (3,712.50)        | 0.00                      | (3,077.00)               | 0.00                         | (49,468.79)         |
| <b>JE Adjustment - March 2026</b>     | 188.92              |                       | (457.16)         | 105.41            | 83.20                     | 79.63                    |                              | <b>0.00</b>         |
| Receipts:                             | 57,284.46           | 713.53                | 16,795.41        | 8,202.61          | 2,568.94                  | 3,350.14                 | 0.00                         | <b>88,915.09</b>    |
| Interest:                             | 368.47              | 29.37                 | 23.34            | 96.41             |                           |                          |                              | <b>517.59</b>       |
| <b>Checking Balance 03/31/26</b>      | <b>1,213,278.57</b> | <b>96,990.97</b>      | <b>77,061.03</b> | <b>215,849.51</b> | <b>69,823.97</b>          | <b>32,693.63</b>         | <b>3,477.86</b>              | <b>1,709,175.54</b> |
| <i>Profit or (Loss) for the month</i> | <i>26,099.02</i>    | <i>742.90</i>         | <i>5,425.13</i>  | <i>4,691.93</i>   | <i>2,652.14</i>           | <i>352.77</i>            | <i>0.00</i>                  | <i>39,963.89</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 March.

**Release Funds:** Cokens moved to release the annual funds of \$1500.00 to the Menno Baseball Association. Schoenfish seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Warrants:** Diede moved to approve the following warrants. Cross seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**WARRANTS APPROVED:** Council 949.67; Mayor 300.14; Finance 2220.46; Street 3156.06; Cemetery 161.61; Ambulance 725.15; Library 389.26; Development 285.27; Water 1764.69; Sewer 1764.73; Aflac, insurance 181.32; Wellmark BCBS, group insurance 3648.21; VSP, vision insurance 42.60; SDRS, retirement 1529.12; SDSRP, supplemental retirement 445.00; EFTPS, payroll taxes 3377.01. **Utilities:** NorthWestern Energy, electricity & gas 4015.60; Golden West, phone 410.55; AT&T Mobility, police cell phone 54.99; SD State Treasurer, sales tax 469.18; USDA, Phase 2 sewer loan pmt 3077.00; Badger Meter, professional services 90.72; Barnes & Noble, library books 328.28; B-Y Water, water (2 mo.) 10410.50; BATA, annual contribution 1000.00; Cardmember Services, supplies 1285.06; City of Menno, water deposit refunds 300.00; Dept of Health, samples 20.00; Deposit Refund, water deposit refund 150.00; Jodi Fischer, mileage reimbursement 63.08; Green Eggs & Ram, IT services 139.39; Heiman Fire Equipment, maintenance 392.94; IAR LLC, 2026 subscription 399.00; Jensen Insurance, fire pak 11181.00; Jensen Insurance, property insurance 36627.00; Klaudt Service, fuel-supplies 1656.25; Lorie Lehr, library books reimbursement 159.13; Matheson Tri-Gas, amb supplies 74.22; Darrell Mehlhaf, mileage reimbursement 165.30; Menno Baseball, annual contribution 1500.00; Menno Lumber, supplies 438.52; Menno Public School, OPAC subscription 100.00; Myer’s Sanitation, 286 residential 6855.42; One Office Solution, supplies 85.96; Postmaster, postage 610.00; Power People 4-H, flowers 250.00; Principal Life, group ins. 676.34; SD Federal Property Agency, supplies 273.38; SD Municipal League, District III meeting 120.00; SD Unemployment 97.95; SCPI, publishing 383.84; SD One Call, locates 1.05; Team Lab, supplies 968.50; Total Stop, supplies 18.77; Tyndall NAPA, supplies 437.36; US Bank, hwy 18 sewer loan pmt 3191.96; Walter Welding, supplies 48.87.

**Police Report:** Cokens moved to approve the police report. Cross seconded the motion. All votes aye. Welfare check, traffic stop, grant work, transferring files and creating documents, arrest for possession of drug, paraphernalia, and threatening, removal of an unwanted house guest.

Fischer moved to accept the sale of a Palmetto PA-15 Multi Rifle from Conan Bagley to the Menno Police Department for \$1.00. Schoenfish seconded the motion. Roll Call: all votes aye.

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS: Streets:** Cokens moved to purchase a 2003 International dump truck for \$18,000. Diede seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**NEW BUSINESS: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading-Supplemental Appropriations - Library:** Diede moved to give 1<sup>st</sup> reading of supplemental appropriations ordinance #2026-1, an ordinance to supplement the library department withing the General Fund. Schoenfish seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**Mow & Spray:** Cokens moved to place an ad in the newspaper reminding citizens to keep their lawns mowed and weeds sprayed in compliance with City ordinances. Cross seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Flowers – 5<sup>th</sup> St:** Fischer moved to pay \$250 for the Power People 4-H to plant flowers in the planters along 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Schoenfish seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Mosquito Workshop:** Cross moved to have Anthony Cokens & Corbin Auch attend the 2026 Spring Mosquito Workshop in Mitchell on April 30th. Diede seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**HR & FO School:** Cross moved to pay registration and related expenses for Jodi Fischer to attend Human Resources and Finance Officers’ school in Chamberlain/Oacoma June 9-12<sup>th</sup>. Cokens seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Executive Session:** Cross moved to enter into executive session at 6:47 p.m. for personnel according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Cokens seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Mayor Mehlhaf declared out of executive session at 7:02 p.m.

Schoenfish moved to hire Emmalyn Heckenlaible as a certified lifeguard and to hire Brenna Edelman as the 2026 pool manager and swim instructor, with authority for Edelman to hire Heckenlaible as an additional swim instructor if needed. Diede seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Cokens moved to approve a wage of \$17.00 per hour for Brenna Edelman and to establish a starting wage of \$13.50 per hour for first-year certified lifeguards, with a \$0.50 per hour increase for each additional year of service. Cross seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Diede moved to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Cross seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF MENNO, SOUTH DAKOTA**

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Jodi Fischer, Finance Officer

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Darrell J Mehlhaf, Mayor

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