

**MINUTES OF MENNO CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**May 4, 2026**

Mayor Darrell Mehlhaf called the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 4, 2026 in the finance office at city hall. Council answering roll call: Amber Cross, Ron Diede, Jacob Mettler, and Jerry Fischer. Finance Officer Jodi Fischer, Police Chief Bryan Spiotti, and Superintendent Anthony Cokens were also present.

**Agenda:** Mettler moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Executive Session Personnel SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Diede seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**REGULAR MEETING ITEMS: Minutes:** Fischer moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2026 regular meeting. Cross seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Finance Report:** Diede moved to approve the April 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
<b>Checking Balance 03/31/26</b>	1,213,278.57	96,990.97	77,061.03	215,849.51	69,823.97	32,693.63	3,477.86	1,709,175.54
Warrants:	(84,825.47)	0.00	(15,203.72)	(9,258.80)	0.00	(3,077.00)	0.00	(112,364.99)
<b>JE Adjustment - April 2026</b>	167.09		(432.58)	86.27	103.76	75.46		0.00
Receipts:	66,258.23	711.70	15,668.00	7,495.84	2,341.27	3,048.27	0.00	95,523.31
Interest:	345.42	28.16	22.22	92.00				487.80
<b>Checking Balance 04/30/26</b>	1,195,223.84	97,730.83	77,114.95	214,264.82	72,269.00	32,740.36	3,477.86	1,692,821.66
<i>Profit or (Loss) for the month</i>	<i>(18,054.73)</i>	<i>739.86</i>	<i>53.92</i>	<i>(1,584.69)</i>	<i>2,445.03</i>	<i>46.73</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>(16,353.88)</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 April.

**Athletic Club Funds:** Fischer moved to release the annual funds of \$5000 to the Menno Athletic Club. Cross seconded the motion. All votes aye.

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

**WARRANTS APPROVED:** Council 764.98; Mayor 300.14; Finance 2477.18; Police 4796.78; Street 3205.30; Garbage 150.06; Cemetery 161.61; Ambulance 434.97; Library 401.74; Development 297.19; Water 1762.11; Sewer 1748.84; Aflac, insurance 300.18; Wellmark BCBS, group insurance 4864.28; VSP, vision insurance 42.60; SDRS, retirement 2320.46; SDSRP, supplemental retirement 445.00; EFTPS, payroll taxes 4679.97. **Utilities:** NorthWestern Energy, electricity & gas 3810.01; Golden West, phone 401.75; AT&T Mobility, police cell phone 54.76; SD State Treasurer, sales tax 489.76; USDA, Phase 2 sewer loan pmt 3077.00; Badger Metter, prof. service 90.72; Barnes & Noble, library books 155.93; B-Y Water, water 6721.00; Bound Tree Medical, amb supplies 186.90; Cardmember Service, office, police, & pool supplies 1742.73; City of Menno, water deposit refund 60.27; D&D Services, lift rental for tree cutting 2167.50; Deposit Refund, water deposit 89.73; Tim Freier, mowing cemetery 700.00; Green Eggs & Ram, IT support 139.39; IAR LLC, iamresponding app – fire dept. 399.00; Klautd Service, fuel-repair 1695.50; Liebl Plumbing, replace toilet – pool 224.49; Mehlhaf, Darrell, reimburse mileage 134.85; Menno Athletic Club, annual contribution 5000.00; Menno Lumber, supplies 581.80; Mettler Implement, supplies 147.80; Myer’s Sanitation, 286 residential 6855.42; Nippon Sanso Matheson Inc., amb supplies 80.70; Petty Cash, pool 100.00; Principal Life, group ins. 734.34; SD Assoc. of Rural Water System, hydrant flow testing 160.00; SD Dept. of Health – ORHES, amb service license renewal 12.00; SD Gov. Finance Officer Assoc., registration 100.00; SD Gov. Human Resources Assoc., registration 50.00; SCPI, publishing 415.52; SD One Call, locates 36.96; Spiotti, Bryan, mileage reimburse & clothing allowance 292.78; Total Stop, supplies & fuel 188.33; Tyndall NAPA, supplies 65.99; Walter Welding, supplies 172.51; Water Management Solutions, pool-suc vac rental 300.00.

**Police Report:** Mettler moved to approve the police report. Diede seconded the motion. All votes aye. Speed enforcement, mental health assist, mock crash-community engagement, welfare check, dog complaint, indecent exposure complaint, attempted to serve a warrant, traffic enforcement, received a call for animal at large, received a complaint from school principal, met with states attorney, assisted county with an accident, follow up with school principal, harassment complaint.

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS: Streets:** Mettler moved to rescind the motion approved at the April 6, 2026 meeting authorizing the purchase of the 2003 International dump truck, as the city did not proceed with the purchase. Cross seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**OLD BUSINESS: Water Meters:** The Council previously heard presentations at the January and February meetings regarding smart water meter technology, advanced metering infrastructure systems, and long-term water metering solutions and support that could improve customer service, reduce costs, and provide more accurate water measurement. The city currently utilizes mechanical water meters. The council discussed possible financing options for the purchase of new updated water meters. Mettler moved to advertise for bids for new water meters, with specifications and bid packets available at the Finance Office. Diede seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**NEW BUSINESS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-Supplemental Appropriations - Library:** Cross moved to give 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of supplemental appropriations ordinance #2026-1, an ordinance to supplement the library department within the General Fund. Diede seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**Malt Beverage Renewals:** Diede moved to renew the following malt beverage licenses. Mettler seconded the motion. All votes aye.

- Retail (on/off sale) Malt Beverage – Klautt Service LLC, Lots 6 & 7, Block 4, A. Mettler’s Addition, City of Menno.
- Retail (on/off sale) Malt Beverage – Menno Groceries LLC, d.b.a. Total Stop Convenience Store #9467, Lots 100 & 101 and Lot 101A, City of Menno.
- Retail (on/off sale) Malt Beverage – WWIT2 LLC d.b.a. Beer Garden, Lots 9 & 10, Block 2, Original City, City of Menno, N30’ of the E48’ of Lot 8, Original City, City of Menno.

**Hearing:** Fischer moved to approve a temporary malt beverage permit for the Menno Baseball Association for May 7, 14, 21, 31, June 11, 14, 18, July 3, 4, 2026 at the baseball field. Cross seconded the motion. All votes aye. The permit will be good for the days requested or dates for which a game must be rescheduled.

**Fireworks:** Cross moved to allow the Menno Baseball Association to sponsor a fireworks display on July 4 with members of the Menno Fire Department discharging the fireworks near the baseball field. Mettler seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Pool & Pool Hours:** Mettler moved to set May 29<sup>th</sup> as the tentative opening date for the pool, pool hours as Monday through Thursday - 1 to 5 pm and 6 to 8 pm, Friday through Sunday - 1 to 6 pm, hire returning lifeguards Autumn Rames, Emmarie Rames, & Ruby Fitzmaurice, hire 1<sup>st</sup> year lifeguards Madelyn Fischer & Ashlyn Derby dependent on certifications, hire Zoe Schaeffer & Savannah Didomenico as front counter attendants at \$11.85/hr and increase the family pool pass price from \$70 to \$75. Cross seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**New Fireman:** Diede moved to recognize Justin Edelman & Grady Furney as new volunteer firemen. Mettler seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Surplus 1987 International F1954 Truck:** Fischer moved to surplus the 1987 International F1954 truck and sell by online auction. Cross seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**End Policy for Receiving Shingles at RU site:** Mettler moved to discontinue accepting shingles at the RU site once the designated disposal area has reached capacity. City employees will determine when capacity has been reached. Cross seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Hazard Mitigation Project Selection:** Hutchinson County is updating the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan and is requesting mitigation projects from all cities located in the county. Fischer moved to include the following projects in the plan, look into creating a comprehensive plan, conduct outreach to homeowners on winter-proofing their home, adding a warning sign on the northside of town, continue participation in the national flood insurance program which would include training for the flood ordinance coordinator, look into replacement of the water tower, educate people about water conservation practices, review and update the water restriction ordinance, look into the Firewise program, and implement a formal fire hydrant maintenance policy & standard operating procedures to ensure consistent inspection, operation, and documentation of hydrants within the Menno Water distribution system. Diede seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Ambulance EMT’s:** The Council discussed efforts to recruit additional EMT personnel. Information was provided regarding an EMT course offered in Freeman this coming fall. Course participants are responsible for the cost of the required textbook and testing fees; however, the City of Menno offers reimbursement of those expenses if the participant serves as an EMT for the community for a designated length of time.

No executive session was held.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Mettler moved to adjourn 7:48 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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