



City of Columbia Council Meeting – January 8, 2025
CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Emily Eichler via zoom, Jeremy Dosch, Scott Meints
Community: Ben Jeffery
Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve

the agenda. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the agenda. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts. Minutes were handed out from the Dec. 3rd meeting. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1375.33; Web – fire prevention – 53.93; JVT – fire prevention – 216.96; Agtregra - fuel– 602.46; Grand Slam Computers – office computer – 666.88; Farm Tire Service – skid steer tires – 1760.00; Ken’s Fairway – gift cards/wages – 400.00; Jeremy Dosch– Dec. wages -419.99 –; Cara Dennert – Dec. wages– 1235.25; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies -712.37 ; Public Health Laboratory – well water test – 7.00; United States Treasury – 941x 3rd Q 2024 underpayment - 3.10; United States Treasury -941 4th Q 2024 – taxes – 2053.59; Jeremy Dosch – council wages 4th Q – 222.35; Trevor Meints – council wages 4th Q – 222.35; Emily Eichler – council wages 4th Q – 222.35; Corey Mitchell - council wages 4th Q – 255.26; Scott Meints – street wages and council wages 4th Q – 292.35; SD Unemployment Insurance – 4th Q insurance – 33.23; Northwestern Energy – electricity – 2053.40

Scott Meints made a motion to approve the vouchers. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: emails from Ted Dickey regarding sewer application, holiday cards from B&B Contracting and Stockwell Engineering, follow up report from Code Enforcement UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Wastewater and drainage plans for State Water plan – state funding amounts will be announced in March.

Nuisances – The board discussed the report & proposed contract with Code Enforcement Specialists. Jeremy Dosch made a motion to continue to contract with Code Enforcement Specialists. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

Streets – no report

Parks – The council discussed turning off some of the holiday lights.

Lagoon/Sewer - Delinquent sewer accounts were also discussed. There will be \$10 late fees on any past due bills.

Rubble Site –Shane will be down this Saturday to pile up site for burning.

NEW BUSINESS – Ben Jeffery was present to discuss the possible annexation of some land on the northwest edge of town. The council members will check with some county officials to determine if that is possible. Yearly declarations were discussed. Scott Meints made a motion to keep Groton Independent as our newspaper for publications, Dacotah Bank as our financial institution. He also made a motion to increase Jeremy Dosch’s salary to \$18 an hour and Cara Dennert’s salary to \$1600 a month. Emily Eichler seconded the motions. All were in favor – motions carried. Corey Mitchell, Trevor Meints, and Emily Eichler were given petitions as they are up for reelection this year. Anyone who would like to run for council may request a petition.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Cara presented bank balances. W2s were handed out to the council. The 3rd quarter 941 was missing 3.10 in Federal Withholding. A 941x form will be sent in with payment. The 4th quarter 941 was also finished and ready to be sent in. Cara is working on the annual report. There is one final CD that will come due next week. Cara will transfer those funds to our CD money market account.

Scott Meints made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

December 31, 2024, balances: SF - \$ 73,933.79; SF Money Market –\$ 151,916.04; GF - \$ 152,447.58; GF Money Market - \$ 50,973.88; CD Money Market - \$ 32,529.09
FIT - \$ 15,564.34; Cash on hand - \$0

Next Regular City Council Meeting – February 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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Notice of Vacancy
Municipality of Columbia

The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office:

Columbia City Council

Corey Mitchell, Columbia City Mayor, 2-year term

Trevor Meints, Columbia City Council Member, 3-year term

Emily Eichler, Columbia City Council Member, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 31st, 2025. If you need a petition, please call the city office and one will be mailed to you. Petitions can be left in the drop box at the city office. Final day for turning in a petition is February 28th, 2025.

Cara Dennert

Finance Officer

City of Columbia

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City of Columbia Council Meeting – February 5, 2025
CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Trevor Meints, Emily Eichler, Jeremy Dosch, Scott Meints
Community: Ben Jeffrey, Sam Hoppock
Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Scott Meints made a motion to approve the agenda. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. Scott Meints said that he will abstain from voting on commitment to confirm participation with the Brown County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. There were no further conflicts.

Minutes were handed out from the Jan. 8th meeting. Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the minutes. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers Warrant Vouchers: Web – fire prevention – 54.30; JVT – fire prevention – 213.04; Jeremy Dosch– Jan. wages -444.69–; Cara Dennert – Jan. wages– 1317.60; Corey Mitchell – Jan. wages – 55.69; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies -295.50 ; SDATT – 2025 membership dues – 205.00; GDI – publishing – 88.85; NASASP – membership dues – 39.00; Shane Moser – dump piling work – 2438.78; Runnings – shop supplies – 28.47

Scott Meints made a motion to approve the vouchers. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: e-mail Josh Wallberg/breakdown for the 2024 Taxes Payable in 2025; NEOG -2027 Mitigation Plan Grant Application

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Wastewater and drainage plans for State Water plan – state funding amounts will be announced in March.

Nuisances – The council has been working on getting rid of an abandoned trailer house in town. There have been several complaints regarding dogs/waste on private properties in town. The council is going to consider revamping our current ordinance to make owners more aware of their responsibilities regarding their pets.

Streets – no report

Parks – The council discussed the possibility of putting up permanent illumination of the arch in the park.

Lagoon/Sewer - Delinquent sewer accounts were also discussed. Certified letters will be sent to delinquent sewer accounts over \$100, followed by papers being served and services being disconnected if account balances are not paid up. As stated in our city ordinances, disconnecting and reconnecting services would be paid by the delinquent household.

Rubble Site –The pit has been stacked and is ready for a burn this weekend or next.

NEW BUSINESS – Corey brought up the need for a motion to approve the commitment for participation with Brown County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Trevor Meints made a motion to have Corey Mitchell sign the commitment letter regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Brown County. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor with Scott Meints abstaining from voting. Ben Jeffery was present to find out what our lawyer advised on the possible deannexation of some land on the northwest edge of town. Corey had talked to Rod Tobin and it didn't sound like a possible option. Patti Daly was present to discuss the possibility of adding a small enclosed area to the new park. There was much discussion about size and location of a building. She is willing to start the grant process to see what money could be gathered to cover the cost of such a facility. She stated that there is a T-Mobile grant for communities less than 50,000 people to receive \$50,000. The council was very interested, but feels very strapped financially with the new parks. Patti will research more grant opportunities. She will bring more information to the March 6th meeting. She also brought up the issue of the park needing more electrical outlets. This caused a few problems during the holiday season and would be used for many events throughout the year. Because Wednesday the 5th is Ash Wednesday, the March meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6th, 2025.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The last individual CD that the city owned became mature. It was put into the CD Money Market account. Cara presented bank balances. She is continuing work on the annual report.

Emily Eichler made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

January 31, 2025, balances: SF - \$ 80,424.11; SF Money Market –\$ 152,038.61;
GF - \$ 152,014.15; GF Money Market - \$ 51,015.01; CD Money Market - \$ 41,429.31
FIT - \$ 15,617.66; Cash on hand - \$0

Next Regular City Council Meeting – Thursday, March 6, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION
MUNICIPALITY OF COLUMBIA, SOUTH DAKOTA**

A Municipal Election will be held on the 8th day of April, 2025, in Columbia, South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central daylight time on the day of the election.

At the election the following office will be filled:

MAYOR – TWO YEAR TERM

Corey Mitchell

Dana Mohr

The polling place of this municipality is as follows:

Columbia American Legion – Columbia, SD

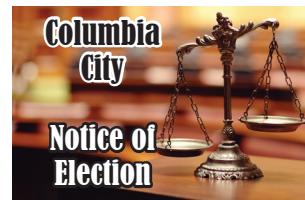
Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the municipal finance officer at 605-396-2655 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities.

Cara Dennert

Finance Officer

The City of Columbia is an equal opportunity provider.

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City of Columbia Council Special Meeting– March 20, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

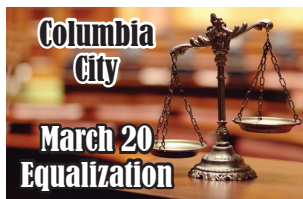
ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell (via phone), Emily Eichler, Jeremy Dosch, Scott Meints

Mayor Corey Mitchell called the City of Columbia Equalization meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the posted agenda. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts.

There were no phone calls made to set hearing times for the meeting. No residents of the city attended the meeting to discuss the 2025 assessments. Cara will file the necessary papers with the County.

Mayor Corey adjourned the meeting.

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SAMPLE BALLOT

City of Columbia
Columbia, South Dakota
Tuesday, April 8, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

I. TO MARK THE BALLOT

To vote use a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square in front of the name.

DO NOT make any marks other than a cross (X) or check mark (✓).

DO NOT erase anything on your ballot.

DO NOT rip your ballot or make holes in it.

DO NOT write in a name.

II. IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE

If you make a mistake on your ballot or change your mind, give it back and get a new one.

III. TO RETURN THE BALLOT(S) AFTER VOTING

Fold each ballot so the ballot stamp shows and take it to the ballot box.

**Mayor for the City of Columbia, 2-year term,
you may vote for 1 or leave it blank.**

Corey Mitchell

Dana Mohr