

CITY HALL, CITY OF ARLINGTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
January 5, 2026

The City Council met in regular session in the Municipal Building. Present on Roll Call were Mayor Curt Lundquist and Council Members: Terry Rowbotham, Garth Johnson, Robert Knadle, Sue Falconer, and Beth Sundberg. Absent: Tom Bacon

Motion was made by Sundberg, seconded by Falconer to approve the minutes of the December 1st & 29th meetings. All in favor—Carried.

Bills on file were submitted for consideration and on Motion by Falconer, seconded by Sundberg, the Finance Officer was instructed to issue payment for same. All in favor on Roll Call Vote—Carried.

Bills approved as follows:

81 Auto Clinic 83.51 Hose Clamp; Bulb; Filters, Avid Hawk, LLC 90.00 Monthly Website Fee, Badger Oil, Inc. 700.09 55 Gal Drum Oil, Nicholas Barkl 106.62 Meter Deposit Balance Refund, Bobcat Of Brookings 5.48 Rivet, Cooks Wastepaper & Recycling 5862.85 December Garbage, Core & Main 5169.09 AMI Parts, Danr-Fiscal Management Div 950.00 Dues, Division Of Agricultural Serv. 70.00 Applicator License, Marieta Dooley 30.00 Meter Deposit Balance Refund, Dakota Supply Group 840.00 Sun-Tech Photo Eye, Electric Fund 569.28 Meter Deposits Applied To Bill, Ferguson Waterworks #2516 790.12 Multi-Tool Kit; Pump, Brittany Hughes 74.10 Meter Deposit Balance Refund, Kingbrook Rural Water 9410.28 Water And Lease, Office Peeps 164.12 Towels And Tax Forms, Rapid City, Pierre & East. RR, 100.00 Annual Powerline Crossing Fee, SD Federal Property Agency 200.00 Gloves, SD Finance Officers Assn 50.00 2026 Dues, SD Human Resources Assn 25.00 2025 Dues, SD Street Maint. Assn 35.00 2026 Dues, SD Municipal League 1364.00 Annual Membership Dues, SDML Workers Comp. Fund 11896.00 Workers Compensation, US Post Office 78.00 Postage,

Attorney Wilkinson reviewed the open meeting laws brochure with the Council members per SB 74.

Sewer Surcharge discussion was held for clarification on empty lots and uninhabited homes.

Public Comments: Beth Niemeyer from Banner Associates introduced the new engineer (Landen Buse) for the city due to her retirement in February.

Motion was made by Rowbotham, seconded by Johnson to approve the first reading of Ordinance #639 amending sign sizes.

Mayor Lundquist called a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and City Council for a public hearing to vacate an alley. Present on Roll Call were Mayor Curt Lundquist and Council Members: Terry Rowbotham, Garth Johnson, Robert Knadle, Sue Falconer, and Beth Sundberg. Absent: Tom Bacon. As there were no residents represented at the meeting to oppose and the adjacent landowners all signed the petition, motion was made by Sundberg, seconded by Rowbotham to approve the request. All in favor—Carried.

Motion to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting was made by Johnson, seconded by Knadle. All in favor—Carried.

Based on the recommendations from the Planning Commission, motion was made by Rowbotham, seconded by Knadle to adopt and pass Resolution #2026-1 vacating an alley. All in favor—Carried.

RESOLUTION# 2026-1

WHEREAS a Petition for Vacation of that certain alley lying Lots Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), and Nine (9), Block Twenty Three (23) Subdivision entitled Blocks Twenty (20) to Twenty Four (24), inclusive, in the City of Arlington, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof, has been presented to the City of Arlington, pursuant to SDCL 9-45-7; and

WHEREAS publication of a Notice of Hearing on the proposed vacation has been given; and

WHEREAS the Petition and the evidence and testimony presented evidenced a necessary and compelling basis for vacating that portion of the alley described thereon; and

WHEREAS it is not now open or used and never has been opened or used by the public; nor has the portion of the alley been used or traveled upon as a street or alley at any time during the twenty years subsequent to the recording of the plat establishing the street.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that part of that certain alley Lots Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), and Nine (9), Block Twenty Three (23) Subdivision entitled Blocks Twenty (20) to Twenty Four (24), inclusive, in the City of Arlington, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, is hereby declared vacated and that portion of the property as vacated shall relict back to the adjoining property.

On roll call, all voting “aye”, Resolution declared PASSED and ADOPTED on the 5th day of January, 2026.

CITY OF ARLINGTON

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Finance Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Stephanie Damm, Finance Officer of the City of Arlington, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, hereby CERTIFY that the above RESOLUTION is a true and correct transcript of that Resolution adopted January 5, 2026, at a regular meeting of the City Council of Arlington, South Dakota.

Finance Officer

Electric Report – Marshal Mix informed the Council that the team is installing the new water & electric meters and it is going well.

Motion was made by Knadle, seconded by Sundberg to approve the Police Report. All in favor—Carried.

The council reviewed the Revenue/Expense/Cash Reports.

The finance office has received notification from PCC for the ambulance rates for 2026, but as there is some confusion, the rates will be tabled until the next meeting, so we have time to get clarification.

Motion was made by Rowbotham, seconded by Falconer to approve writing off the amount of ambulance fees that are uncollectible/unbillable in the following amounts: 2024 = \$2,874.39 and 2025 = \$1,7916.65 as well as the following self-pay amounts to turn over to collections: 2022 = \$147.64 and 2024 = \$2,246.36.

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Falconer to surplus the Water (once the brass is taken out) and Electric meters that we are replacing as well as the old server at a \$0.00 value. All in favor—Carried.

Motion was made by Sundberg, seconded by Knadle to increase wages \$.50/hour for all full-time employees and \$.25/hour for part-time employees (excluding summer help). Salaried positions are based on a 44-hour week. All in favor—Carried.

As per SDCL6-1-10 all salaries for all officers and employees shall be published the first meeting of the fiscal year and are as follows: The following receive \$375 per quarter – Sue Falconer, Terry Rowbotham, Garth Johnson, Beth Sundberg, Robert Knadle, and Tom Bacon. Council Members and the Mayor receive \$40.00 for each special (non-regular monthly) meeting. Marshal Mix, Chad Mohr, and Stephanie Damm receive a monthly allowance of \$45.00 for using their personal cell phones to conduct city business. The following payroll changes were in effect 1/1/2026 – Curt Lundquist \$416.67/month; Marshal Mix \$6568.47/month; Stephanie Damm \$5577.00/month; Chad Mohr \$29.45/hr; Jodie Henry \$25.00/hr; Lonnie Johnson \$19.65/hr; Cheryl Anderson \$19.50/hr; Larry Stamer \$18.00/hr; Gene Lohan \$17.25/hr; Martin Murphy \$18.90/hr; Shane Swenson \$16.25/hr; Deb Wingle \$17.25/hr; Jay DeVries \$500/yr; Trevor Keating \$500/yr; Nicole Keating \$250/yr; Alex Fonseca \$125/yr; Amanda Doren \$125/yr.

The City Election will be held June 2, 2026 and petitions can be circulated February 2nd through March 24th. There is one council position open in Ward 1 held by Terry Rowbotham now, one council position open in Ward 2 held by Garth Johnson now, one council position open in Ward 3 held by Sue Falconer now, and the Mayor position held by Curt Lundquist now.

Motion was made by Sundberg, seconded by Knadle to enter into executive session at 8:01 P.M. for legal matters & personnel.

Mayor Lundquist declared out of executive session at 8:46 P.M.

Motion was made by Rowbotham, seconded by Sundberg to advertise for a full-time city worker and an electrical lineman. All in favor—Carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Falconer, seconded by Sundberg. All in favor—Carried.

Stephanie Damm, Finance Officer

Curt Lundquist, Mayor

The City of Arlington is an equal opportunity provider and employer.