

City of Tea
Regular Meeting
April 6, 2026

The regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held at Tea City Hall on April 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Casey Voelker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Terry Woessner, James Erck, Josh Chapman, Aaron Otten, Ruby Zuraff and Lynn DeYoung. Also present: City Administrator Justin Weiland, City Engineer Ben Scholtz and Finance Officer Dawn Murphy.

AGENDA. MOTION 26-38. MOTION by Erck, seconded by Zuraff to approve the April 6, 2026 Agenda. All members voted AYE.

CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION 26-39. MOTION by Woessner, seconded by Erck to approve the following consent agenda items:

- 1) March 16, 2026 Regular and Local Review Board Minutes
- 2) April 6, 2026 Claims (claims will be listed at the end of the minutes)
- 3) Approval of Anniversary Step Pay Increases for the Following:
 - Albert Schmidt (3/18), Community Development Director, \$113,609.60 annual salary (\$54.62 per hour)
 - Lenny Przybys (3/27), Maintenance, \$44.24 per hour
 - Taylor White (3/27), Police Officer, \$38.41 per hour

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

The Council adjourned the City Council Meeting and reconvened as the Board of Adjustment.

VARIANCE PUBLIC HEARING. An application for a variance for a 45 sq. ft. freestanding monument sign with a height of 7 ft. and width of 13 ft. Current zoning ordinances state that signs in R-1 Single Family Residential District have a maximum sign area of 45 sq. ft. with a maximum sign height and width of 6 ft. **MOTION 26-40. MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Chapman to approve the variance for a 45 sq. ft, 7' x 13' sign variance. All members voted AYE.

The Council adjourned the Board of Adjustment and reconvened as the City Council.

ORDINANCE 336. The Council held the second reading of Ordinance 336. **MOTION 26-41. MOTION** by DeYoung, seconded by Zuraff to approve and adopt Ordinance 336, Recodification of the City of Tea Municipal Code of Ordinance. All members voted AYE. A notice of adoption of the ordinance will be published separately.

WATER TOWER CONTRACT. MOTION 26-42. MOTION by Erck, seconded by Woessner to approve the quote from Maguire Iron to paint the Howling Ridge Water tower, \$98,500.00. All members voted AYE.

TREE PLANING REBATE PROGRAM. Weiland presented Tree Planting Rebate Program designed to promote the planting of trees both on private property and within the right of way. Each property owner is eligible to receive up to \$100.00 rebate per tree, up to two trees per property on an annual basis. **MOTION 26-43. MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Erck to approve the Tree Planting Rebate Program and Boulevard Tree Policy.

MASTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN. City Engineer Ben Scholtz presented the Tea Area Transportation Plan. **MOTION 26-44. MOTION** by Erck, seconded by Otten to approve and adopt the Tea Area Transportation Plan. All members voted AYE.

SUNDOWNER CONTRACT AMENDMENT. Weiland presented an amendment to the engineering agreement for Sundowner Ave Project. **MOTION 26-45. MOTION** by Woessner, seconded by Chapman to approve the Sundowner Ave. Project Engineering Agreement Amendment. All members voted AYE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. MOTION 26-46. MOTION by Erck, seconded by Otten to go into executive session at 7:02 pm. in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2 (3) contracts & (5) Economic Development. All members voted AYE. The Council came out of executive session at 7:52 pm.

MOTION 26-47. MOTION by Zuraff, seconded by DeYoung to adjourn at 7:52 pm. All members voted AYE.

Casey Voelker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer

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**CITY OF TEA
WARRANTS PAID APRIL 6, 2026**

Vendor	Description	Amount
ACE	Supplies	1,530.11
Auto Dynamics	Oil change, mount tires	219.00
Avera Occupational Medicine	Drug testing	69.50
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Badger Meter	LTE fees	3,142.71
Bluepeak	Phone	47.15
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Board of Operator Certification	WW exam	60.00
BSN Sports	Baseball supplies	683.88
Casey's	Fuel	363.92
Christensen, Jennifer	March cleaning & reimburse for vacuum	393.00
City of Sioux Falls	February pumping	51,044.96
Cole Papers	Supplies	147.88
Community Pass	Pool software	8,400.00
Dakota Pump	Monitoring pump station	805.35
Dave's Service & Repair	Tow vehicle	217.50
Dust-tex	Rug service	78.58
Epic Sky Display	2026 Fireworks	4,500.00
Explorers Credit Union (credit card)	Clothes, training, supplies	1,723.61
Geotek	Soil borings - baseball field improvements	2,700.00
Geotek	Soil borings - park band shell	2,900.00
Hauf	Soccer balls & shirts	4,396.45
Haug Construction	Maintenance bldg	145,510.47
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Admin	2,455.00
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Site plan reviews	4,657.50
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Review Pump Station	2,645.00
HDR Engineering	On-Call - 468th Ave & Various St. Projects	3,690.15
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Grant Support	56.25
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Drainage Master Plan	4,918.20
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Kerslake Drainage Channel	5,112.83
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Real Estate Services - Rick Mueller	1,282.50
HDR Engineering	On-Call - GIS Mapping	671.58
HDR Engineering	Sundowner	59,188.75
HDR Engineering	Transportation Plan	3,061.27
Heiman Fire Equipment	Fire extinguisher maintenance	111.51
Hydro Tech Service	Pool pump	29,095.50
Innovative Office Supplies	Envelopes	1,252.42
Kansas City Life	Insurance	725.78
Karl's Chevrolet	2026 Tahoe	54,740.20
Lewis & Clark Regional Water	12,182,080 March usage	31,760.69
Lookout Plan & Code Consulting	Plan reviews	962.94
Midco	Lift station phone	42.55
Motorola	PD Subscriptions	8,380.14
MRG Hauff	Rec supplies	429.99

Nebraska Generator Service	Repair lift #1 generator	357.00
Novus Glass	Repair windshield	69.99
Olson, Joann	Jan-Mar cleaning	345.00
Overhead Door	Repair PD garage door	341.84
Pfeifer Implement	Bobcat	70,053.69
Pheasantland Industries	Public Hearing signs	495.54
Prairie Sons	Repair PD water heater	1,557.15
Prime Companies	Water refund	37.35
RBS Sanitation	Garbage service	875.08
Robertson, Steve	March inspections	1,885.00
SDML	District Meeting	90.00
Sioux Metro Growth Alliance	2026 SMGA Membership	22,406.00
Sioux Sales Company	Clothes	150.90
Tea Volunteer Fire Department	1/2 2026 operation expense	120,988.00
Toshiba	Copier lease	342.30
Total Tree Service	Stump grinding	3,325.50
Wellmark	Insurance	24,632.31
		693,284.67

MARCH PAYROLL

DEPARTMENT	GROSS PAY	SS/MED	RETIRMENT	TOTAL
Administrator 4122	19,819.20	1,516.17	1,189.14	22,524.51
Finance 4142	13,180.80	996.85	790.86	14,968.51
Public Safety 4210	112,284.51	8,123.06	8,778.01	129,185.58
Highway/Streets 4311	24,569.25	1,808.64	1,474.20	27,852.09
Recreation 201-4501	7,893.60	603.84	473.61	8,971.05
Planning & Zoning 4650	20,474.25	1,478.11	1,228.46	23,180.82
Water Distribution 4334	24,781.75	1,823.95	1,486.95	28,092.65
Water Administration 4335	3,792.57	290.13	227.55	4,310.25
Sewer Administration 4321	24,789.11	1,824.26	1,487.27	28,100.64
Sanitary Clerk	3,792.54	290.13	227.55	4,310.22
TOTAL MARCH PAYROLL	255,377.58	18,755.14	17,363.60	291,496.32