

City of Tea
Regular Meeting
January 20, 2026

The regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held at Tea City Hall on January 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

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

AGENDA. MOTION 26-09. MOTION by DeYoung, seconded by Chapman to approve the January 20, 2026 Agenda. All members voted AYE.

CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION 26-10. MOTION by Otten, seconded by Zuraff to approve the following consent agenda items:

- 1) January 5, 2026 Minutes
- 2) January 20, 2026 Claims (claims will be listed at the end of the minutes)
- 3) Anniversary Step Pay Increases:
 - Thad Konrad (1/3), Utility Superintendent \$114,233.60 per year (\$54.92 per hour)
 - Keith Bittner, (1/13), Maintenance, \$35.79 per hour
 - Parker Christensen (1/13), Police Officer, \$37.80 per hour
 - Brian Crosby, (1/19), Police Officer, \$45.36 per hour
- 4) Disabled Veteran Property Tax Abatement for Nathan Rieger, 401 E Mary Moore Dr.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 334. Councilmember Chapman recused himself from discussion and voting on Ordinance 334 due to a conflict of interest. The Council held the first reading of Ordinance 334, An Ordinance of the City of Tea, SD, Rezoning Property Located at 1510 East First Street From the R-1 Single Family Residential District to the GB General Business District, No. 25-03 and Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Tea. The property has historically been used for commercial purposes and this rezoning would align the zoning district with the existing land use. **MOTION 26-11. MOTION** by Woessner, seconded by Otten to set the second reading of Ordinance 334 for February 2, 2026. Members Zuraff, Otten, Woessner, Erck and DeYoung voted AYE. Councilmember Chapman abstained/recused himself. Motion carried.

TEA FIRE DEPARTMENT. Newly elected Fire Chief Mike Bartell introduced himself to the Council.

DOWNTOWN PARK PROPERTY. Discussion was held regarding the continued leasing of the sand volleyball courts to Titans Tavern. The Council reached a consensus to lease the property for 2026 and to revisit the property's long-term use at a future date.

2025 AUDIT PRESENTATION. Logan Auch and Liam Stubbe with Williams & Company presented the 2025 Audit Report. **MOTION 26-12. MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Zuraff to approve the 2025 Audit as presented. All members voted AYE.

SS4A GRANT. The City was recently awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant in the amount of \$2.6 million. The grant requires an 80/20 match and will fund a \$3.2 million project that includes improvements to the Brian Street east-west corridor, Heritage Boulevard crossing enhancements, and pedestrian-friendly upgrades to Main Avenue.

MOTION 26-13. MOTION by Erck, seconded by DeYoung to adjourn at 8:13 pm. All members voted AYE.

Casey Voelker , Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer

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**CITY OF TEA
 WARRANTS PAID JANUARY 20, 2026**

Vendor	Description	Amount
American Bank & Trust - CC	Conference, supplies	129.74
American Bank & Trust - CC	Postage, supplies	1,218.01
American Bank & Trust - CC	Planner membership, postage	310.07
BSN	Rec supplies	853.43
Bumblebee-Gibson	Ice melt	2,814.00
CHS Inc.	Fuel	3,209.41
City of Tea	Water	501.10
Dakota Data Shred	Shredding	75.07
Dust-Tex	Rug service	48.32
Ernster, Matt	Clothing allowance	125.00
Explorers CU - CC	Software, books	356.22
Explorers CU - CC	PD supplies, gas, travel	2,755.93
Fareway	Supplies	230.26
FedEx	Postage	20.06
Fleet Pride	Repair Freightliner	2,680.02
Get N Go	Fuel	1,027.84
GR-Emergency Vehicle Outfitters LLC	Test battery	375.00
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Admin	3,147.50
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Site plan reviews	6,548.75
HDR Engineering	On-Call - 468th Ave	420.00
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Water cost estimate - Mona St	125.00
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Streets	2,788.25
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Grant Support	675.00
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Drainage Master Plan	4,185.00
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Kerslake Drainage Channel	281.25
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Real Estate Services - Haugen agreement	393.75
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Heritage Sewer South	1,030.00
HDR Engineering	On-Call - GIS Mapping	1,875.00
HDR Engineering	On-Call - Brian St.	3,087.50
Hydro Tech Services	Repair lift station & tap waterline	3,264.00
IACP net	Subscription	525.00
Innovative	Supplies	167.48
Integrated Technology & Security	Rapid Response Monitoring	239.04
Intoximeter	Supplies	449.00
Keehn, Kelly	2025 Clothing allowance	125.00
Lennox Independent	Publishing	965.16
Lewis & Clark Regional Water System	System expansion payment	443,587.00
Lincoln County Rural Water	Water service transfer 0 27174 470th Ave..	2,334.57
Metering Technology	Meter parts	593.41
Mid American Energy	Services	3,237.68
O'Reilly	Oil	27.60

Pine Knoll Inc	85th St. crop damage	1,200.00
RDO Equipment	Parts	96.19
Rural Development	Water Loan 91-06 (\$921 per month x 12)	11,052.00
Rural Development	Water Loan 91-07 (\$1,032 per month x 12)	12,384.00
Rural Development	Water Loan 91-08 (\$5,241 per month x 12)	62,892.00
SD Association of Code Enforcement	2026 Membership	75.00
SD Governmental Finance Officers Associations	2026 Membership	50.00
SD Human Resource Association	2026 Membership	25.00
SD Municipal League	2026 Membership	4,160.00
SD One Call	Locates	77.28
SD Police Chiefs Association	2026 Membership	200.00
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SD Street Maintenance Association	2026 Membership	35.00
SDML	Rib dinner	70.00
SE Area Finance Officers Group	2020 membership	100.00
Sioux Falls Area Humane Society	December services	911.70
Sioux Metro Growth Alliance	2026 contract payment	75,000.00
Southeastern Electric	Services	6,474.13
Tea Area Community Foundation	2026 Donation	2,000.00
Toshiba	Copy lease	18.65
US Bank	Agent paying fees	700.00
US Bank	2026 DW #3 (\$8,920.13 x 4)	35,680.52
US Bank	2026 DW #2 (\$22,779.24 x 4)	91,116.96
US Bank	2026 CW-SRF #6 (\$13,420.14 x 4)	53,680.56
US Bank	2026 CW #7 (\$14,084.64 x 4)	56,338.56
US Bank	2026 CW # 10 (\$15,830.40 x 4)	63,321.60
US Bank	2026 DW #4 (\$38,593.10 x 4)	154,372.40
US Bank	2026 CW #8 (\$49,734.53 x 4)	198,938.12
US Bank	2026 CW #9 (\$94,477.73 x 4)	377,910.92
US Bank	2026 Sales Tax Revenue Bond Series 2019 payments	149,662.50
US Bank	2026 Sales Tax Revenue Bond Series 2019A payments	135,233.76
US Bank	2026 Sales Tax Revenue Bond Series 2021 payments	346,000.00
US Bank	2026 Special Assessment Bond Series 2010 payments	88,625.00
US Bank	2026 Special Assessment Bond Series 2019 payments	60,250.00
Williams & Company	2024 Audit	1,015.80
Workplace by Direct	January services	3,561.98
Xcel Energy	Services	3,639.87

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