

**Colome City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 6th, 2026**

Mayor Kelly Leighton called the meeting of the Colome City Council to order at 6:59 pm at the Colome Fire Hall. The council members present were Dougherty, Heese, Hill, Kutz, and Nelsen. Duffy was absent. Also, present was Finance Officer Bobbi Harter, Utility manager Casey Harter, Accountant Dan DeSmet, Attorney Alvin Pahlke and visitors Janiece Weber and Domini Turnquist representing Department of Equalization, the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Discussion/Corrections/Approve- Motion by Dougherty, seconded by Heese, to amend Item 9 to read 9a and 9b, and to amend Item 10e to read “2026 Employee Wages,” and to approve the remainder of the agenda as written. All ayes; motion carried 5–0.

Approval of Minutes- Motion by Nelsen seconded by Heese to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2nd, 2025, all ayes motion carried 5-0, Motion by Heese seconded by Nelsen to approve the Closed/Executive Meeting Minutes of December 10th, 2026, all ayes motion carried 5-0 Motion by Hill seconded by Kutz to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of December 30th, 2025, all ayes motion carried 5-0

Public Forum/visitors- None

Financial Report- Dan DeSmet gave council the December Financials.

Equalization- Janiece Weber and Domini Turnquist addressed the council regarding changes to property assessments.

Claims Payable- There was a motion by Dougherty seconded by Nelsen to pay the Claims, all ayes motion carried 5-0.

| Tripp Co Water User Dist | December Water Purchased | \$ - |
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| Colome VolunteerFire Dept | Annual 2026 Contract | \$ 17,500.00 |
| Sioux Valley Environmental | Regulator at Wells | \$ 697.00 |
| CyberTek Systems | Micro 35 and Backups | \$ 30.53 |
| First Bank & Trust | FO supplies, adobe, flags | \$ 725.10 |
| Flying D Convenience Store | Pickup Fuel | \$ 72.89 |
| GF Buches Co | Finance Office upgrades, park and shop supplies | \$ 506.11 |
| Running Supply Inc. | Office Upgrades | \$ 486.40 |
| Residential | Utility Deposit | \$ 100.00 |

Department Reports

Utility Manager Casey Harter gave his report.

Finance Officer Bobbi Harter gave her report

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New Business- The 2026 Municipal election, A new law went into effect July 1st, 2025, making the city move its election date from April to either June or November. Motion by Heese second by Kutz to hold the city elections at the Colome Fire Department on November 3rd, 2026, at the hours of 7:00am to 7:00pm, all ayes motion carried 5-0

Motion by Dougherty seconded by Nelsen to acknowledge and review the open meeting law brochure per (SB 74) all ayes motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2025-5 rates were reviewed, Kutz motioned to increase the sewer rates from \$30.00 to \$31.00 seconded by Heese, all ayes motion carried 5-0

Ordinance 2025-6 Water rates were reviewed. Hill motioned to increase the water rates from \$21.00 to \$22.00 for residents residing within the city limits and from \$26.00 to \$27.00 for residents residing outside the city limits. The motion was seconded by Nelsen. All ayes; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hill Seconded by Kutz to approve the employee wages for 2026, all ayes motion carried 5-0.

Utility Manager, Casey Harter, remains the same \$23.50 per hour

Finance Officer, Bobbi Harter, remains the same \$17.10 per hour

Law/Code Enforcer, David Baker, will increase from \$22.35 to \$22.50 per hour

The Governing Board compensation remains unchanged at \$90.00 per month for the mayor and \$65.00 per month for Aldermen, payable for each meeting attended.

Anything before the council- There was discussion regarding the possibility of holding a celebration later this year in recognition of the United States' 250th Anniversary.

Executive Session- None

Motion to Adjourn- Motion by Hill second by Heese to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm; all ayes motion carried 5-0.

Kelly Leighton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bobbi Harter, Finance Officer