

Colome City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 8th, 2025

Mayor Kelly Leighton called the meeting of the Colome City Council to order at 7:03 pm at the Colome City Hall. The council members present were Dougherty, Duffy, Heese, Hill, and Kutz. Nelsen was absent. Also, present were Finance Officer Bobbi Harter, Utility manager Casey Harter, Attorney Alvin Pahlke, Accountant Dan DeSmet, Janiece Weber with Equalization Office, and Visitors Dan and Heidi Vancura. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Discussion/Corrections/Approve- Motion by Dougherty second by Heese to approve the agenda as written; all ayes motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes- Motion by Heese seconded by Kutz to Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from June 3rd, 2025, all ayes motion carried 5-0. Motion by Dougherty seconded by Hill to Approve Special Meeting Minutes from June 23rd, 2025, all ayes motion carried 5-0.

Public Forum/visitors- None

Financial Report- Accountant Dan DeSmet Reviewed the June Financials with the council.

At 7:16 pm Accountant Dan DeSmet Exited meeting and Law/Code Enforcement Officer David Baker Entered the meeting.

The 2026 Budget Review was discussed, with streets identified as a high priority, though no final decisions were made, the budget will be discussed more going forward into August.

Claims Payable- Motion by Dougherty Second by Duffy to pay June Claims, all ayes motion carried 5-0.

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| Employees | Payroll | \$ 1,280.60 |
| Govern Board | Payroll | \$ 1,149.75 |
| Tripp County Water District | Water Purchased | \$ - |
| Atteberry Construction | 2 loads cold mix | \$ 9,258.35 |
| First Fidelity Bank | Safety Deposit Box | \$ 30.00 |
| Core & Main LP | Water Stock | \$ 256.08 |
| Hawkins, Inc | June Chlorine Bottle Rent | \$ 20.00 |
| Cybertek Systems | Micro 365, Backup | \$ 29.90 |
| Mr. Automotive | Shop Supplies, Pickup Parts | \$ 121.35 |
| Tripp County | Body Cam- May and June | \$ 190.00 |
| Office Product Center | Service Contract, paper | \$ 520.02 |
| DeSmet CPA Group, LLC | Accountant Consultant | \$ 925.00 |
| Quadient Finance USA, Inc | Postage-rental | \$ 1,048.54 |
| South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance | 2025-2026 Liability Insurance | \$ 10,167.65 |
| Heartland Waste | June 2025 Billing | \$ 4,319.50 |
| Pahlke Law Office | Legal Advice, Abatements | \$ 553.74 |
| Harry K Napa | Skid Steer Bracket | \$ 253.66 |
| Tripp County Treasure | 10 Used Bridge Brackets | \$ 500.00 |
| South Dakota Public Health Laboratory | Water/Sewer Testing | \$ 311.00 |
| Winner Plumbing and Heating LLC | Park Bathroom Sewer- Fix | \$ 566.62 |
| Platte Implement Co. | Hydraulic Fluid | \$ 299.80 |
| G.F. Buches CO. | Water Meter Pit Covers | \$ 159.99 |
| Brosz Engineering Inc. | Initial Scoping and Planning | \$ 1,000.00 |
| The Winner Advocate | Ordinances, Minutes, and 2024 Annual | \$ 659.74 |
| Flying D Convenience Store | Fuel and Ice | \$ 795.91 |
| First Bank & Trust | FO Classes- Hotel, Abatement Letter postages and Office Supplies | \$ 507.97 |
| Residential | Water Deposit Refund | \$ 22.71 |
| Richard O'Bryan | Park Bathroom Sewer- Fix | \$ 350.00 |
| Runnings Supply Inc | Park Bathroom sewer fix, retaining wall, shop and office supplies | \$ 471.96 |
| Golden West | Telephone-Internet | \$ 165.11 |
| Rosebud Electric | Electricity | \$ 1,086.07 |

Director of Equalization- Janiece Weber explained the law changes on property tax that went into effect on the first of July 2025. At 7:54 pm Janiece Weber Exited the meeting

Department Reports

Utility Manager Casey Harter reported that the park bathrooms are now operational after the sewer line was replaced. And street repairs were discussed.

Finance Officer Bobbi Harter reported from the Annual Governmental Financial Conference, indicating that updates to digital communication practices will be required to meet state compliance standards. Although these changes are not yet mandatory, it's recommended to take additional measures to safeguard the integrity of the governing body.

Law/code Enforcement Officer David Baker gave his report. Motion by Heese second by Dougherty to move parcels 50.23.23.06 to Executive Session all ayes motion caried 5-0. Motion by Hill second by Kutz to move parcel 50.09.09.02 to Executive Session all ayes motion caried 5-0.

Old Business- Cowboy Fair There was discussion regarding the timeline and events scheduled for the Cowboy Fair on August 16th. Heese motioned seconded by Kutz, to approve spending up to \$500.00 for all Cowboy Fair activities. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business- *Resolution 2025-02- Authorization to sell surplus property* Motion by Dougherty second by Hill to approve the passage of Resolution 2025-02 Authorization to sell surplus property roll call Dougherty aye, Duffy aye, Hill aye, and Kutz aye, Heese Abstained due to conflict-of-interest motion carried 4-0.

Review of the South Dakota Open Meeting Laws Brochure (per SB 74): City Attorney Alvin Pahlke reviewed Senate Bill 74 with the board, as required by the state to be done annually.

Building Permits

Motion by Dougherty Seconded by Duffy to approve Bill Heese's Building Permit 2025.13 for the movement of a house and a walkout basement on Parcel 50.17.17.03, Melody Heese abstained due to conflict of interest all ayes motion carried 4-0. Motion by Heese second by Dougherty to continue Justin Heying's building permit 2025.14 for a storage container to August Meeting all ayes motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session- Motion by Hill second by Heese to enter into executive session at 9:09 pm litigation issue per SDCL 1-25-2(3), Motion carried 5-0.

Bobbi and Casey Harter, Daniel and Heidi Vancura Exited the Meeting

At 9:20 pm Finance Officer Bobbi Harter entered the meeting

Motion by Hill second by Heese to exit executive session at 9:48 pm litigation issue per SDCL 1-25-2(3), Motion carried 5-0.

Upon exiting executive session, Dougherty made a motion, seconded by Heese, to send a final letter to the living kins of the property owners for Parcel 50.23.23.06, regarding the abandoned mobile home. The letter will include a 30-day deadline for either the repair or demolition of the property, and it will be served by the Sheriff's Department. The motion passed with all ayes, 5-0.

Upon exiting executive session, Heese made a motion, seconded by Kutz, to turn Parcel 50.09.09.02 over to the city attorney and go forward with the abatement process. The motion passed with all ayes, 5-0.

Motion to Adjourn- Motion by Hill second by Kutz to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm; all ayes motion carried 5-0.

Kelly Leighton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Officer, Bobbi Harter

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