

April 13th, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

The Castlewood City Council met on the above date at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Brian Ries, Heather Schmit, LeeAnne Dufek, Stef Goldhorn, Chad Ries, Jeanette Bohls, and Beau Schooley. Also present Logan Ruesink, Chuck Greenfield & Harry Boner of the American Legion, Kari Boyd, Karen Lund, Barb Cozad, Mary Jo Boner, Clayton & Peggy Nei.

Mayor Ries called the meeting to order, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Bohls and seconded by C. Ries, all members present voting aye and the motion passed.

Members of the American Legion and Auxiliary were present to discuss their concerns with council's decision to no longer allow access to the board room other than for city council meetings. A motion was made to approve American Legion & Auxiliary access to the board room policy by Dufek and seconded by Schooley, all members present voting aye and the motion passed.

A proposal from Craig Horn was submitted to council for the north softball field infield for drainage improvements with an estimate in the amount of \$1500 to \$2000.00 for materials as the Castlewood School District would find volunteers for the labor portion. A motion was made to approve up to \$2,000 for the softball infield improvements by Schooley and seconded by Goldhorn, all members present voting aye and the motion passed.

A motion was made to enter Executive Session for personnel (SDCL 1-25-2(1)) at 6:20 p.m. by C. Ries and seconded by Dufek, all members present voting aye and the motion passed.

The Mayor declared council out of executive session at 7:13 p.m.

A motion was made to accept Deb McEldowney's resignation effective May 7th, 2026 by Bohls and seconded by C. Ries, all members present voting aye and the motion passed.

A motion was made to promote Susie Benike to \$28/hour with full benefits at 32 hours a week as the Wellness Depot manager by Dufek and seconded by Schooley, all members present voting aye and the motion passed.

A motion was made to hire Gunner Haug at \$18/hour as the co-clubhouse manager of the golf course by C. Ries and seconded by Schooley, all members present voting aye and the motion passed.

A motion was made to hire Ryan Sikkink at \$97,000 annually with full benefits effective May 11th, 2026 by C. Ries and seconded by Schooley. Roll call vote, Dufek yay, C. Ries yay, Goldhorn nay, Bohls yay, Schooley yay, H. Schmit nay, motion passed 4-2.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. by H. Schmit and seconded by Goldhorn, all members present voting aye and the motion passed.

Logan Ruesink
Finance Officer