

TOWN OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 pm
MEMBERS PRESENT: Jackie Sutton, Travis Wilson, Rocky Pulley, Randy Bernard, David Olsen
STAFF PRESENT: Dina Young
OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Wanamaker (Headwaters RC&D), Kerry Taylor (Headwaters RC&D), Erin Horstmann, Tim Dehl, Kelly Smith, Sharon Novitski, Branden Thornton, Deb Harrison,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment given by Horstmann regarding handout from Montana Municipal Officials handbook, American Legion application update, and grant through Be the Change for greenhouses—asking for town match.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

LIMA AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REPORT: Thornton and Dehl reported, 1) Housing has been a topic and they did a survey; 2) They hope to have a conversation with the Forest Service about the 39 acres in town; 3) Cement at the Welcome Center went in today, other work is being done, and funds for trees will be coming in; 4) They are working on a program to raise funds for the sidewalk (“Brand a Beam”). Mayor Olsen asked about the water hook-up, and Thornton advised they will use the one at the tire shop and in the future may pursue a new installation.

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to approve the consent agenda. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Public Hearing: Discussed Resolution 2025-3, Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025. No public comment. (Note: The incorrect fiscal year was listed on the agenda; it should have read “Fiscal Year 2025,” not “2024.”)
3. A motion by Sutton, seconded by Wilson, to approve Resolution 2025-3, Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to approve the corrected minutes from the 5/19/25 meeting. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Heard presentation by Headwaters RC&D regarding multiple topics and services they offer.
6. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley to approve Resolution 2025-2, Approving Wages for Fiscal Year 2026. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously. (Note: The incorrect fiscal year was listed on the agenda; it should have read “Fiscal Year 2026,” not “2025.”)
7. After discussion, a motion by Sutton, seconded by Pulley, to approve Resolution 2025-4, Providing for a Monthly Council Work Session. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
8. After discussion, a motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to approve attendance at the MT League of Cities and Towns Conference in Billings in October. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Discussed water meter install charge for property at 540 N. Main. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Bernard, to charge the same new installation charge since there will not be a cost difference to the town for the install. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously. (The previous service at that location was removed over 20 years ago.)

10. Discussed draft of Cemetery Regulations. The council agreed to have the cemetery board revisit the draft, make some edits, and bring the amended draft to the next council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

11. Young announced the yard-of-the-month winner for June: Sharon and John Novitski.
12. Discussed what to do with topsoil from the water project. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to keep the topsoil for the town's use. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Discussed what to do with the donated water pump. Wilson will bring this up at the next fire department meeting.
14. Discussed the possibility of hiring a seasonal worker or mowing business. Wilson obtained costs for mowing and weedeating. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to table this topic to next spring since the grass is slowing down. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously. Several council members volunteered to assist with mowing if needed.
15. Discussed Senior Van. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to table this topic to the August meeting based on getting the word out and asking the attendees at the senior meal. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Discussed Fiscal Year 2026 budget projects.
17. Discussed draft of possible contracts for properties outside of town limits receiving water service. Clerk will check with attorney on draft.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Olsen advised he will be seeking re-election and that there is one other mayoral candidate, that Wilson and Sutton are seeking re-election, and that there is one other councilor candidate.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: Wilson asked that the Water Operator be asked to service the fire hydrants. Public comment given by Novitski asking about the weed spraying schedule. Pulley praised the fireworks show and asked if the donation cans can be left out all year. Sutton asked about the inoperable sprinklers at the welcome sign. Mayor Olsen advised the town has Allen Landscape scheduled to repair them.

A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn meeting. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Wilson aye, Sutton aye. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. Council work session scheduled for Monday, August 4th, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held Monday, August 11th, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Clerk