

TOWN OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026, 7:00 PM TOWN HALL

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Bernard, Mark Stosich, Jackie Sutton, Travis Wilson, David Olsen

STAFF PRESENT: Don Story, Dina Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Boyd Briggs, Sharon Novitski, Branden Thornton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Thornton advised at the end of the meeting that some damage was done during construction work at the gas station and thanked Story for his help.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

LIMA AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REPORT: Thornton thanked the council and everyone involved in the 4th of July events for their help in making it a success. The next LACF meeting will be 7/22. They continue to work on grants. The dog walk at the welcome center should be up in August. He thanked the town for their help with the water bills.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion by Wilson, seconded by Stosich, to approve the consent agenda. No public comment. Bernard aye, Stosich aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Stosich, to approve Resolution 2026-4, Approving Wages for Fiscal Year 2027. No public comment. Bernard aye, Stosich aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
2. After discussion, a motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to rescind Resolution 2026-3, Creating a Planning Board. No public comment. Bernard aye, Stosich aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously. (Note: This Resolution was rescinded due to the document approving the creation of a planning board must be an Ordinance.)
3. Discussed policy for the use of the Lima Van. Wilson was advised by the county commissioners that all drivers must have CPR/First Aid Certification on file, and that the van must be parked on town property. The council would like to create a policy for the van's use, and require a request form for all van uses other than the weekly scheduled Wednesdays. Sutton will draft a policy. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Stosich, to table this topic for two months. Public comment by Novitski. Bernard aye, Stosich aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
4. After discussion, a motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to approve attendance at Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference in Helena in October for mayor and interested council members. No public comment. Bernard aye, Stosich aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Discussed the burn pit. Council would like a form to be utilized when someone would like to drop their clean burnables at the burn pit to ensure only clean burnables are taken there as well as to keep a log of the burn pit's usage. Clerk will create form. No public comment.
6. Discussed projects for Fiscal Year 2027. No public comment.
7. Discussed radar speed sign statistics. Council would like the statistics sent to the county commissioners. Wilson will hand-deliver. Public comment by Novitski.
8. Discussed the topic of reviewing existing contracts. The council would like to review the fire contract annually in July or August and the law enforcement agreement in January. Clerk will locate other town contracts and create a review schedule. No public comment.

9. Discussed how the 4th of July festivities went. The day went very well and thanks were given to all who helped. Council requested that a thank you posting be made and posted at the post office. Clerk will do this. Public comment by Thornton who reported that the car show had 43 cars and is planned for next year as well.

OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

10. Novitski announced the Yard-of-the-Month winner for June: Dorothy Selby and Rex Ingram.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Olsen gave thanks to everyone for their help with the 4th of July celebration.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: Bernard had some questions about the delivery of the water sample and asked if it would be more cost-effective to ship it. Clerk will look into this.

Story advised he has been working at the spring, doing a lot of mowing, asked if a larger gate be installed at the park, and advised the town truck battery has died twice.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm. Council work session scheduled for Monday, August 3 at 7:00 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held Monday, August 10 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Clerk