

TOWN OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026, 6:00 PM TOWN HALL

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 6:00 pm
MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Bernard, Jackie Sutton, Travis Wilson, David Olsen
STAFF PRESENT: Don Story, Dina Young
OTHERS PRESENT: Tina Caron, Sharon Novitski, Addie Edmisten, Branden Thornton, Don and Lynne Marriott, Mark Stosich, Glen Doubek, Boyd Briggs, Kristen Bailey, Becky McGraw, David and Keri Wendt, Jenny Bernard, Joanne Heppler, Jerry Staley, Tom and Dianne Lessley, Mary Allen, Karen and Bill Cousineau, Lynn Lowder, Erin Montgomery, Deb Harrison

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN TOWN HALL STYLE FORUM TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE CREATION OF A PLANNING BOARD:
Sutton presented planning board and growth policy information while answering questions and engaging in discussions with the attendees. A quick raising of hands showed that most of the attendees are in support of this.
(NOTE: Some of the attendees left after this portion of the meeting as well as during the following portion of the meeting.)

PUBLIC COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from the Lima Postmaster was received regarding concerns about the property east of the post office that had a fire in January of 2026. A letter from Jake Wendt was received at this meeting regarding offering his architectural services to the community.

LIMA AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REPORT: Thornton reported that volunteers put in the sod over the weekend and asked if the town can help out with the water bill. Their Brand-a-Beam fundraiser is on 5/30. Montgomery reported that some hikes will be offered along the Continental Divide Trail with desserts being served. Thornton also spoke about the 4th of July events: car show, ping pong ball drop, sand pit, and horseshoe tournament.

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

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. After a unanimous vote, a motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to appoint mark Stosich to the councilor position vacated by Rocky Pulley. No public comment. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
2. After discussion, a motion by Sutton, seconded by Bernard, to approve Resolution 2026-1 Approving Wages. No public comment. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
3. After discussion, a motion by Bernard, seconded by Wilson, to approve Resolution 2026-2 Approving Wages. No public comment. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion by Bernard, seconded by Wilson, to approve the two student educational livestock projects. No public comment. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Due to a bid not being received for a concrete pad at the new shop, a motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to table this item to the next meeting. No public comment. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to approve the bid for the replacement door for the fire hall. Public comment by J. Bernard and T. Lessley. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
7. After discussion, a motion by Wilson to approve the plan of abatement for removing the old shop from the property that was served an ordinance violation. No public comment. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Discussed possibilities for repair of Peat Street from Broadway to Harrison. Public comment given by Novitski and McGraw.

OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

9. Discussion regarding planning board recruitment and creation. A motion by Sutton, seconded by Bernard, to formulate a resolution creating a planning board. Public comment given by Montgomery and Thornton, as well as by Caron, who is the Beaverhead County Planner. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
10. After discussion, a motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to reject the bid for the addition of a bathroom/office at shop. Public comment by Doubek, T. Lessley, and Novitski. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
11. After discussion, a motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to accept new bid/hire Morris Construction to spray foam the new shop. No public comment. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
12. After discussion, a motion by Bernard, seconded by Wilson, to contribute \$500 for the sod the Lima Area Community Foundation applied to the cemetery and pay the amount above \$45 on the water bill for the welcome center for four months. Public comment by Staley. Bernard aye, Sutton abstain, Wilson aye. Motion carried.
13. After discussion, a motion by Sutton, seconded by Wilson, to accept the quote from HUB in Dillon for Montana State Fund Workers' Compensation. No public comment. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously. (Note: Current Workers' Compensation is through MMIA who is ending their provision of Workers' Compensation effective 6/30/26.)
14. After the examination of two bids and discussion, a motion by Bernard to approve the bid from John to get the two small doors done. Bernard amended his motion to include all three doors; this was seconded by Jackie. No public comment. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None
 MAYOR'S REPORT: None
 UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None

A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to adjourn meeting. Bernard aye, Wilson aye, Sutton aye. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm. Council work session scheduled for Monday, June 1 at 7:00 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held Monday, June 8 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Clerk