

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF LUSK
September 1, 2026, 5:00 P.M.

The Town Council of the Town of Lusk met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall on Tuesday, September 1st, 2026.

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tempore Thomas Dooper, Council Members Ty Thompson, and Chantry Filener.

Also Present: Attorney Dennis Meier
Todd Skrukrud, Public Works Director
Mattie Pfister, Deputy Clerk
Jacob Gordon, Chief of Police
Trevor Barner, Golf Course Supervisor
Michael Mayville, EMS Director
Heather Goddard, Lusk Herald

Trevor Barner led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

THOMAS DOOPER called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to approve the consent agenda for items three (3) through six (6). Items on consent agenda: Agenda, Bills, Payroll, Treasurer's Report, Minutes. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED.
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VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

14 County Tire	Vehicle repair	\$256.34
Aflac	Employee Benefits	\$391.94
Allbright's True Value	Supplies	\$1,066.05
Alsco	Mat Rental	\$118.80
Apex Energy Services	Construction-HS, Alley Gutter	\$4,800.00
Barner, Trevor	Pro Shop	\$3,000.00
Benzel Pest Control	Spraying	\$219.60
Boldon Diesel Services	Equipment Repair	\$666.11
Border State Industries	Electrical Line Upgrade	\$1,977.58
Bowen, Shelbie	Utility Deposit Refund	\$25.21
Century Link	Phones	\$1,951.16
Connecting Point	Copier Lease	\$100.00
Core & Main	Annual Fee	\$4,325.00
Cunningham, Nicholas & Frances	Utility Deposit Refund	\$142.41
Doyle J. Davies	Municipal Judge, Supplies	\$1,252.00
Deckers Food Center	Supplies	\$72.02
Delta Dental	Dental Insurance	\$1,066.30

Energy Laboratories, Inc	Water Samples	\$459.00
Franks Parts Company	Parts/ Supplies/ Repairs/ Fuel/Oil/ Snow Removal	\$2,217.71
Employee	Per Diem	\$317.00
Employee	Reimbursement for Supplies	\$496.06
Hawkins	Pool Chemicals	\$2,519.45
Jergenson, Doug	Monthly Wage Animal Control/Code Enforcement	\$2,690.00
Jerry Electric	Electrical Line Upgrade	\$21,000.00
Johnston, Laura	Utility Deposit Refund	\$183.66
Lumen	Phones	\$25.41
Lusk Herald	Legal Advertising/ Advertising	\$1,103.26
Lusk Lodging Tax Board	Lodging Tax Distribution	\$10,030.87
MCG Properties	Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
Meier Building	Rent	\$800.00
Meier Law Office	Monthly Retainer	\$3,000.00
Niobrara Chamber of Commerce	Monthly	\$187.50
Niobrara County Circuit Court	Circuit Court Citation	\$142.00
Niobrara County Library	Monthly	\$250.00
Niobrara County Treasurer	Monthly	\$6,301.50
NEA	Utilities	\$46.00
Nippon Sanso Matheson	Oxygen	\$260.91
Employee	Per Diem	\$24.00
One-Call Wyoming	One Call Tickets	\$19.95
Northwest Pipe Fittings	Water Dept Maint	\$116.34
Pitney Bowes	Office Supplies	\$91.29
R & R Products	Golf Course Repair	\$268.55
Safe Life Defense	PD New Equipment	\$5,406.40
Sinclair Pine Bluffs	Airport Fuel	\$4,957.20
Summit Fire & Security	Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	\$423.70
TDS Trash Collection Services INC	Tipping Fees Transfer Station	\$12,410.21
Thaw, Tessa	Utility Deposit Refund	\$193.24
Underground Enterprises	Transfer Station Fees	\$2,380.00
Visa 0681	Subscriptions/ Supplies/ New Equipment/ Postage	\$3,798.07
Visa 0699	Supplies	\$1,334.12
Visa 0715	Supplies	\$27.33
Visa 1267	Supplies/ Subscriptions/ Support/ Dues/Fees	\$926.78
Visionary Broadband	Internet	\$343.36
WMPA	Electrical Line Purchase	\$151,098.34
Wasson, Logan	Reimbursement	\$200.00
Western United Electric	Electrical Line Upgrade	\$32,953.86
WEX Bank	Fuel	\$5,243.57

Wyoming Dept of Transportation	Fuel Purchase	\$1,545.00
WEBT	Medical, Vision, Life	\$35,103.96

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Elavon	Office Credit Card Fees	\$754.59
Lusk State Bank	Health Savings Account Payment	\$6,416.74
Xpress Bill Pay	Maintenance Fees	\$143.00
Black Hills Energy	Recycling Center Util	\$42.65
Black Hills Energy	Shop/Warehouse Util	\$52.81
Black Hills Energy	Ambulance Barn Util	\$26.39
Black Hills Energy	PD Util	\$30.70
Wyoming Retirement System	Government Contribution	\$22,024.85
Lusk State Bank	Lusk Safe Pathways Retainage	\$10,706.17
Lusk State Bank	Payroll FICA/FWT	\$15,035.96
Empower Trust	WRS 457 Retirement	\$100.00
Lusk State Bank	Missed HSA	\$291.67
Lusk State Bank	Payroll FICA/FWT	\$14,712.25
Empower Trust	WRS 457 Retirement	\$100.00
Verizon Wireless	Ambulance Phones	\$86.67
Lusk State Bank	Payroll FICA/FWT	\$2,175.68

<u>Manual Checks, August 2026</u>		
Circuit Court of Niobrara County	Writ of Wages, Garnishment	\$432.91
Wyoming Child Support	Writ of Wages, Garnishment	\$307.84
Apex Energy Services	Lusk Safe Pathways Project	\$203,417.21
Daley, James	Street Work-Chip Seal	\$15,000.00
Lashmett, Justin	Per Diem-Cody Hotline School	\$374.00
Lumen	Government Phone-Long Distance	\$21.42
Kirkham Michael	Airport Improvement Project Turnaround	\$3,400.00
Niobrara County	ESRI Agreement with County	\$1,386.90
Postmaster	Bulk Mailing	\$349.70
Circuit Court of Niobrara County	Writ of Wages, Garnishment	\$418.35

Visitors: Sheila Boldon was the only visitor on the schedule. Boldon started by thanking the council, Todd Skrukud and his crew for supporting the ‘Day in the Life of Lusk’ event in early August and said the town functioned well despite crowd surges. The council welcomed comments and expressed appreciation for the work done by the event organizers and town crew. Boldon then commented on the retail liquor license that is not currently being used. Boldon stated that she would like the council to consider the people who are trying to build something with that liquor license. Dooper discussed that the Town is not required to give out the liquor

license and that he personally is in favor of giving the liquor license to Big D Oil even though they passed time period of having it during construction. Dooper continued that right now the Town is not doing anything with the liquor license. Big D's plans were described as a convenience store with gas pumps and related improvements, with council members generally supportive of giving the business another chance. The closing of a local pub raised questions about the status and value of its liquor license if the business stops operating. Members discussed a possible meeting with Town and County representatives and suggested a limited extension or another application period rather than an open-ended commitment.

Department Updates:

Mattie Pfister on behalf of Dawn Hall, Todd Skrukrud, Chief Gordon, Trevor Barner, Joyce Hammer and Michael Mayville reported Department Updates.

New Business:

COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to approve the Livestock Permit Renewal for Dean Nelson of Horses, and Cows. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to approve the New Livestock Permit for Tara Cole of Chickens. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to approve Resolution No. 26-10, A Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application to the State Land and Investment Board Through the State Revolving Fund on Behalf of the Governing Body for the Town of Lusk – Water. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to approve Resolution No. 26-11, A Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application to the State Land and Investment Board Through the State Revolving Fund on Behalf of the Governing Body for the Town of Lusk – Sewer. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to approve Resolution No. 26-07, A Resolution Adopting and Confirming Zoning Applications and Rezoning of Certain Areas Within the Town of Lusk. Todd Skrukrud and Dennis Meier presented a map that was referenced during the discussion to clarify the affected parcels and boundaries. Members discussed how existing uses would be treated after rezoning, including whether current uses could continue and when new rules would apply. The ordinance's nonconforming use language was explained, including that a prior use can continue until discontinued, but a new use must follow the new zoning rules. The council talked about junk accumulation, salvage-related requirements, and the need for a six-foot opaque fence in certain cases. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to move into executive session for Contracts at 5:30pm. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

The council reconvened into regular session at 5:42pm.

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER, to approve the Pasture Lease for Gary Bayne. In discussion, it was noted that the price was raised to \$15.00 Per acre. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to approve the Contract for Golf Course “Pro-Shop” Management. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to approve the Contract for Animal Control Services and Appointment of Special Municipal Officer. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to approve the Contract for Managed IT Services with Western Skies Technology. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER, to approve the Contract Renewal for Communication Site Lease with Union Telephone. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

The next regular council meeting will be on October 6th, 2026, at 5:00 pm.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.

ATTEST:

Thomas Dooper, Mayor Pro Tempore

Dawn L. Hall, Clerk/Treasurer