

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF LUSK
June 2, 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, June 2nd, 2026.

Council Members Present: Mayor Douglas Lytle, Council Members, Thomas Dooper, Ronson Pfister, and Chantry Filener.

Also Present: Attorney Dennis Meier
Todd Skrukud, Public Works Director
Dawn L. Hall, Clerk/Treasurer
Mattie Pfister, Deputy Clerk
Jacob Gordon, Chief of Police
Trevor Barner, Golf Course Supervisor

Dawn Hall led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DOUGLAS LYTLE called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to approve a change to the agenda. To move executive session from new business to after Department Updates. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER PFISTER, 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. 5-0

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

Aflac	Employee Benefits	\$587.91
Allbright’s True Value	Supplies	\$1,163.47
Alsco	Mat Rental	\$178.20
Apex Energy Services, LLC	3rd Street Project #1	\$132,715.39
Axon Enterprise	PD New Equip	\$2,790.00
Barner, Trevor	Pro Shop	\$3,000.00
Bound Tree Medical	Ambulance Supplies	\$625.73
Brown Co	Equipment Repair	\$334.54
Caselle	Contract Support	\$1,558.00
Century Link	Phones	\$1,495.99
CAN Surety	Bonds	\$595.00
Connecting Point	Copier Lease	\$100.00
Doyle J. Davies	Municipal Judge, Supplies	\$1,000.00
Delta Dental	Dental Insurance	\$1,066.30

Department of Work Serv	Unemployment	\$127.25
Design Print Banner	Pole banners	\$1,316.65
Energy Laboratories, Inc	Water Samples	\$4,305.00
Farwest Line Specialties	New Equipment	\$376.15
Fieldcamp, Richard	Utility Deposit Refund	\$121.80
Franks Parts Company	Parts/ Supplies/ Repairs/ Fuel/Oil	\$1,721.86
Employee	Per diem	\$953.40
Hawkins	Pool Chemicals	\$652.77
HDR	Consultant Fees	\$23,259.83
Hendricks, Linda	Utility Deposit Refund	\$56.70
Hickory Creek Catering	Catering for Christmas Party	\$1,122.00
Ideal Linen/Bluffs	Parts/Supplies	\$753.36
Irby	Electrical Line Upgrade	\$281.25
Jergenson, Doug	Monthly Wage Animal Control	\$1,690.00
Karmic Creations	Supplies	\$700.00
Kurtzer's	Parts and Supplies	\$760.25
Local Equipment	Parts and Supplies	\$1,925.63
Liverment, Brenda	Utility Deposit Refund	\$184.45
Lumen	Phone, Long Distance	\$22.43
Lusk Fire Dept	Parts and Supplies	\$8,147.74
Lusk Herald	Legal Advertising/ Advertising	\$280.00
Lusk Lodging Tax Board	Lodging Tax Distribution	\$2,800.49
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc	Ambulance Oxygen	\$365.61
Meier Building	Rent	\$800.00
Meier Law Office	Monthly Retainer	\$3,000.00
Midland Implement	Shop Vehicle Repair	\$1,333.12
Miscowater	New Equipment	\$3,029.41
Niobrara Chamber of Commerce	Monthly	\$187.50
Niobrara Conservation Dist	Tree	\$350.00
Niobrara County Library	Monthly	\$250.00
Niobrara County Treasurer	Monthly	\$6,301.50
NEA	Utilities	\$50.28
Employee	Per Diem	\$24.00
Northwest Pipe Fittings	Irrigation Repairs	\$56.36
One-Call Wyoming	One-Call Tickets	\$16.80
Pitney Bowes Power Purchase	Postage	\$60.34
Print Express	Supplies	\$406.14
QT Pod	Subscriptions	\$1,675.00
Quest	New Equipment	\$776.83
Quill	Supplies	\$56.24

Ranchers Feed and Supply	Equipment Repair	\$53.78
Sagner, Nicole	Utility Deposit Refund	\$111.28
Sinclair Pine Bluffs	Airport Fuel	\$5,594.90
TDS Trash Collection Serv.	Tipping Fees	\$7,294.86
Trex USA	Equipment Repair	\$4,448.98
Employee	Per diem	\$306.00
Underground Enterprises	Transfer Station Fees	\$2,825.00
Visa 0681	Subscriptions/ Supplies/ New Equipment	\$7,588.91
Visa 0699	Supplies	\$491.95
Visa 0731	Supplies/Training	\$193.95
Visa 1267	Supplies/ Subscriptions/ Support/ Dues/Fees	\$1,189.84
Visionary Broadband	Internet	\$503.89
WL Construction Supply	Supplies	\$424.00
WMPA	Electrical Line Purchase	\$91,696.54
Western Med	Dues and Fees	\$1,647.34
WEX Bank	Fuel	\$3,693.69
Wheatland Garage Door	Maintenance	\$553.35
White, Jeff	Trees	\$225.00
Wyoming Dept of Revenue	Wyoming Sales Tax	\$6,039.73
Wyoming Dept of Transportation	Fuel Purchase	\$1,184.99
Wyoming Dept of Agriculture	Licenses	\$150.00
Wyoming Dept of Transportation	Fuel License	\$25.00
Wyoming Dept of Work Force Ser	Workers Comp	\$1,885.82
WEBT	Medical, Vision, Life	\$33,196.28
Yancy LLC	IT	\$412.50
	Total Vouchers	\$389,246.25

ACH - May 2026		
Lusk State Bank	Payroll FICA/FWT	\$2,042.71
Lusk State Bank	Health Savings Account	\$6,416.74
Elavon	Office Credit Card Fees	\$788.56
Black Hills Energy	Recycling Center Utilities	\$44.32
Wyoming Retirement System	Government Contribution	\$28,237.13
Xpress Bill Pay	Maintenance Fees	\$119.00
Lusk State Bank	ACH Return	\$249.97
Empower Trust	WRS 457 Retirement	\$100.00
Lusk State Bank	Payroll FICA/FWT	\$11,696.85
Lusk State Bank	Retainage Payment-LSP	\$8,427.70
Verizon Wireless	Ambulance Phones	\$86.63

Lusk State Bank	NSF Check Charge Back	\$165.12
Black Hills Energy	PD Utilities	\$78.58
Black Hills Energy	Shop/Ware Utilities	\$278.69
Black Hills Energy	Ambulance Utilities	\$248.87
Lusk State Bank	Payroll FICA/FWT	\$13,814.12
Empower Trust	WRS 457 Retirement	\$100.00
Lusk State Bank	Payroll FICA/FWT	\$1,948.20
	Total	\$74,843.19

Manual Checks, May 2026		
Kruse, Pete	Per Diem- Casper Safety Meeting	\$185.60
Bredthauer, Jackie	Election Judge Pay	\$180.00
Greenough, Julianne	Election Judge Pay	\$180.00
Lowe, Bernice	Election Judge Pay	\$180.00
Scott, Vickie	Election Judge Pay	\$180.00
Wyoming Child Support	Writ of Wages, Garnishment	\$307.84
Postmaster	Bulk Mailing	\$329.47
Wyoming Child Support	Writ of Wages, Garnishment	\$307.84
	Total	\$1,850.75

Visitors:

Shannon Bruegger was present to represent the Niobrara County Predator Control Board. The Predator Board requested to address a substantial increase in their hangar lease, from \$100 to \$1200 annually, which is not in their current budget. The hangar, built in the 1960s for predator work, previously had a 99-year lease for \$1, later increased to \$100 to cover water and sewage, though water/sewer are no longer available there. Bruegger emphasizes the hangar provides a service to county producers and contributes to airport activity, which can attract state and federal funding. The board's total budget is around \$245,000-\$248,000, primarily for two trappers and contract work, with funding from brand inspections and state grants. The timing of the lease increase is problematic as their budget for the fiscal year (July-June) has already been submitted and allocated. The hangar is a 40x80 pad, not a commercial building, used for storing supplies, traps, and stretchers. It occasionally houses a contract pilot's plane, but primarily stores a plane owned by a board member's brother, under a lease similar to city hangar agreements. The current charge for the hangar is comparable to the city's much nicer facilities, making it difficult to charge more. There is no federal subsidy for the hangar; costs are strictly borne by the Predator Board, which has invested significantly in flood damage restoration.

JV Boldon was the next visitor on the agenda to present a proposal on a Land Lease. Boldon proposed leasing an additional portion of the business park, expanding his current 6-acre lease near the fairgrounds to 18.59 acres. The proposed lease would be \$15 per acre for five years, requiring him to fence the area. Concerns were raised about protecting existing infrastructure like transformers and waterlines within the proposed lease area. The council approved the lease for the 6.5 acres on the west side of the business park, but not the additional undeveloped portion.

Department Updates:

Dawn Hall, Todd Skrukrud, Chief Gordon, and Michael Mayville reported Department Updates. Trevor Barner updated the council on the Fall High School Golf Tournament on September 18th and the Junior Golf Days July 6th through the 8th for two hours each morning.

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to approve the Fall High School Golf Tournament on September 18th and the Junior Golf Days July 6th through the 8th. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to move into Executive Session for Contracts at 5:50 pm. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

The Council reconvened into regular session at 6:30 pm.

Old Business:

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER, to approve the Final reading of 2026-2027 Budget Approval: Revenues \$19,172,579.00; Expenditures \$19,172,579.00. In discussion, Mayor Lytle mentioned the change in the budget from the Second Reading. Money was split out on the budget to pay off loans and reserves, water and sewer reserves are used to pay down loans, and a new Clean Water Act reserve was created for 100% payback. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 11-5-200, An Ordinance Amending Existing Ordinance No. 11-5-200, Which Establishes Amended Garbage and Refuse Collection Rates. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Swearing-in:

The new council members (Ty Thompson, Chantry Filener, and Thomas Dooper) and the mayor (Douglas E. Lytle) were sworn in, affirming their support for the US and Wyoming Constitutions and their commitment to faithfully discharge their duties.

New Business:

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to approve Mayor Lytle's Appointments for Municipal Judge (Doyle Davies), Town Attorney (Dennis Meier), Public Works Director (Todd Skrukrud), Chief of Police (Jacob Gordon) and Town Clerk/Treasurer (Dawn Hall). Mayor Lytle abstained to vote. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to approve a Livestock Permit for Randi & Cindy Starky for poultry; Royce Thompson for chickens; and Leslie Hammond for goats. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER, to approve the 2026 Golf Tournament Requests for NCC Fundraiser Golf Tournament on Friday,

July 17th, 2026 with a closed course until 4:00 pm and the Glow in the Dark Golf Tournament on Friday, August 28th, 2026 with a closed course from 5:00pm until 10:00 pm. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to move into Executive Session for Contracts at 6:41 pm. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

The Council reconvened into regular session at 7:04 pm.

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER, to approve the Engineering Agreement for the Lusk Airport Design/Bidding services on the new Taxiway Turnaround Project at the Lusk Municipal Airport. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER, to approve the Commercial Building Lease for Dennis C. Meier. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER PFISTER, to approve the Contract for Solid Waste Transport for Underground Enterprises. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to approve the Pasture Lease for JV Boldon with the addition of 18.59 acres at \$15 and acre for five years. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to approve the Pasture Lease for Josh Keller with the change from 80 acres to 30 acres at \$15 per acre for five years. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

COUNCIL MEMBER PFISTER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER, to approve the Contract for Code Enforcement and Appoint of Special Municipal Officer. In discussion, Mayor Lytle informed the collective that the contract for a code enforcement officer was approved at \$1000 per month. This officer will report directly to the Chief of Police and handle complaints regarding grass, junk, and other similar items. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 4-1

COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER, to approve the Denial for Inactivity on the Liquor License Renewal of Big D Oil Company dba 1885 Travel Center. In discussion, it was noted the state allows one year of inactivity, and the town had granted an additional year, which the company failed to meet. Big D retains the right to appeal the denial to district court. No further discussion. Council Member Pfister and Mayor Lytle abstained to vote. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER PFISTER, to decide and approve Council Member Thomas Dooper as the Pro Tem Mayor. No further discussion. Council Member Dooper abstained to vote. MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

The next regular council meeting will be on July 7th, 2026, at 5:00 pm.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Douglas E. Lytle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn L. Hall, Clerk/Treasurer