MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF LUSK
July 7, 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, July 7th, 2026.

Council Members Present: Mayor Douglas Lytle, Council Members, Thomas Dooper, Ronson Pfister (present second half), and Chantry Filener.
Also Present: Attorney Dennis Meier
Todd Skrukrud, Public Works Director
Dawn L. Hall, Clerk/Treasurer
Mattie Pfister, Deputy Clerk
Jacob Gordon, Chief of Police
Trevor Barner, Golf Course Supervisor
Michael Mayville, EMS Director

Trevor Barner led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DOUGLAS LYTLE called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER 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. 3-0

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

14 County Tire	Vehicle repair	$1,978.82
Aflac	Employee Benefits	$391.94
AGC Construction	New Construction	$1,000.00
Allbright's True Value	Supplies	$1,975.60
Alsco	Mat Rental	$118.80
Axon Enterprise	PD New Equip	$580.66
Barner, Trevor	Pro Shop	$3,000.00
Boldon Welding & Repair	Parts/Supplies/Fuel & Oil	$297.51
Boarder State Industries	Electrical Line Upgrade	$2,699.76
Bound Tree Medical	Ambulance Supplies	$262.69
Brown Co	Equipment Repair	$15,421.00
Caselle	Contract Support	$21,500.40
Century Link	Phones	$1,491.69
City of Casper	Tire Disposal	$2,116.80
Connecting Point	Copier Lease	$100.00
Converse Hope Center	Service Contract Payment	$2,500.00
Doyle J. Davies	Municipal Judge, Supplies	$1,078.00

Deckers Food Center	Supplies	$74.23
Delta Dental	Dental Insurance	$1,066.30
Energy Laboratories, Inc	Water Samples	$76.00
Franks Parts Company	Parts/ Supplies/ Repairs/ Fuel/Oil	$2,330.64
Hawkins	Pool Chemicals	$4,329.31
HDR	Consultant Fees	$21,232.30
Highway & Heavy Parts	Fire Truck Repair	$3,693.13
Hydrohog Seeders	New Equipment	$6,224.00
Jergenson, Doug	Monthly Wage Animal Control	$1,690.00
Jirdon Agri Chemicals	Supplies	$12,190.68
Kurtzer's	Parts and Supplies	$714.27
Law Enforcement Systems	Parts and Supplies	$76.00
Local Govt Liability Pool	LGLP Renewal	$17,710.00
Lumen	Phone, Long Distance	$21.36
Lusk Herald	Legal Advertising/ Advertising	$2,794.91
Lusk Lodging Tax Board	Lodging Tax Distribution	$2,297.08
McKee, Dawn	Lifeguard Training	$1,860.00
Meier Building	Rent	$800.00
Meier Law Office	Monthly Retainer	$3,000.00
MES Service Company	New Equipment	$598.56
Midland Implement	Repairs	$1,682.06
Motorola Solutions	New Equipment	$1,170.57
Nio County Weed & Pest	Street Chemicals	$196.40
Niobrara Chamber of Commerce	Monthly	$187.50
Niobrara County Circuit Court	Citation Payments	$255.00
Niobrara County Library	Monthly	$250.00
Niobrara County Treasurer	Monthly	$6,301.50
NEA	Utilities	$48.25
Nippon Sanso Matheson	Oxygen	$73.63
Employee	Per Diem	$24.00
Northwest Pipe Fittings	Irrigation Repairs	$272.58
One-Call Wyoming	One-Call Tickets	$35.70
Employee	Per Diem	$31.78
Peaks & Prairies GCSA	Annual Membership	$165.00
Pitney Bowes Power Purchase	Postage	$200.46
Quill	Supplies	$56.24
R&R Products	Equipment Repair	$780.80
Ranchers Feed and Supply	Equipment Repair	$78.60
Roetman, Brett	Animal Control/Ground Control	$210.00
Sarah Kimes	Utility Deposit Refund	$185.85

Silver Cliff Vet Clinic	Animal Ctrl Vet	$271.25
Sinclair Pine Bluffs	Airport Fuel	$4,969.80
Stryker Sales	New Equipment	$180.96
Sun Ridge Systems	RIMS	$4,074.00
Text my Gov	Software Management	$3,000.00
Thompson Safety	First Aid/CPR Class	$240.00
Valade, Elise	Utility Deposit Refund	$193.15
Visa 0681	Subscriptions/ Supplies/ New Equipment	$5,458.20
Visa 0699	Supplies	$101.64
Visa 0723	Supplies/Training	$184.15
Visa 0731	Supplies/Training	$358.33
Visa 1267	Supplies/ Subscriptions/ Support/ Dues/Fees/	$1,478.85
Visionary Broadband	Internet	$448.56
WARM Property Ins. Pool	Coverage/Assessment	$44,203.57
WMPA	Electrical Line Purchase	$93,991.39
WAMCAT	Membership Dues	$77.93
Western Med	Dues and Fees	$529.23
WEX Bank	Fuel	$5,678.25
Wyoming Dept of Revenue	Wyoming Sales Tax	$5,174.52
Wyoming Dept of Transportation	Fuel Purchase	$2,721.00
Wyoming Dept of Work Force Ser	Workers Comp	$2,140.16
WEBT	Medical, Vision, Life	$35,165.46
Wyo First Aid Safety Supply	Supplies	$808.91
	Total Vouchers	$362,947.67

ACH - June 2026		
Lusk State Bank	Health Savings Account	$ 6,416.74
Wyoming Retirement System	Government Contribution	$ 19,482.47
Elavon	Office Credit Card Fees	$ 537.08
Xpress Bill Pay	Maintenance Fees	$ 112.00
Black Hills Energy	Recycling Center Utl	$ 43.68
Lusk State Bank	Payroll FICA/FWT	$ 14,002.55
Empower Trust	WRS 457 Retirement	$ 100.00
Lusk State Bank	ACH Return, Morgan, Robert	$ 137.28
Lusk State Bank	ACH Return, Halligan, Tanner	$ 172.62
Verizon Wireless	Ambulance Phones	$ 86.63
Lusk State Bank	Payroll FICA/FWT	$ 14,302.90
Empower Trust	WRS 457 Retirement	$ 100.00
Lusk State Bank	Payroll FICA/FWT	$ 2,354.91

Manual Checks, May 2026		
Circuit Court of Niobrara County	Writ of Wages, Garnishment	$ 399.89
Wyoming Child Support	Writ of Wages, Garnishment	$ 307.84
Postmaster	Bulk Mailing	$ 330.41
Circuit Court of Niobrara County	Writ of Wages, Garnishment	$ 399.89
Wyoming Child Support	Writ of Wages, Garnishment	$ 307.84
Apex Energy Services, LLC	Parks - Playground Equipment	$ 9,375.00
AVI PC Engineering Inc	Phase 3 Engineering	$ 55,134.55
Border State Industries Inc	Electrical Line Upgrade	$ 7,218.33
City of Casper	Tire Disposal	$ 2,062.40
Croell Redi-Mix	Road Base	$ 6,179.80
DC Drilling LLC	Water Dept Maintenance & Repairs	$ 32,650.47
Frank Parts Company	Street Sweeper Parts	$ 1,425.83
Hawkins, Inc	Pool Chemicals	$ 3,200.38
Irby	Electrical Line Upgrade	$ 2,328.60
Jergenson, Doug	Code Enforcement, June 2026	$ 1,000.00
Newman Traffic Signs	Street Signs	$ 3,505.31
Northway, Dan	Electrical Line Upgrade	$ 1,004.00
Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc	Water Dept Supplies	$ 567.80
Oftedal Construction	Phase 3 Contractor # 12 USDA Sewer	$ 10,850.00
Shirts & More	PD Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	$ 1,189.50
Tactical Gear	PD Uniforms	$ 210.00
The Sherwin-Williams Company	Street Paint	$ 407.03
Timber Line Electric & Control	Water Dept Supplies	$ 617.00
Underground Enterprises	Transfer station Fees - Casper	$ 4,060.00
Pomp's Tire	Streets Equipment Repair	$ 7,070.32
Ameri-Tech Equipment Company	Vehicle Lease	$ 2,654.10
Apex Energy Services, LLC	Lusk Safe Pathway	$ 141,447.80

Visitors:

Denise Erickson was present as a visitor to represent New York Life Insurance. Erickson presented voluntary life insurance options for full-time, benefit-eligible employees. The policy would be paid through payroll deduction and could extend to spouses, children, and grandchildren. Erickson emphasized that no medical exam is required, everyone qualifies at the first presentation, and the policy includes cash value and dividend potential. Public Works Director and Chief Gordon discussed with Erickson how the offer could be presented to the employees and how participation would be handled. It was suggested that the presenters meet with employees directly and alongside the existing AFLAC presentation.

Leslie Stewart was next as a visitor. Stewart outlined plans to install historical signs for old downtown buildings and other sites around the Town. The project includes QR codes created by SkillsUSA students so visitors can scan for more information in the library database. Additional signs will be placed at locations connected to local history, including the Cemetery, Caboose, Library, and next to Allbright's. Stewart commented on the August 8th "Day in the Life of Lusk" plans. The event will include a casual car cruise-in, guided walking tours, and historical presentations at the museum and library areas. Adult and youth participants will portray historical figures and give short talks at designated block sites. The tour route will tun in half-hour cycles from early afternoon through midafternoon and will highlight buildings such as the museum, hotel sites, train depot, power plant, and other historic structures. There will be water stations, maps, flags, and access routes were discussed to support visitors and participants. The Town and local businesses are contribution resources including water and food. Stewart also covered traffic crossings, shuttle support from the Senior Center, and cleanup needs for facilities used during the event.

COUNCIL MEMBER Ronson Pfister was absent at roll call, arrived at 5:15 pm, and participated in the remainder of the meeting.

Department Updates:
Dawn Hall, Todd Skrukrud, Chief Gordon, Trevor Barner and Michael Mayville reported Department Updates.

Old Business:
COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to approve the Final Reading of Ordinance No. 11-5-200, An Ordinance Amending Existing Ordinance No. 11-5-200, Which Establishes Amended Garbage and Refuse Collection Rates. In discussion, Mayor Lytle explained the increase as a response to higher transfer station fees from TDS. Lytle expressed that this one time 6% increase is necessary to keep the sanitation fund operating without a loss. Per state statue the sanitation fund is not allowed to lose money due to it being an enterprise fund. Mayor Lytle abstained from voting. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

New Business:
COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER, to approve the Temporary Open Container Permit for Legend of Rawhide on July 11th, and the Temporary Open Container Permit for Legends Bar and Grill on July 11th, 24th, 25th, and August 7th. In discussion, the Council agreed that the permit should apply only to the parade route or public space, not to participants in the parade itself. The Council discussed the difference between public parade-route spaces and private property areas. Lytle amended the permit language to reflect that the parking lot request of Legends bar and grill apply only to the designated private area. Mayor Lytle abstained from voting. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to approve the Airport Hanger Lease for Thomas R. Dixson. Mayor Lytle abstained from voting. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER, to approve Charter Ordinance 1-1004, An Ordinance Providing for the Appropriations of Money to Defray all the Necessary Expenses and Liabilities of the Town of Lusk, Wyoming, Specifying the Objects, Purposes and Amounts of Such Appropriations and Fixing the Same as the Appropriations for the Year Ending June 30, 2027. In discussion, the Council clarified that the ordinance primarily formalizes the final budget allocations. Mayor Lytle abstained from voting. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to approve the Contract for Services - Communications/911/Dispatch Renewal. No further discussion. Mayor Lytle abstained from voting. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER PFISTER, to move into Executive Session for Contracts at 5:43 pm. Mayor Lytle abstained from voting. MOTION CARRIED. 3-0

The Council reconvened into regular session at 6:12 pm.

The next regular council meeting will be on August 4th, 2026, at 5:00 pm.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

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Thomas Dooper, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Dawn L. Hall, Clerk/Treasurer