

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF LUSK
May 12, 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, May 12th, 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

Mattie Pfister led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DOUGLAS LYTLE called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to approve the consent agenda for items three (3) through six (6). Items on consent agenda: Agenda, Bills, Payroll, Treasurer’s Report, Minutes. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

14 County Tire	Vehicle Repair	\$348.70
Ac Electric Motor Service	Pump for Pool	\$2,870.73
Adams. Sterling	Utility Deposit Refund	\$65.08
Allbright’s True Value	Supplies	\$1,221.81
Apex Energy Services, LLC	3rd Street Project #1	\$160,126.23
AVI Engineering	Engineering Fees	\$1,862.00
Baptist Church	Rental of Facility	\$200.00
Bloomers	Funeral Flowers	\$107.90
Boldon Welding & Repair	Shop supplies	\$252.66
Border State Industries	Electrical Parts & supplies	\$1,987.66
Connecting Point	Copier Lease	\$100.00
Employee	Reimbursement	\$170.00
Doyle J. Davies	Municipal Judge, Supplies	\$1,000.00
Deckers Food Center	Supplies	\$46.02
Energy Laboratories, Inc	Water Samples	\$202.00
Farwest Line Specialties	New Equipment	\$73.83
Franks Parts Company	Parts/ Supplies/ Repairs/ Fuel/Oil/ Snow Removal	\$2,402.62
Grainger	Water Dept Repairs	\$1,809.18

Hawkins	Pool Chemicals	\$301.74
HDR	Consultant Fees	\$8,558.90
Honey Badger Towing	PD Towing	\$123.00
Ideal Linen/Bluffs	Parts/Supplies	\$186.50
Jergenson, Doug	Monthly Wage Animal Control	\$1,690.00
Lexipol	PD Dues & Fees	\$647.88
Lumen	Phone, Long Distance	\$22.58
Lusk Herald	Legal Advertising/ Advertising	\$147.11
Lusk Lodging Tax Board	Lodging Tax Distribution	\$1,800.02
MC Schaff & Associates	Airport Improvement Project	\$2,808.25
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc	Ambulance Oxygen	\$90.91
MCG Properties	Reimbursement	\$325.00
Meier Building	Rent	\$800.00
Meier Law Office	Monthly Retainer	\$3,000.00
Midland Implement	Shop Vehicle Repair	\$848.38
Mikayla Emmons&Kelly Fontenot	Utility Deposit Refund	\$10.85
Mind Your Ps & Qs	Airport T-shirts	\$1,764.00
Niobrara Chamber of Commerce	Monthly	\$187.50
Niobrara County Library	Monthly	\$250.00
Niobrara County Treasurer	Monthly	\$6,301.50
Employee	Per Diem	\$24.00
Northwest Pipe Fittings	Irrigation Repairs	\$793.45
One-Call Wyoming	One-Call Tickets	\$13.65
Pitney Bowes	Office Supplies	\$225.74
Pitney Bowes Power Purchase	Postage	\$500.00
Quality Carpet Care	Carpet Cleaning	\$414.00
Quest	New Equipment	\$2,956.18
Radar Shop	Recertified Radars	\$667.00
RDO Equipment Co	Equipment Repair	\$17.99
Robinson, Jacob	Utility Deposit Refund	\$9.83
Sinclair Pine Bluffs	Airport Fuel	\$5,652.50
TDS Trash Collection Serv.	Tipping Fees	\$3,750.28
Champs Exteriors	Animal Shelter Maintenance	\$1,500.00
Underground Enterprises	Transfer Station Fees	\$2,260.00
USA Blue Book	Water Supplies	\$65.32
Visa 0681	Subscriptions/ Supplies/ New Equipment/ Postage/ Hotel Reimbursement	\$2,233.45
Visa 0699	Supplies	\$777.30
Visa 0723	Supplies	\$223.84
Visa 0731	Supplies/Training	\$52.99

Visa 1267	Supplies/ Subscriptions/ Support/ Dues/Fees/ Training	\$1,689.35
Visionary Broadband	Internet	\$562.80
WEX Bank	Fuel	\$4,514.73
Wyoming Assn of Muni	Conference Fees	\$240.00
Wyoming Office State Lands & Invest	Loan Payment	\$21,885.75
	Total Vouchers	\$255,740.69

Manual Checks, April 2026		
Circuit Court of Nio County	Writ of Wages, Garnishment	\$ 406.89
Wyoming Child Support	Writ of Wages, Garnishment	\$ 307.84
Kruse, Pete	Per Diem- Guernsey Safety Meeting	\$ 49.00
Lashmett, Justin	Per Diem- Guernsey Safety Meeting	\$ 49.00
Wyoming Dept of Work Force	Worker's Comp	\$ 1,774.36
Circuit Court of Nio County	Writ of Wages, Garnishment	\$ 307.84
Wyoming Child Support	Writ of Wages, Garnishment	\$ 399.96
Postmaster	Bulk Mailing	\$ 328.54
Norberg, Rory	Per Diem- Rural Water Annual Conference	\$ 238.00
Gordon, Jacob	Per Diem- Wascop Training Casper 4/27-4/30	\$ 238.00
Owren, Jay	Per Diem- Wascop Training Casper 4/27-4/30	\$ 238.00
Lashmett, Justin	Per Diem- Regulator Training in Gering	\$ 170.00
Circuit Court of Nio County	Writ of Wages, Garnishment	\$ 412.82
Alfac	Payroll Deduction	\$ 391.94
Alsco	Office Mat Rental	\$ 118.80
Caselle INC	Contract Support/ Maintenance	\$ 1,558.00
Century Link	Phones	\$ 1,492.55
Delta Dental Plan of Wyoming	Employee Dental Insurance	\$ 1,063.25
Jirdon Agri Chemicals	Fertilizer and Seed for Parks and Cemetery	\$ 5,570.59
Nio County Treasurer	Property Tax	\$ 13,041.70
Nio Electric Association	Utilities	\$ 48.68
Quill Inc	Office Supplies	\$ 71.19
W.M.P.A	Electric Power Purchase	\$ 98,205.80
WAM/WCCA	Lease Payment Shop Heating 1st Quarterly	\$ 786.55
Western Medical Management	Access Fee & fee based on Revenue Collected	\$ 800.54
Wyoming Dept of Revenue	Wyoming Sales Tax	\$ 4,468.96
Wyoming Dept of Workforce	Worker's Comp	\$ 2,569.93
Wyoming Educators Benefits Trust	Employee Medical/ Vision/ Life	\$ 32,404.45
	Total	\$ 167,513.18

<u>ACH - April 2026</u>		
Lusk State Bank	Health Savings Account	\$ 6,416.74
Elavon	Office Credit Card Fees	\$ 683.17
Lusk State Bank	Payroll FICA/FWT	\$ 12,230.34
Empower Trust	WRS 457 Retirement	\$ 100.00
Wyoming Retirement System	Government Contribution	\$ 19,778.77
Xpress Bill Pay	Maintenance Fees	\$ 131.00
Black Hills Energy	Recycling Center Utilities	\$ 52.25
Lusk State Bank	Payroll FICA/FWT	\$ 12,072.99
Empower Trust	WRS 457 Retirement	\$ 100.00
Verizon Wireless	Ambulance Phones	\$ 86.60
Lusk State Bank	Payroll FICA/FWT	\$ 13,250.28
Empower Trust	WRS 457 Retirement	\$ 100.00
Lusk State Bank	Payroll FICA/FWT	\$ 2,042.71
	Total	\$ 67,044.85

Visitors:

Visitor Becky Fowler was not present. Mayor Lytle commented on behalf of the Wyoming Family & Child Development (WCFD). Lytle noted the Town paid \$1,500 prior; they sent the Town a letter stating \$2,000 for the upcoming budget year. The WCFD performed 10 forensic interviews for the Town and 11 in a neighboring county. The Council acknowledged it is reflected in the budget. No opposition was stated.

Department Updates:

Dawn Hall, Todd Skrukud, Chief Gordon, Trevor Barner and Meri Keller, on behalf of Michael Mayville, reported Department Updates.

Old Business:

COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to approve the Second reading of 2026-2027 Budget Approval: Revenues \$11,448,713.00; Expenditures \$11,154,976.00. In discussion, Mayor Lytle mentioned moving Child Advocacy to \$2,000.00 to accommodate for the change in the WCFD budget. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

New Business:

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER PFISTER, to approve the appointment of Kaylee Barner to the Lodging Tax Board. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

The approval of Mayor Lytle's Appointments for Municipal Judge, Town Attorney, Public Works Director, Chief of Police and Town Clerk/Treasurer was tabled to next council meeting. MOTION TABLED.

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to approve the Volunteer Fire Department Chief Chantry Filener. Councilman Filener abstained due to conflict of interest. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to approve the 2026 Golf Tournament Requests for Manville 4th of July Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 20th, 2026 and the Trap Tee Toss Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 8th, 2026. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Council Reviewed the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between Town of Lusk, Wyoming and the Niobrara County School District #1 for School Resource Officer. Mayor Lytle commented, this is unchanged and remains in force until termination; no vote required. NO MOTION

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to approve the Renewal Agreement for the Limited Liquor License Lease with the Niobrara Country Club. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER, to approve the Proposal for Lusk Phase IV Street and Utilities Improvement Project. In discussion Dave Bumann commented, reporting the Town of Lusk ranking #2 of 34 and #14 of 57 for funding lists; total project amount \$11,000,000–\$11,200,000 including design and construction; SLIB application due October 3; aim for shovel-ready by fall; potential award April 2027; earliest construction July 2027. Design fee \$498,500. Cost split estimated sewer 60% and water 40%; breakdown to support budgeting requested. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to approve a Livestock Permit for Chase Aschenbrener for chickens and ducks. 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. In discussion, Mayor Lytle commented, Our Sanitation is showing deficit of approximately \$17,000. A one-time 6% increase plus regular 2% annual escalator will be applied. Sample rates cited: residential \$30.06/month; dumpsters \$36.49; outside-town residential \$34.02; commercial in-town \$34.02; outside-town dumpsters \$50.76; specific classes: service stations/motels/campgrounds/Head Start \$43.93 per dumpster per month; restaurants/cafes/grocery/dollar stores and Women's Center \$57.59; Lusk Housing Authority \$289.58; Ranger Apartments \$275.92; Royal Apartments \$160.55; extra weekend dumpster pickup \$51.45. Council flagged potential inequity in dumpster pricing and will revisit the amounts. MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to move into Executive Session for Contracts at 5:34 pm. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

The Council reconvened into regular session at 6:47 pm.

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to approve the Pasture Lease for Josh Keller at a raised rate from \$240 per year to \$15.00 per acre making a total cost of \$1,200 per year for a 5-year contract. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER FILENER, to approve the Land Lease for the Predator Control Board of Niobrara County, Wyoming at a raised rate from \$100 a year to \$100 a month for a 5-year contract. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

COUNCIL MEMBER DOOPER MOVED, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON, to approve the Mayor, Council and Public Works Director to negotiate easement with Union Wireless. Mayor Lytle commented, this would be for the area up behind the water tower, south of the football fields. No further discussion. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

The next regular council meeting will be on June 2nd, 2026, at 5:00 pm.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Douglas E. Lytle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn L. Hall, Clerk/Treasurer