

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 10, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE LOVELL TOWN HALL.

Present: Mayor Tom Newman, Council Members: Carol Miller, Bob Mangus, Dan Anderson, and Michael Grant. Town Administrator Jed Nebel was excused. Others present: Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Tippetts, Ed Allred, Public Works Director Adrin Mayes, David Peck, Debbie McConnaughey, Bill McConnaughey, Mark Leonhardt, Jennifer Leonhardt, Jerry Christian, LeAndra Rasmussen, Ethan Rasmussen, Mike Anderson, Pam Anderson, Judy Richards, Steve Welling, Karen Spragg, Jodi Baxendale, and Neil Baxendale.

With a quorum present, Mayor Tom Newman called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jodi Baxendale spoke to Council about why she feels that the Town of Lovell should not allow chickens in the town limits. Mayor Newman thanked Jodi for coming.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes of the regular meeting held May 13, 2025, work meeting held May 28, 2025, special meeting held May 28, 2025, and bills for payment were presented by consent agenda. Carol Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor and Council members voiced their thoughts for allowing chickens in the Town of Lovell. Bob Mangus made a motion to not allow chickens in the Town of Lovell. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor Bob Mangus, Carol Miller, and Tom Newman. All against Mike Grant and Dan Anderson. Motion passed with a three to two vote.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts read Ordinance No. 1021 by title. Ordinance No. 1021 is an ordinance providing for the Annual Tax Levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1021 on its 3rd and final reading and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Carol Miller made a motion to table Ordinance No. 1022. Ordinance No. 1022 is an ordinance providing for the Annual Appropriation for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. Second by Mike Grant. All in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts presented Council with the Release and Hold Harmless agreement with Billie Tillett. Carol Miller made a motion to take the Release and Hold Harmless agreement off the table. Second by Mike Grant. All in favor motion passed. This agreement deals with the open drain that crosses the Tillett property that the Town is responsible for cleaning. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve the Release and Hold Harmless agreement and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts presented Council with the results of Surplus Property bids. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve sale of the surplus property to the highest bidders. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor with Mike Grant abstaining from the vote. Motion passed.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts presented a Camper Temporary Living Extension Request. Tippetts gave Council the findings and instructions of the Town of Lovell's Building Inspector to the applicant. The applicant had not obtained a building permit as instructed. Bob Mangus made a motion to disallow the extension of the permit. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works Director Adrin Mayes presented Council with updates and pictures of the Municipal Swimming Pool. Council asked Mayes to get a quote on the price to fix the holes in the Swimming Pool.

Public Works Director Adrin Mayes presented Council with pictures of a section of gutter on Jersey Avenue that has settled and does not let water drain into the storm drain. He is working on getting quotes to see how much it will cost to fix.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts presented a request from Big Horn County. Big Horn County is applying for a grant for safe streets in Big Horn County. Bob Mangus made a motion to send a letter of support for safe streets and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts presented Council with a Dispatch Agreement with Fire District #5. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve the Dispatch Agreement with Fire District #5 and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Mike Grant. All in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts presented Council with a request to write off an uncollectable debt. Tippetts explained that it was a customer that had passed away. The Town did receive some money from the probate process. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve the uncollectable debt and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk/Treasurer Tippetts presented Council with a catering permit request from Aud's Four Corners for the Mustang Days rodeo being held at the Lovell Rodeo Grounds on June 28, 2025. Bob Mangus made a motion to approve the catering permit and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk/Treasurer Tippetts presented Council with a request from Aud's Fours Corners for Open Container on June 27, 28, and 29th during the Mustang Days celebration and Extended Hours of operation for June 28 to June 29th. Bob Mangus made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-1 for a modification to the hours of operation for liquor license and Resolution 2025-3 for a modification to the open container requirement and authorize the mayor's signature. Second by Dan Anderson. All in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts presented the court collections report, an invitation from North Big Horn County Airport to the grand opening of their new pilots' building, and an invitation from Shoshone Municipal Pipeline for their annual BBQ.

Dan Anderson made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Second by Bob Mangus All in favor. Motion passed.

PENDING APPROVAL: _____

Mayor Thomas M. Newman

ATTEST: _____

Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Tippetts