

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 13, 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. Others present: Town Administrator Jed Nebel, Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Tippetts, Ed Allred, Public Works Director Adrin Mayes, David Peck, Gareth Robertson, Debbie McConnaughey, Mark Leonhardt, Jennifer Leonhardt, Jerry Christian, Pat Baxendale, Rita Unruh, Sarah Leonhardt, Deborah Salyer, Mike Snell, Sherry Snell, MarKay McIntosh, LeAndra Rasmussen, Wes Mangus, Kaycie Mangus, Harper Mangus, and Amber James.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Dan Anderson made a motion to amend the agenda and move line item #9 to now. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor motion passed.

Mayor Newman proclaimed May 6-12, 2025, as Nurses' week. Mayor Newman thanked the nurses for all that they do.

Bob Mangus made a motion to amend the agenda and move line item #13 to now. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor Newman and Council members voiced their concerns for allowing chickens in the Town of Lovell. Mayor Newman would like to form a committee of citizens to help come up with ideas to put into a proposed ordinance. He suggested that citizens write a letter of interest to be on the committee and to turn the letter in at Town Hall.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes of the regular meeting held April 8, 2025, work meeting held April 29, 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:

Administrator Nebel read Ordinance No. 1020, Ordinance No. 1021, and Ordinance No. 1022, by title. Ordinance 1020 is pertaining to malt beverage permits, catering permits and extended hours once a year. 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. Ordinance No. 1022 is an ordinance providing for the annual appropriation of the Town of Lovell for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1020, Ordinance No 1021, and Ordinance No. 1022, on second reading. Second by Mike Grant. All in favor. Motion passed.

Administrator Nebel presented Council with a Release and Hold Harmless agreement with a property owner that is adjacent to a land drain that the Town of Lovell has to maintain. Dan Anderson made a motion to table the new agreement until a special meeting. Second by Mike Grant. All in favor. Motion passed.

Administrator Nebel presented Council with the results of bids for some surplus property. Councilmen Mike Grant and Bob Mangus abstained from the vote. Dan Anderson made a motion to accept the highest bids. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrator Nebel presented Council with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between North Big Horn Hospital and the Lovell Police Department. Bob Mangus made a motion approve the MOU and authorize the mayor's signature pending legal counsel's review. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Administrator Nebel presented a preliminary street sweeping schedule. The public works department is planning to sweep the whole town in the 3rd week of each month through the

summer. Public works director Adrin Mayes mentioned that if time allows they will do additional sweeping.

Administrator Nebel presented Council with a title search for some land next to the senior citizens center that is proposed to be donated to the Town of Lovell. Bob Mangus made a motion to accept the land donation and to enter into the agreement contingent upon legal review. Second by Carol Miller. All in favor. Motion passed.

Administrator Nebel presented Council with a request for an extension for temporary living in a camp trailer on a residential property. Dan Anderson made a motion to approve the 30-day extension with the request for the building inspector to inspect the property and law enforcement to inspect for violations. Second by Bob Mangus. All in favor. Motion passed.

Council setup a work meeting and special meeting on May 28, 2025, at noon at the Town Hall.

Clerk / Treasurer Tippetts presented that the Town of Lovell was recognized for Tree City USA 2024, the new sign east of town that the Lodging Tax Board had replaced, the court collections report, Lodging Tax Committee appropriation request, and Shoshone Municipal Pipeline Monthly Reports.

Administrator Nebel let the Council know that the Town of Lovell is still in the running for the Harvard Growth Lab study. He also let them know that the Town of Lovell is still in the review process for the grant request for a Town Hall remodel.

Mike Grant made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Second by Bob Mangus All in favor. Motion passed.

PENDING APPROVAL: _____

Mayor Thomas M. Newman

ATTEST: _____

Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Tippetts