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Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday June 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Lowell Clawson called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members present were Butch McFall, Michelle Chavez, Audra Thornton, and Alan Thornton. Others present were Clerk Ashley Hopkin. Attorney was available by phone if needed (but not present). Guests present were Rich and Wendy Kaumo, RJ and Annmarie Coby.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Rich Kaumo, who is running for Sweetwater County sheriff this year, came out and gave his presentation to the council and mayor. He talked about his vision for the sheriff's department, if he were elected. He feels that there needs to be better communication and training for the younger employees on staff, more communication with the outlying towns, and more efficient usage of sheriff department employees in the outlying communities. He has a plan to accomplish that.

Approval of the minutes for June 3, 2026, they were posted according to law. With no changes necessary, the minutes stand as written.

A motion was made by Butch McFall, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to approve the agenda of June 17, 2026. Motion passed.

Monthly Reports:

Police: There was none.

Court: There was no court held this month. No citations were issued for the next court docket. The next scheduled court date is Wednesday July 1, 2026. Initial appearances will be conducted by phone at 4 pm. At that time an evidentiary hearing will be set for the following month for a time that will not interfere with the town council meetings.

Water/Sewer: On Wednesday, June 11, 2026, the monthly BIO tests were taken to Energy Labs in Casper, and the results came back fine. On June 15th the valve was closed on the water tank so it would start filling to the summer level. There was a leak at a resident's home on the 16th, so the water was turned off so it could be repaired. The chlorine level has been at 0.3, the water tank level as of today is at 19.38 feet and there are no issues with the sewer lagoons. Also, today the 17th the far well was turned on to fill the water tank faster.

Maintenance: The mowing and spraying for weeds was done around town, ruts were fixed at the school garage, cut up and disposed of the remaining trailer house metal, loaded and burnt the burn pit twice. The Town Hall entrance was pressure washed and bird spikes were put up to help prevent birds from

nesting in the entryway. The sticks were picked up from the park, mouse poison was put out at the police garage, filled in holes in the alley road behind McFalls, Dean Martin and on Iris. Rocks were removed from around the drain at the water tank and then re-installed to correct a water deficiency for the DEQ. Assembled the new pressure washer, reset an existing sign, and installed a new sign at the shooting range. Drove plow truck down the road, replaced the starter and serviced the town mower, took the trash from the town shop, unloaded pallets of new water system parts at the water tank, disassembled and cleaned a curb stop, replaced screen and leaking elbow at town water tank overflow, to repair another DEQ deficiency, and started stocking town tools in the new toolbox.

Fire: There was a meeting held on June 1st, where they had six volunteers present. The mayor showed up to discuss legally what the volunteers can do when it comes to administering first aid. They dispersed bunker gear to the new volunteers, discussed weekend schedule for June, and went over paperwork for fit testing. On June 15th they had another meeting where seven volunteers were present. They had Casper Safety come out and do fit testing for all the volunteers, discussed Christmas gifts for the town, and issued medical kits. They turned in two bunker gear jackets to be sent in and have patches put on them and turned in HI Viz jackets to have patches sewn on the sleeves.

Mayor's Report: The town had to implement an emergency water shut off, due to a faulty curb stop feeding a residence after a leak. This happened after hours, so a courtesy call to the residents was not made.

The town received a letter of resignation from volunteer firefighter Stetler Hopkin.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Michelle Chavez, to approve Ordinance#2026-02 amending fiscal year budget 2025 – 2026. Transferring \$18,057.30 from the sewer reserve account into the sewer account and moving \$8,500.00 from the police department into the fire department. Motion passed.

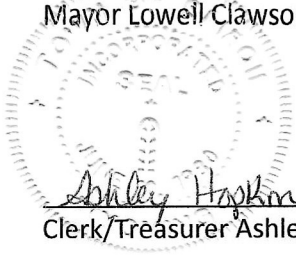
A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to pay bills online when needed, instead of sending checks due to them getting lost in the mail. Businesses have not received payments, and it costs the town \$25.00 for every stop payment. The Department of Audit said that as long as we do not already have an ordinance in place specifying how bills should be paid, attach a receipt of payment to the bill and that the bill is reviewed by the mayor, stamped, dated, initialed and then reviewed by the council at council meetings, then it would not be an issue paying bills that are needed online. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Audra Thornton, and seconded by Butch McFall, to pay check#17694 through check#17717, including all debit card charges and EFT's for a total amount in bills of \$47,500.82. Motion passed and Lowell Clawson abstained due to pecuniary interest. There was check#17697 in there for him and check#17716 for Plus Electric.

With no further business this council meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



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Date 7-1-2026