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Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday July 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Council Members present were Michelle Chavez, Audra Thornton and Alan Thornton. Butch McFall was excused.

Others were Clerk Ashley Hopkin. Attorney was available by phone if needed (but not present).

Guests present were Debbie Good, Ben Jordan, Ryan Welling, Keith Clarey, Jeff Kaiser, and Joey Griffin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Forsgren and Associates presented their final report on the water master plan. Some discussion ensued about various items in the plan and the council thanked them for their presentation and their work.

Approval of the minutes for July 2, 2025, they were posted according to law. With no changes necessary, the minutes stand as written.

A motion was made by Audra Thornton, and seconded by Michelle Chavez, to approve the agenda of July 16, 2025. 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 August 6, 2025. 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: Since the beginning of June, we have only had an overflow in our water tank seven times. Mayor Clawson had to turn on the well at the far wellhouse on July 6<sup>th</sup> for four and a half hours, and we still had no overflow. On the 7<sup>th</sup> Mayor Clawson turned the well back on and left it running overnight. We then had an overflow on the 8<sup>th</sup>. On July 14<sup>th</sup> a new chlorine barrel was changed, and on the 15<sup>th</sup>, the monthly BIO tests were taken to Energy Labs in Casper. The chlorine level is averaging 0.3 and we are waiting on a part for the level indicator for our water tank. If we have an overflow, we know our tank is full at 38.5 feet, if we don't have an overflow, then we have no idea where our tank level is at for the time being. Our usage of water by residents is up and with it being so dry, this is a concern. There are no issues with the sewer lagoons.

Maintenance: In the park the trees were trimmed and cut out of the fences by the tennis and basketball courts. The sticks were picked up and it was mowed. The camper lots were mowed, and the drives were improved. The burning was done at the pit, metal taken out and the driveway to the burn pit was fixed. Weeds were sprayed at the water tank, tennis court, basketball court and the camper lots. The cornhole stations were set and are ready to be used. The garbage at 107 Bluebell from the construction work was removed, and the new vending machine was delivered and put inside. Two dead antelope were removed from the ballfield.

Fire: On July 7<sup>th</sup>, there were three volunteers present. They discussed fireworks and the hazards, weekend schedule, truck testing and flushing the fire hydrants. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, they had three volunteers respond to a call out to a brush fire on an Amplify location. Two volunteers responded in the brush truck while one was already on site. They watered down the area and hot spots, turning soil with shovels. The truck was then returned to the fire house and they refilled the water tank.

Mayor's Report: Reminder that Bairoil Cleanup Day is Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Residents must call Solid Waste to be put on their list otherwise if you set stuff out it will not get picked up.

The town would like to thank all the residents who have responded to the tree trimming letters and trimmed the branches that kept hitting the town's equipment while plowing and cleaning the streets.

The new vending machine was delivered and brought inside and will be programmed, hopefully next week.

The clerk's computer parts were delivered and the towns I.T. tech remote accessed in and set everything up. It is now ready to switch back to the clerk's desk to use.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: No executive session was needed.

A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to pay check#17226 through check#17243, including all debit card charges and EFT's for a total amount in bills \$16,947.55. Motion passed and Lowell Clawson abstained due to pecuniary interest. There was check#17231 in there for him and check#17243 for Plus Electric.

With no further business this council meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
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Mayor Lowell Clawson

  
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Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Hopkin

Date 8-6-2025