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Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday April 15, 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 Adene Wuertley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Adene Wuertley asked the council if they had any information about the Lost Solider gas field that is starting up in the Jeffery City/Crooks Gap area. She had questions about how it would affect the Town of Bairoil. After discussion, there seems to be no immediate or altering effect on the town or its infrastructure. The majority of the activity will be concentrated in the Jeffrey City area.

Approval of the minutes for April 1, 2026, 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 Butch McFall, to approve the agenda of April 15, 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 May 6, 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 March 27th, Travis Byers with Byers Automation installed a new automatic chlorine pump that is programmed to dispense chlorine as needed based on our water intake to keep our level at 0.3. On April 8th, the monthly BIO tests were taken to Energy Labs in Casper. The results came back fine. The water tank is at 20.5 feet, and the chlorine is at 0.3. There are no issues with the sewer lagoons. The council discussed the upcoming project for more sewer line repairs and cleaning, due to more tree roots that were found causing problems with our main sewer lines.

Maintenance: Cleanup was finished at a previous water leak at the end of Primrose. A rabbit had gotten into the town shop, it was caught, removed back outside, and the mess it had made inside cleaned up. The tire pressure was checked on the 920, and the 906, branches were removed from the Healthcare Clinic yard, and the washboard road at the corner of Indian Paintbrush and Beebe was fixed. The door

hinge at the pump building was replaced and the door adjusted. The burn pit was loaded and burnt, cleanup of the metal was done around the burn pit, and the plow truck was driven. Mowing was done south of the Fire Hall and removed old barbwire and t-posts on the perimeter. Branches were picked up in the park; the town's skid steer was moved from the Police garage to the town yard after the battery was charged and the cellar door was repaired at 108 Bluebell. Helped Larry Cage, the towns plumber fix the vent pipe in the ceiling at Town Hall.

Fire: There was a meeting held on March 16, where they had five volunteer presents. They passed out blood clot packages and bandages, went over textbooks, and drove E-1 and E-2 for training. They discussed EMR training and elected Audra Thornton as training officer. On April 6, they had six volunteers present. They cleaned and washed out the truck bay, moved shelving and equipment and threw away trash and junk shelves. They discussed weekend schedule and upcoming training. They are in need of some hoses for cleaning purposes.

Mayor's Report: There was none.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: Adene Wuertley requested some more items that are at the school. The council showed her a list of everything that is left at the school for sale, which she is welcomed to purchase. She then told the council a few items she would like to purchase. Those items will be brought to the Town Hall where she can pay for them and pick them up. The Desert Dust, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln pictures that were left at the school was discussed by the council. Adene had asked the town council previously if they would donate them to her museum. Because of the rarity and value of those pictures, the council decided not to donate or sell them at all.

A motion was made by Butch McFall, and seconded by Alan Thornton, to not sell or donate the Desert Dust, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln pictures that were at the school. They will stay at Town Hall in the town's possession. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Michelle Chavez, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to have Core Construction repair the sheetrock and paint in the bathroom at 108 Bluebell for \$4,100.00. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Butch McFall, to pass on the first reading Ordinance#2026-01 prohibiting the use of fireworks within city limits or on any property owned by the Town of Bairoil. Motion passed.

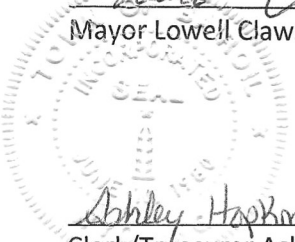
No executive session was needed.

A motion was made by Audra Thornton, and seconded by Michelle Chavez, to pay check#17612 through check#17633, including all debit card charges and EFT's for a total amount in bills of \$21,094.32. Motion passed and Lowell Clawson abstained due to pecuniary interest. There was check#17630 in there for him.

With no further business this council meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Date 5-6-2026