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Ashley Hopkin
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Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday December 17, 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 present were Clerk Ashley Hopkin. Attorney was available by phone if needed (but not present).
Employees present were Maintenance Man Brandon Penry.
Guests present were Gina and Liam Penry.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: There was none.

Approval of the minutes for November 19, 2025, they were posted according to law. With no changes necessary, the minutes stand as written.

A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to approve the agenda of December 17, 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 January 7, 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 December 16th the monthly BIO tests were taken to Energy Labs in Casper. The chlorine level has been averaging 0.3 and the water tank level is staying at 23.6 feet. There are no issues with the sewer lagoons. All the water tests for the year have been completed and came back fine.

Maintenance: Snow removal was done, scrap wood was burnt at the burn pit a couple times, the fire extinguishers were serviced by Casper Safety, and the streetlights that were not working were turned into Rocky Mountain Power to be repaired. The town shop yard was cleaned up more and authorized personnel signs were put up at the spring boxes. A storm window was installed at 107 Bluebell; dead trees were removed from the south side of town and serviced the cigarette containers outside of Town Hall. The streets were swept; power washed the equipment and cleaning around the burn pit yard was done.

Fire: There was a meeting held on December 1, 2025, where they had six volunteers present. They put together resident's Christmas gifts, discussed patches for hi viz jackets and bunker gear. They discussed winter Fire Hall and truck bay heater watch and discussed weekend schedule.

Mayor's Report: The County Commissioners decided against putting the 6th Penny Tax on the ballot for 2026. They would rather wait until this 6th Penny Tax period is over and then consider putting it on a future ballot.

The towns website has not been working. A call was made to Wyoming Network, and they said it was fine on their end. They suggested checking with our internet provider as they have a different one than the town. The next day it was working on computers but still not on phones.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: The Town received two sealed bids for the John Deere Tractor. A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Michelle Chavez, to accept Jim Goulds bid of \$17,500.00. The other bid was from Shane Good for \$16,001.00. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Audra Thornton, and seconded by Alan Thornton, to accept the Fire Departments letter to keep Stetler Hopkin on as a volunteer even though he does not reside in town at this time. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Michelle Chavez, and seconded by Alan Thornton, to hire Mark Stewart with Davis and Cannon as the town's new attorney. Motion passed.

Alan Thornton made a motion and was seconded by Audra Thornton, to not renew the town's contract with NIC. It is costing the Town a lot of money and every year they raise the price by 5%. The town is paying \$91.16 a month right now, which is \$1,093.92. It will go up to \$ 95.72 a month which is \$1,148.64 per year. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Audra Thornton, and seconded by Michelle Chavez, to approve having a Christmas decoration contest again this year. A notice will go out to residents and the deadline for votes will be by noon on Wednesday January 7, 2026. First place will win \$100.00, second place \$75.00 and third place \$50.00. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Michelle Chavez, to approve Dean Martin renting the Fire Hall for Christmas. Motion passed.

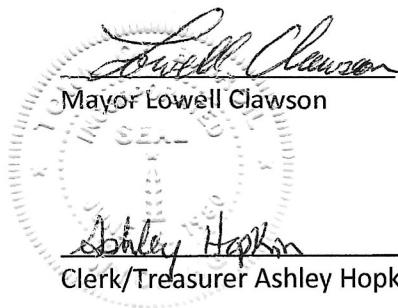
A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to approve safety awards for the town's employees. Fulltime will get \$450.00 and part time is \$300.00. Motion passed.

Audra Thornton made a motion and was seconded by Alan Thornton, to go into executive session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss personnel matters under Wyoming Statutes §16-4-405(a)(iii). Motion passed. The council came back into regular session at 8:06 p.m. Mayor Clawson asked the council if anyone had any objections to what was discussed in the executive session, no one objected.

A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to pay check#17415 through check#17459, including all debit card charges and EFT's for a total amount in bills \$27,757.64. Motion

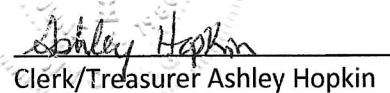
passed and Lowell Clawson abstained due to pecuniary interest. There was check#17419, 17422, 17445 and 17458 in there for him and Plus Electric.

With no further business this council meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The seal of the City of Lumberton, featuring a circular design with the words "The City of Lumberton" and "North Carolina" around the perimeter, and a central emblem.

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Date 1-7-2026

A handwritten signature of Ashley Hopkin.

Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Hopkin