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Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday January 21, 2026 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, Alan Thornton, and Butch McFall.
Others present were Clerk Ashley Hopkin. Attorney was available by phone if needed (but not present).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: There was none.

Approval of the minutes for January 7, 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 January 21, 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 February 4, 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 January 8th, 2026, the chlorine tubing was replaced that goes from the barrel to the pump, it had a small crack in it. The monthly BIO tests were taken to Energy Labs in Casper on January 15th and the results came back fine. On January 19th and 20th, random ph tests were taken from six different locations in town, and they were all within normal range. The water tank has been at 20.5 feet, and the chlorine level is averaging 0.3. There are no issues with the sewer lagoons. The mayor reported that while doing routine flushing of the sewers, the sewer in the alley to the north of Indian Paintbrush seems to have an obstruction between two of the west end manholes. The town flushed four loads of water, and it still acted like it had some sort of obstruction. The town will be contacting a company to either jet rod or run a camera to find the problem.

Maintenance: New brush kits were ordered and put on the 906, the streets were brushed, a new battery was put in the maintenance truck, the shop was cleaned and the equipment was greased. Work was done on the plow truck, cleaned some more out of the tree line and a few water deficiencies have been repaired for our sanitary survey.

Fire: There was a meeting held on December 22, 2025, where they had four volunteers present; they discussed weekend schedule and delivered residents Christmas gifts. A meeting was held on January 5, 2026, where they had five volunteers present. They discussed weekend schedule, worked on the truck bay heater and discussed bunker gear patches and budget. They had another meeting on January 19th, where they had five volunteers present. They discussed patches being made for bunker gear and hi viz jackets, talked about washer and possible dryer placement and talked about budget items. The thermostats need to be checked, and the light needs changed in the Fire Hall above the desk.

Mayor's Report: The town received their sanitary survey of deficiencies that need to be corrected. Some of those have already been done and Michelle Christopher with Wyoming Rural Water and the towns Engineer Tom Pilch are working with the town on the others.

Old Business: A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Michelle Chavez, to spoil the ballot where a resident voted for the Post Office. After speaking with the town's accountant and attorney, the town cannot issue a check to another government entity for a decoration contest. There is just a first-place winner this year. If the town decides to do this again it will be specified in the flyer that votes are for residential places only, no businesses or government entities. Motion passed.

The outdoor sign is finally working again. The council had previously approved cancelling our contract with NIC for the sign. They emailed the town and said that our contract with Applied Integration carried over, and it was not up until September 30, 2026. We are paid through February so the town would owe \$638.12 for the remaining of the contract or break the contract and pay three months' worth, which would be \$273.48. A motion was made by Audra Thornton, and seconded by Alan Thornton, to break the contract early and save the town money. Motion passed.

New Business: A motion was made by Michelle Chavez, and seconded by Alan Thornton, to approve a business license to Bartlett Oilfield Service for 2026. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to have a new fuel pump put in the town's plow truck. The amount to have that done by Wind River Auto & Diesel is \$906.61. Motion passed.

No executive session was needed.

A motion was made by Audra Thornton, and seconded by Alan Thornton, to pay check#17499 through check#17522, including all debit card charges and EFT's excluding check#17499, 17501, and 17517. Motion passed. A motion was made by Michelle Chavez, and seconded by Butch McFall, to pay check#17499 to Audra Thornton for first place Christmas decoration contest winner. Motion passed and Audra Thornton abstained due to pecuniary interest. A motion was made by Butch McFall, and seconded by Alan Thornton, to pay check#17501 to Plus Electric. Motion passed and Lowell Clawson abstained due to pecuniary interest. A motion was made by Michell Chavez, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to pay check#17517 to Lowell Clawson. Motion passed and Lowell Clawson abstained due to pecuniary interest for a total amount in bills \$14,544.93.

With no further business this council meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Date 2-4-2026