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Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday July 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 Amanda Buller, Victoria Ruiz, Bill Russell, Emilee Jensen and Tyler Atwill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Bill Russell with Amplify Energy, came before the council to discuss improvements and response options to Amplify's emergency preparedness plan. He informed the council that they had had a small release a few days before, which made them consider refining some of their response options. He also said that they were going to be installing some more monitors in other places around the town. Amplify wants to coordinate with the town contacting residents if there's a need to and designate some muster points.

Amanda Buller talked to the council about her campaign to run for Sweetwater County Sheriff. She discussed her thoughts and visions for improving the department internally and service to the small communities in the county.

Approval of the minutes for July 1, 2026, 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 Michelle Chavez, to approve the agenda of July 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 August 5, 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 July 15<sup>th</sup> the monthly BIO tests were taken to Energy Labs in Casper. The chlorine level has been at 0.3. The water tank level had been at 38 feet but in the last few days it has been dropping and it is now at 34.5 feet. There are no issues with the sewer lagoons. There was a water leak by 201 Indian Paintbrush that was repaired the next day after it was discovered. A 2" steel line that went to a

blowdown vent had rusted a hole in a repair sleeve that had been installed sometime in the past. The piping to it was replaced with pvc and the valve off the main line was also replaced.

Maintenance: The mowing was done around town and around the fire hydrants, tested the sprinkler system zones in the park and had to replace a broken sprinkler. The burn pit was loaded, and branches were picked up in the park. The retaining wall at the fire hall was fixed, the streets were swept, moved fill dirt to water work areas, and removed trees that were on the infiltration gallery fence. Moved a new chlorine barrel to the water tank and removed three old ones out to dispose of. The hose spicket at town hall was repaired after it had cracked over the winter, moved and cut pipe for fence repair at the infiltration gallery, and fixed the fence at the towns spring box. Cut and set new fence posts and weeds were sprayed on town lots and by park fences.

Fire: There was a meeting held on June 29, 2026, where they had six volunteers present. They discussed schedule for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and passed out scba masks.

Mayor's Report: There was none.

Old Business: There was none.

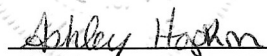
New Business: A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Audra Thornton, to ratify paying bills, check# 17719 to Michelle Chavez. Motion passed and Michelle Chavez abstained due to pecuniary interest. A motion was made by Audra Thornton, and seconded by Alan Thornton, to pay check#17720 to Butch McFall. Motion passed and Butch McFall abstained due to pecuniary interest. A motion was made by Michelle Chavez, and seconded by Butch McFall, to pay check#17725 to Lowell Clawson. Motion passed and Lowell Clawson abstained due to pecuniary interest.

No executive session was needed.

A motion was made by Alan Thornton, and seconded by Michelle Chavez, to pay check#17740 through check#17762, including all debit card charges and EFT's for a total amount in bills of \$38,331.64. Motion passed and Lowell Clawson abstained due to pecuniary interest. There was check#17747 in there for him. Check#'s 7742, 7743, 7748 and 7749 had to be back dated to go on last fiscal year's budget. They do not show on the last transaction details or this one but do show on QuickBooks.

With no further business this council meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

  
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Mayor Lowell Clawson

  
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Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Hopkin

Date 8-5-2026