

TOWN OF HUDSON
MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting
333 S Main Street
HUDSON, WY 82515
August 12, 2025

Mayor Oler called the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the roll call was announced.

Governing Body Present: Mayor Sherry Oler, Councilmembers, Kevin Kummer, Zeke Bonella were present. Councilwoman Helen Gordon was excused. A quorum was declared with Mayor Oler available to vote. Councilman Brady Hamilton joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

City Staff Present: Town Attorney, Rick Sollars and Clerk-Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman were present.

Audience: Marilyn Robinson, Tass Hardin, Trisha Hardin, Louise Barker, Davette Mock, and Randy Mock, Jr.

Public Comments:

- *Tass Hardin – Mr. Hardin is a new property owner in town and would like to address the council regarding property survey and lines. Mr. Hardin stated that he recently had his property surveyed and learned that the property lines are not where he believed them to be when he purchased the property. He stated that the original house was built right on the property line and when the porch was added on, it encroached onto the Town’s right of way. He asked the council about a long-term lease or the possibility of vacating some of the alleyway. He would need an additional fourteen feet to bring his buildings into compliance with the property lines.*

A lengthy discussion ensued among council members and Mr. Hardin. After looking at maps and GIS information, it was decided to table the matter until next council meeting and allow council members time to go over and look at the property with Mr. Hardin and discuss viable solutions.

- *Louise Barker – Mrs. Barker would like to discuss putting a trailer on her adjoining property. It was determined during discussion that the property they want to put a trailer on is owned by Randy and Davette Mock. Mrs. Barker was informed that the Mocks will have to apply for the setback permit and appear before council when they are ready to make improvements to the property.*

CONSENT AGENDA items I, II, and III

I. MINUTES:

Correction/approval of the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting of July 8, 2025

II. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Correction/approval of the Financial Report for July 31, 2025

II. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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Correction/approval of the payment of bills for August 2025

GL Period	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Vendor Number	Payee	Check GL Account	Amount
08/25	08/12/2025	20448	814	Baker Heating & Air Conditioning	51-20000	274.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20449	139	Black Hills Energy	10-20000	487.77
08/25	08/12/2025	20450	145	Bloedorn Lumber - Lander	10-20000	180.95
08/25	08/12/2025	20451	780	Brown Company	10-20000	290.75
08/25	08/12/2025	20452	688	Capital One	10-20000	48.73
08/25	08/12/2025	20453	797	CARD SERVICES	10-20000	2,089.74
08/25	08/12/2025	20454	172	Century Link	51-20000	173.79
08/25	08/12/2025	20455	688	City of Riverton - General	51-20000	135.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20456	707	City of Riverton/Airport	77-20000	1,578.18
08/25	08/12/2025	20457	181	City Plumbing and Heating, Inc	51-20000	32.55
08/25	08/12/2025	20458	226	Energy Laboratories Inc.(Correspondence)	51-20000	407.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20459	259	Fremont County Association of Government	77-20000	788.08
08/25	08/12/2025	20460	271	Fremont County Treasurer	10-20000	710.30
08/25	08/12/2025	20461	670	Fremont Well Service	10-20000	158.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20462	283	GRIFFIN ENTERPRISES	10-20000	30.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20463	286	Hach Company	51-20000	239.01
08/25	08/12/2025	20464	295	Hawkins Water Treatment Inc.	51-20000	2,290.33
08/25	08/12/2025	20465	662	HDR Engineering	80-20000	4,810.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20466	304	High Mountain Electric	10-20000	194.61
08/25	08/12/2025	20467	307	HIGH PLAINS POWER	10-20000	32.23
08/25	08/12/2025	20468	697	HOPPER DISPOSAL, INC.	51-20000	110.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20469	787	Intermountain Controls Nichols-Given	51-20000	735.65
08/25	08/12/2025	20470	708	ITC Electrical Technologies	51-20000	2,540.84
08/25	08/12/2025	20471	804	Jesse Krause	51-20000	131.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20472	340	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	10-20000	33.62
08/25	08/12/2025	20473	381	Lander Ace Hardware	51-20000	185.78
08/25	08/12/2025	20474	729	Major's Construction	74-20000	800.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20475	385	Matthew Bender & co	10-20000	141.10
08/25	08/12/2025	20476	412	MOUNTAIN WEST BUSINESS	51-20000	125.98
08/25	08/12/2025	20477	424	NORCO, INC.	51-20000	44.64
08/25	08/12/2025	20478	782	Old Republic Surety Group	10-20000	100.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20479	490	Riverton Ranger/Lander Journal	10-20000	130.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20480	466	Rocky Mountain Power	51-20000	3,894.18
08/25	08/12/2025	20481	517	Service Sprinkler & Repair	74-20000	1,660.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20482	692	Tegler & Associates	10-20000	18,448.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20483	568	Union Wireless	51-20000	187.28
08/25	08/12/2025	20484	574	USA Blue Book	10-20000	66.44
08/25	08/12/2025	20485	577	Van Diest Supply Co., Inc.	10-20000	1,259.25
08/25	08/12/2025	20486	595	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	51-20000	32.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20487	725	Western Law Associates	10-20000	348.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20488	598	Western Printing Inc.	10-20000	148.21
08/25	08/12/2025	20489	690	WRI	51-20000	90.03
08/25	08/12/2025	20490	628	WY Assn. Of Rural Water System	51-20000	150.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20491	631	WY Assoc of Municipalities	51-20000	648.00
08/25	08/12/2025	20492	815	WY BRAND INDUSTRIES	10-20000	188.00
Grand Totals:						45,198.98

Motion to approve consent agenda was made by Councilman Zeke Bonella with a second to the Motion made by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion carried.

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REPORTS:

Mayor
Clerk/Treasurer
Water Treatment Plant
Maintenance

Mayor Report – August 2025

Flood Mitigation: I am taking a class in Casper on August 26-27, 2025, regarding flood preparation by the State Homeland Security Office. While I am there, I will ask about the status of our grant application.

Water Rates: The Level 1 Water Master Plan identified a significant shortage in the water enterprise account. We should schedule a work session to discuss all options and timing for the changes. Example: we should brainstorm about all our commercial rates, reducing base water allowances, and increase rates, additional usage billing, credit to fixed/lower income households, charge for sewer volume? I would like to ask HDR's rate expert to create a plan to balance our account before we apply for funding for the improvement project in 2027.

Water Treatment Plant: Installation and calibration of the second high service pump will be completed this week.

Water Distribution: The float mechanism in the cemetery water tank failed/fouled and caused the pump to shut off,

WY DOT/Radar Feedback Signs: I am waiting for measurements to order the posts and radar feedback signs.

Cemetery: I spoke with the Calfas brothers on Friday; they cannot come to a dedication ceremony this year. We will chat again in the spring and set a date at that time. We have a new cemetery map in the display, the bench and plaque are installed, and block signs are ordered.

Big Corral Ditch: I continue meeting with members of the Big Corral Ditch regarding the costs of improvements necessary to transfer water into the ditch.

Sewer PER: The new date for a draft version of the PER is mid to late December. The expanded scope of the PER will be vital in identifying the project in stages and applying for funding. We should have the final product by early February, with a town presentation also in February 2026.

Demolition of old Theater: I am meeting with Jessica Fritz to discuss options for funding for demolition of the old Theater. If I can access Brownstone Funds to help her, this project has the potential to finish within the next 6 months!

Entrance Sign: I spoke with the new Job Corps director. Installation of our Welcome to Hudson sign is at the top of their "off campus" project list. She will talk with the instructors and set up an appt. with Harry.

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Backhoe/Loader: Lander plans to sell a backhoe/loader. I am promised the first option to bid.

Codification Agreement: is signed and ordinances will be sent to American Legal.

CLERK – TREASURER REPORT

July 2025

What happened to summer? Town Hall was busy as usual in July. I spent time gathering information for various reports for HDR. I spent several hours remembering how to get the budget put into Caselle. It is still not perfect, and I have some questions for them when we go to the conference in October.

I worked on the sign order for new signs from WDOC. I also took several days off this month for various medical appointments. Betty has been awesome filling in and I am so thankful we have her on board!

Without hearing back from Core and Main on how to fix the meters at Frank's so they will automatically read, I did some online research on my own and, after some trial and error, I figured out how to get the program to recognize and read them, so Jesse doesn't have to do a manual read each month.

I have been working with a young lady out of state to get things squared away to bury her father's cremains in September. It has taken a lot of phone calls and emails back and forth to get all the information figured out so she is secure that it will happen the way she wants.

We received several incentive applications. Not as many as I would have liked, but we can do it again sometime in the future. Every stamp we do not have to use helps!

We also had a couple of people pay off their outstanding liens and larger utility bills that were on payment agreements. I am happy that residents are figuring out that if they do not pay their bill, we will shut off their services.

I was able to enjoy some much-needed time off in the mountains with visiting family for a few days. Then we finished the month with the usual rounds of emails, utility billing, newsletters, stuffing envelopes, paying bills, minutes, etc.

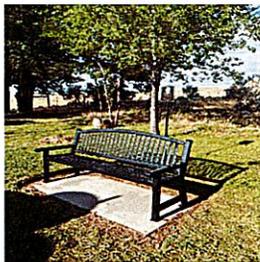
I hope things wind down for fall. School will be starting back up, crops will be finishing and being harvested, and people will soon be preparing for hunting season.

**Maintenance Report
July 2025**



Week of July. 1st. Took quarterly samples from the Lagoon and shipped them off to energy laboratories In Casper. The Redwine's at 565 S Missouri came back from winter vacation and needed their water turned back on, however they had not properly flushed out water lines and had several broken lines, including their water meter, which I replaced the following day. Cleaned up Svilar Park and its bathroom for a 4th of July that weekend. During that weekend the pump that supplies the cemetery water tank was not turning on. With no sprinklers running all weekend, I watered each of the new trees with 5 gallons of water Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. To ensure they stay healthy.

Week of July. 7th: An electrician came to inspect the cemetery tank pump in which he replaced some fuses that were causing the cemetery tank pump to not work. We also had all the floats replaced in our cemetery tank due to them being heavily corroded over the years. Dug out a 7x4ft area in the southwest corner of the cemetery to prepare for a concrete pad to get poured. This is for a new bench/memorial being put in. Also, we replaced several sprinkles at the cemetery, helping resolve a lot of the burnt areas that we have been seeing. An air regulator in the WTP went out, Harry was able to get a temporarily replacement, but in the meantime I took a trip to Grainger Industrial Supply in Casper as they were the only supplier to have one in stock, to make sure we had an OEM replacement or at least a solid backup just in case the temporary wasn't going to work. Also had to collect an E. Coli sample and take it to Riverton's WWTP.



Week of July. 14th: When Keenan Sprinkler Repair dug a new trench and installed a new wire for zone 10. We found that zone 16 then stopped working. Keenan Repair came back and found that they had accidentally hit the wire for zone 16 in 3 different spots. It is all repaired and all zones at cemetery are currently working. Joe Dankelman with Wyoming Rural Water and I went up and down each of the 3 cells at the Lagoon in a boat testing for sludge depth, we found that we have little to no sludge in almost all areas of the Lagoon. The highest depths we got were no more than

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about 10-11 inches. Whereas basically everywhere else was from 0-4 inches. New concrete pad and bench was installed at cemetery and we also dug a hole and installed the memorial sign to go with the bench. Also had to collect an E. coli sample and take it to Riverton WWTP.

Week of July. 21st: I heavily trimmed back many trees and bushes located in the area of the new bench at cemetery, taking several truckloads up to the brush pile, it is now much cleaner looking and much easier to walk around in. I had some sudden trouble with the Lift Station at the Lagoon. A ball check valve on Vacuum pump #1 kept filling with water. This has happened occasionally due to a particular solenoid valve not closing properly and allowing water to backflow into the ball check valve. This was fixed by taking off the solenoid and other parts and thoroughly cleaning them. These solenoid valves plug up easily due to pieces of hair, wipes, rags, etc. We ordered 3 new solenoid valves to ensure we have spares, because the lift station will not work at all without them. Also mowed the well field at the WTP and area surrounding Lagoon.



July 2025 Water Plant & Distribution Report

The Water Plant & Distribution produced 2,748,291 gallons of water for the month of July 2025. For the week of July 1st all maintenance was performed and recorded at the water plant. July 2025 SWTR report was sent into E.P.A. and was accepted. During the month LPM #2 had issues with drain valve that was resolved with a new solenoid and valve body and is back into weekly rotation with #1 LPM. The weekend of the 4th And 5th Jesse was on call and performed routine duties at the water plant and maintenance rounds.

Week of July 7th, all maintenance was performed at the water plant and recorded. LPM'S #1 & #2 along with effluent Turbidity Meter were cleaned and calibrated and passed. Also, the Cl2 Meter was cleaned and calibrated. The monthly Bac-T was submitted and passed. The report was sent into EPA and was accepted. ITC was in the water plant to repair LPC switches in LPM #1 so you could read and operate the LPM from the HMI screen. It was noted that the age of the switches inside control panels have met and exceeded their life expectancy, and we should have some in stock for repairs as the plant will not produce water if they stop working. The turn around time could be weeks and that puts us in a bind. Eric Cox is putting together a list of switches we should have on hand and the cost. Harry was on call the weekend of the 12th and 13th with no call outs or issues.

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Week of July 14th, all maintenance was performed at the water plant and recorded. I attended a Teams meeting for the Water T/A Project twice this month. Hawkins delivered one drum of 20% Permanganate and filled our Cl2 tanks. Cl2 meters were Permanganate and ORP sensors cleaned. The date for new High Speed Pump installation is August 4th. All wells and pumps rotated as per O&M manuals. On the weekend of the 19th and 20th Jesse was on call with no callouts or issues.

Week of July 21st, all maintenance was performed at the water plant and recorded. LPM, s received a daily membrane integrity test daily if they were in production and recorded. Landon Blakely delivered the new pump and motor that will be installed on Aug 4th. Our backup operator Justin has been here weekly to visit help with anything we should need. Harry worked the weekend of the 26th and 27th with no callouts or issues. Water plant roof top O&M maintenance was performed.

Motion to approve Department Reports was made by Councilman Kevin Kummer and seconded by Councilman Zeke Bonella. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: The Ordinance Committee did not have very much to report since the current ordinances have all been sent to American Legal for the codification project. The committee will review the ordinance drafts when they are returned. Marilyn Robinson stated she would like to have more public comments and help to review the updated ordinances when they come in.

AMERICAN LEGAL ORDINANCE CODIFICATION PROJECT: Mayor Oler reported that she scanned and emailed all the current Town Ordinances to American Legal to begin the Ordinance Codification Project.

NEW BUSINESS:

DITCH RUNOFF – Mayor Oler shared a letter she received from the Antoliks. Their concern was with the runoff and overflowing of the ditch in July. They had flooding over the years on their property and would ask that the ditch be opened to allow water draining off the prairie to flow into the river. They would also like to see the ditch cleaned and walls maintained.

The council discussed the ditch and stated that the ditch is currently open to allow drainage into the river. The town would also like to discuss a river walk in the future.

DISCUSSION ON WATER RATE STUDY Mayor Oler requested the council members come up with a list of priorities for the next phase of the water rate study. She would like ideas for rate increases

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and how best to ease the burdens on residents. State Statute requires the town to charge enough for water and sewer to pay for the operation and maintenance of both. The State legislature is coming down on municipalities that continue to operate their utilities in a deficit. Hudson has operated in a deficit for quite some time, and the rates will need to increase exponentially to bring it out of the deficit.

COMPUTER FIREWALL – Mayor Oler and Clerk Kathy Shoopman shared information and a proposal from Fike Consulting regarding a security breach on the firewall program we use and a proposed remedy from Fike Consulting. After one of Fike’s clients had their network hacked to the point of being locked out of their computers, and getting it fixed, they received notice of the breach from the software company. Fikes immediately turned off the sonic wall on all his clients until the manufacturer comes out with a patch to fix the breach vulnerability.

Fike has found a different security system that they put on all their equipment that does not use this SSL program and said, it blocks all the holes and vulnerability that is present in the Sonic Firewall. He said it has made a dramatic difference in their business and programs they use.

Fike said we have two options: One, we can sit back with no firewall and wait for the patch from Sonic Wall to be developed and tested and sent out. Or, two, we can get the new security system they found. It has a cost of \$500 plus the reprogramming and installations on our network and computers that they estimate to be a final bill of just under \$1,000. The new security system is innovative technology, more advanced, and harder for them to breach. While they cannot guarantee they will never be breached, it is less likely to happen as quickly as an SSL driven firewall.

A brief discussion was held, and all agreed to get the new security system purchased and installed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Potential Litigation and Utililty Lien Foreclosure

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Councilman Zeke Bonella and seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion passed and the Regular meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.

Motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilman Brady Hamilton with a second given by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion passed at 7:20 p.m. and the regular meeting resumed.

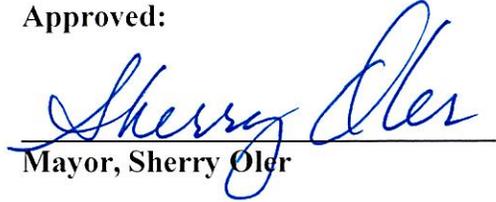
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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the council, motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Brady Hamilton and seconded by Councilman Zeke Bonella. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Attest:


Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman

Approved:

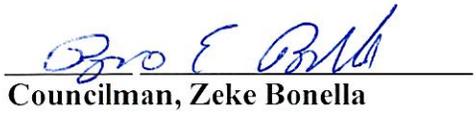

Mayor, Sherry Oler

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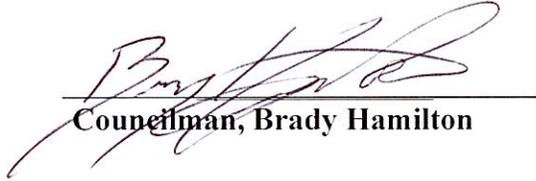
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