

TOWN OF HUDSON  
MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting  
333 S Main Street  
HUDSON, WY 82515  
July 8, 2025

Mayor Oler called the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the roll call was announced.

**Governing Body Present:** Mayor Sherry Oler, Councilmembers, Kevin Kummer and Helen Gordon were present. Councilmen Zeke Bonella and Brady Hamilton were excused. A quorum was declared with Mayor Oler available to vote.

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

**Audience:** Jerry Tucker, Marilyn Robinson, Dave Paskett, Linda Trompke, Tass Hardin, Tyler Downing, Brenda Smith

**Public Comments:** *Linda Trompke – Ms. Trompke asked the council about abandonment of the alley on New York from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Streets. They have taken care of the maintenance on the property for years. Attorney Sollars explained the process for vacating a street. Ms. Trompke thanked them for their time and will think about the process.*

- *Dave Paskett – Mr. Paskett approached the council about having the fire department burn weeds on his mother, Cleo Medina's property on Ohio and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Chief Tyler Downing responded that there would need to be insurance coverage and right-of-way clearance and approval. He would have to look at the property and determine if it is safe to burn and the District Chief will have to sign off on it. They would also have to provide indemnity to the Fire Department should anything happen. Mr. Paskett said he would investigate it and get back to Chief Downing.*
- *E-mail from Steve Lucas – Mayor Oler read an email from Mr. Lucas who received a large water bill due to workers leaving a toilet running in his empty house. He would like to ask for some forgiveness on the bill. Attorney Sollars advised that the Town can waive some or all the fees. Councilwoman Helen Gordon stated that she feels there should be no break given while Councilman Kevin Kummer stated it is a tough choice but is agreeable to give him some sort of a break. Councilwoman Gordon does not want to set a precedent and made a motion to deny the request. The motion died for lack of a second. The motion was withdrawn. Councilman Kummer moved to waive the late fees and set up a payment plan. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gordon and the motion passed.*
- *Tass Hardin – Mr. Hardin introduced himself to council as a new property owner in town and would like to address the council regarding letting his sons put fifth-wheel trailers on his property until no later than November 30, 2025, to live in and work for him and to use his property for a Trailer Court. He stated that the property has three unused water and sewer hookups, and he would like to put three trailers on the property. One is his personal trailer. He stated that he bought the property as a 'trailer court' and would like to use it as such.*

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*Councilwoman Gordon stated she is a neighbor to his property and is not happy to have an RV park next door. Mr. Hardin said he is not putting in an RV park, he is asking for a trailer court. Attorney Sollars researched the ordinance and stated that the property was previously known as 'Leonardi Trailer Park' and is grandfathered in and meets the requirements of being a trailer court. Discussion ensued and Mr. Hardin's request is a moot point since the property is already designated as a trailer park.*

*Motion to remove the Mobile Home Permit application from the Agenda was made by Councilman Kummer and seconded by Councilwoman Gordon. Motion passed and the Agenda was modified.*

- *Brenda Smith – Mrs. Smith first gave a statement that RVs on private property are no one's business and we do not need big city Ordinances to tell us what we can and cannot do with our own property. Mrs. Smith then stated she would like the town to invest in a new shed for the library. She shared some pricing information with the council and asked them to consider purchasing a new shed to store books, tables, shelves and whatever the library needs to store. Mayor Oler stated that she had already asked the Economic Development Committee about the purchase of a new shed and would follow up with that.*

**CONSENT AGENDA items I, II, and III**

**I. MINUTES:**

Correction/approval of the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting of June 10, 2025

**II. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Correction/approval of the Financial Report for June 30, 2025

**II. PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Correction/approval of the payment of bills for July 2025

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GL Period	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Vendor Number	Payee	Check GL Account	Amount
07/25	07/08/2025	20407	811	Apple Valley Tree & Lawn Care LLC	10-20000	442.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20408	133	Big Cerral Ditch Company	10-20000	340.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20409	139	Black Hills Energy	51-20000	504.54
07/25	07/08/2025	20410	812	Block and Tackle Tree Service	10-20000	3,000.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20411	688	Capital One	51-20000	144.29
07/25	07/08/2025	20412	797	CARD SERVICES	51-20000	1,827.33
07/25	07/08/2025	20413	183	Caselle, Inc.	10-20000	1,168.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20414	172	Century Link	51-20000	174.78
07/25	07/08/2025	20415	688	City of Riverton - General	51-20000	90.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20416	181	City Plumbing and Heating, Inc	10-20000	299.38
07/25	07/08/2025	20417	226	Energy Laboratories Inc (Correspondence)	51-20000	350.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20418	247	Ferguson Waterworks #1118	51-20000	518.04
07/25	07/08/2025	20419	718	Fike Consulting	51-20000	531.25
07/25	07/08/2025	20420	259	Fremont County Association of Government	10-20000	1,700.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20421	295	Hawkins Water Treatment Inc.	51-20000	5,231.67
07/25	07/08/2025	20422	682	HDR Engineering	79-20000	7,583.75
07/25	07/08/2025	20423	307	HIGH PLAINS POWER	10-20000	32.16
07/25	07/08/2025	20424	697	HOPPER DISPOSAL, INC.	51-20000	110.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20425	787	Intermountain Controls Nichols-Given	51-20000	555.83
07/25	07/08/2025	20426	718	Kathy Shoopman	10-20000	12.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20427	361	Lander Ace Hardware	10-20000	155.61
07/25	07/08/2025	20428	412	MOUNTAIN WEST BUSINESS	51-20000	104.33
07/25	07/08/2025	20429	424	NORCO, INC.	51-20000	43.20
07/25	07/08/2025	20430	439	One Call Of Wyoming	51-20000	24.15
07/25	07/08/2025	20431	493	Riverton Tire & Oil, Inc	10-20000	175.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20432	498	Rocky Mountain Power	51-20000	4,037.63
07/25	07/08/2025	20433	758	Sherry Oler	10-20000	504.35
07/25	07/08/2025	20434	813	SPROUTS GREENHOUSE	74-20000	3,760.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20435	547	TERMINIX OF WYOMING	10-20000	83.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20436	713	Tesibox, Inc.	51-20000	72.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20437	588	Union Wireless	51-20000	130.15
07/25	07/08/2025	20438	589	WAMCAT	10-20000	150.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20439	595	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	51-20000	164.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20440	725	Western Law Associates	10-20000	324.00
07/25	07/08/2025	20441	690	WRI	51-20000	90.03
Grand Totals:						34,463.27

Motion to approve consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon with a second to the Motion made by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

- Mayor
- Clerk/Treasurer
- Water Treatment Plant
- Maintenance

**Mayor Report – July 2025**

Flood Mitigation: Headwaters Economics assisted the Town in filing an application for Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds for Flood Mitigation through Homeland Security on June 25, 2025.

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Level 1 Water Master Plan: The State's presentation of our Level 1 Water Master Plan was held on June 18, 2025, during a public meeting. I was VERY disappointed with the public turnout. The state presented information on the four options investigated and asked the audience questions. The state also provided evidence of how upside down we are and under financed with our WyoStar water account. We are looking at significant increases in our water rate and I asked HDR to present us with discounted water options for our seniors/residents on fixed incomes.

Water Treatment Plant: The second high service pump should be delivered and installed this month. One of the pneumatic valves was malfunctioning, a solenoid replacement did not fix it, and discovered the whole valve needed replacement. The other valve is the same age and will follow soon. We ordered two valves: one will be installed this week if the schedule permits and one for the shelf to replace the other when it fails.

Water Distribution: The raw water pump failed sometime on July 3, and the tank pumped dry. An electrician is scheduled to locate the problem Tuesday morning. Currently, the pump can only operate manually.

WY DOT/Radar Feedback Signs: Mike Hitsheew confirmed we have approval for the radar feedback signs and confirmed the locations. Harry and I will decide the length and type of post is needed before I order the signs. Mike Hitsheew confirmed that depending on the signpost, they may be able to help with installation.

Cemetery: I am closer to formal planning for a dedication ceremony to honor the Antone (Tony) Berce family for their cemetery donations to the Town of Hudson in the near future. Tuesday Sprouts planted the new trees, the bench is completed waiting for the concrete pad, and the engraved plaque and post is here. The cement pad and installation are the final steps to complete. When a date is set, we will advertise it on the digital sign, our webpage, and Facebook.

Mosquito Spraying: Weekly spraying has started, and this machine is a fogger vs sprayer, and it appears to me, does a better job controlling mosquitos. Unless we are just in a weird year where populations are down.

Big Corral Ditch: Letters were mailed to residents regarding their obstruction of the easement. So far, I have only dealt with three offensive exchanges, and I promptly gave them contact information for the ditch company's president.

Sewer PER: I started to set up joint meetings with Christ Dutcher, Midwest Assistance, and SLIB regarding funding availability and options for replacement of the sewer lift station and improvements to the sewer lagoon.

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**CLERK – TREASURER REPORT**

**June 2025**

It seems that the months fly by too fast. This month we were kept busy with various tasks. I am still working with Betty and training her. She continues to work on the cemetery project. She had Jesse locating some names for her and we took a drive up to the cemetery and walked around.

I worked on the incentive idea for paperless billing and auto pay for residents. I am hopeful that there will be an interest in signing up and helping save on postage, paper, and time in the office.

I had one day of no computer. Kade Fike came over and discovered a driver problem and got it up and running by afternoon. I did a lot of research on ditch easements and property owners for the Ditch Easement letters that Sherry sent out.

Our 2025-26 Budget was finalized and sent to the State Audit Department, County Clerk, and Treasurer's Offices. I also spent several hours working with our webpage designer to update and clean up the layout of our webpage.

With both of our large projects (Frank's waterline and New Meters) complete, there were draw request forms and reports to submit and send in for payment. I also worked on advertising for the public meeting for the water master plan study.

To round out the month, there were the usual activities of phone calls, visitors, emails, utility billing, newsletters, stuffing envelopes, paying bills, minutes, etc. We had a lot of different forms this month to send out with the billing. Incentive Information, Lead/Copper notifications, Newsletters, and utility bills. I think we became one with the copier. I also stocked up on postage before the price hike in mid-July.

June went by entirely too fast. I am hoping July is a little slower and I have more time in the mountains.

**Maintenance Report**

**June 2025**

**Week of June. 1st:** Collected monthly wastewater samples at the Lagoon and shipped them off to Energy Labs for testing. Also had to collect an E. coli sample for testing as well. Weedeated and mowed all the parks and cemetery. Bridger with Precision Dirt and his crew

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replaced a fire hydrant on 3rd & Kansas, in which I was going around opening and closing water valves to try and isolate the Hydrant. A line to a nearby trailer house was accidentally hit in the process, however they were able to make the repairs on the spot. The hydrant is now in place and in good working condition. Installed a hasp and lock onto the upstairs filing room at town hall to help prevent people going in and tampering with documents.

**Week of June. 7th:** Collected another E. coli sample, mowed all parks and cemeteries again. Also used the tractor to pull the brush hog and mowed down all weeds and grass all along the outside and inside of the fence at the Lagoon and also the entire well field at the Water Plant. On the 1445, both of the front tires on the mower deck would never hold a seal to the rim and would constantly go flat. We took them to a tire shop where they got completely redone with a tube inside and now, they work great with no more leaks. Used the backhoe to take a pump and all the hoses to 580 S. Ohio where it gets used to pump water from the ditch. The Hustler Fastrak mower used to mow all the parks and cemetery burned up a belt due to infrequent cleaning. New belts have been ordered, and this will now be a once weekly scheduled cleaning to prevent this from happening again. Installed a new Flood Education sign outside of town hall that the mayor had custom ordered to inform people of Hudson's flood risks.

**Week of June. 14th:** Several branches had fallen from the town's trees due to high wind gusts. I picked up all I could see and took a couple loads up to the brush pile. Turned water off to 357 S Oklahoma due to an ordinance violation. I came back to the property a few days later and water had been turned back on by the property owner, in which I shut water off at the meter and placed a lock on it. Had several work orders to locate headstones and dates, as Betty has been trying to properly remap the cemetery. Set up about 40 chairs in town hall for a public meeting in town hall for the water master plans. Installed and activated new water meter and meter radio in the new house being built on Indiana St(Dusty Watts). Put a new belt on the Hustler mower, and it was vibrating very bad. Found that a pulley was bad and was allowing the belt to have much more slack than it should, a new pulley was ordered and after installed the mower is working great. Changed the oil, air filters, and grease in both aerator blowers at the lagoon.

**Week of June. 21st:** Valve stem on rear backhoe tire broke in the process of pushing back brush pile, in which we had RTO Point S come and fix it with their service truck. A huge tree branch fell in the middle of the street at 132 S. Illinois; I cleaned it up and took to the brush pile. Council approved taking the lock off of 357 S. Oklahoma and turning water back on which I did. Walked the length of the ditch throughout town and inventoried all pumps or any other obstructions in the water, with all the names and addresses. Was able to finish pushing back brush pile and had a work order to turn water back on at 565 S Missouri (Redwine's). However their lines had not been properly winterized during their vacation and several water lines broke, including the water meter itself, so I replaced their water meter the following day and reactivated it.

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**June 2025 WTP & Distribution Report**

June 2025 the Water Plant produced 2,708,364 gallons averaging 90,279 gallons a day. For the month of June all maintenance and testing performed as needed. Weekly and monthly rotations of equipment were done. SWTR 5600183 Monthly report was done and submitted and accepted. Precision Dirt Works replaced 3 manholes that were failing and one fire hydrant. We Returned to Lander a 6" Mega Lug we borrowed that came in. We had a positive lab report on our Bac-T sample from 665 south Missouri. EPA was notified and we began the process to rectify and locate issues through guidance of EPA's reporting and accessing routine. After all steps were completed, the source was identified, and the homeowner made aware of the issue and how to resolve the issue. EPA accepted our assessment, and we are to return to normal monthly sampling.

We continued working with James and HDR staff to complete the Lead and Copper survey. Rotations of staff for on call duties for coverage on weekends had no incidents needing us to be called out. Harry had shoulder surgery and is in ongoing therapy. Placed an order and received chemicals from Hawkins. Crimson Fire services in water plant redoing work they performed that didn't stay functioning. Drain valve on LPM #2 is failing and steps are being taken to fix and resolve the issue slowly due to availability of parts and our electricians. We are working with Justin from Riverton's water plant on a plan to dispose of all old chemicals used to run the R.O. Unit from many years back, Its turning into a safety and hazardous issue.

We had several visits from Wyoming Rural Water, Brian Linton and Randy Rumpler to specific. Reservations were made for the upcoming fall water conference for Harry. Dates are the 20<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> of October in Casper. A clean in place was performed on LPM #1 and was returned to production with no issues. We used LPM #2 during the cleaning, but it still needs attention to discharge valve. Parts are currently on order, and we are waiting. In the near future we should be installing the new high-speed pump and motor for #1 service pump in the water plant. Here's to hoping you all had a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Motion to approve Department Reports was made by Councilman Kevin Kummer and seconded by Councilwoman Helen Gordon. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC MEETING:** Mayor Oler reported on the Public Meeting that was held on June 18. The Wyoming Water Development Office (WWDO) presented the draft results of the Hudson Water Master Plan. Mayor Oler wished more people would have attended. She stated that there were only three residents in attendance and two of them were council members.

Mayor Oler spoke of the four options and information that were provided by the study:

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1. Redo the current wells. The town would still have the same quality of water.
2. Get a better filtering system. The town would still have the same quality of water.
3. Get a permit to draw water from the river. The quality of water would improve but would still have to be treated by the plant.
4. Connect to Lander's water supply. This is the least expensive option and one that would provide the best quality of water available to the town.

Mayor Oler reported that they will move on to the Level 2 study in January and there will be another public meeting for planning. She also reminded those present that the town water account is operating at a deficit. The state requires the water and sewer to be self-supporting, and they will require the town to increase water rates to bring it into compliance with state statutes.

There was discussion regarding the options for several minutes and the meeting was moved on.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** Committee Member, Jerry Tucker reported that the committee has been working diligently and will be looking at the mobile home park and camper ordinance next. Marilyn would like to meet with the mayor and attorney to discuss the statutes. The committee meets every first and third Wednesday at Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. and invites anyone to attend.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AMERICAN LEGAL ORDINANCE CODIFICATION PROPOSAL:** Mayor Oler explained what the Ordinance Codification project would provide for the town. What they do and how it works. Council discussed the period of the project and cost.

Motion to approve the Ordinance Codification Proposal was made by Councilman Kevin Kummer and seconded by Councilwoman Helen Gordon. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2025-03 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE WIND RIVER JOB CORPS CENTER AND URGING CONTINUED FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE JOB CORPS PROGRAM**

The next item to come before the council was the resolution in support of the Wind River Job Corps Center. Mayor Oler explained how much the Job Corps has done for the town already and what a great asset they are to the county.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-03 was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon with a second by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion carried.

**WYOMING CLASS:** Mayor Oler explained that she and Clerk Kathy Shoopman had met with Wyoming Class representative Troy Hunsucker. Wyoming Class is a Wyoming Government Investment Fund option offering an alternative vs. WyoStar deposits. She explained that in 2025 they

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currently offer a higher interest rate. Discussion was held regarding combining the number of investment accounts and thereby reducing accounting complications and moving the town investment accounts from WyoStar to Wyoming Class accounts.

Motion to designate Wyoming Class as a depository was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon with a second by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion carried.

Motion to approve and authorize Mayor and Clerk to move Hudson investment accounts from WyoStar to Wyoming CLASS accounts and combine WyoStar Investment Accounts was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon with a second by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion carried.

**LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER: UNION WHISKEY BAR LLC TO MIKANA PROPERTIES LLC**

Motion to approve Liquor License Transfer from Union Whiskey Bar LLC to Miikana Properties LLC was made by Councilman Kevin Kummer and seconded by Councilwoman Helen Gordon. Motion carried.

**SET BACK PERMIT:**

Daniel Fritz/Jessie Dorothy  
132 S Main

The Fritz and Dorothy families are putting in a privacy fence along the surveyed property where there is an old foundation wall to keep property more secure. They have had instances of people breaking in and climbing on the roofs of the property. They would also like to add new gravel to the alley at their cost.

Motion to approve Setback Permit for fencing and authorizing placement of new gravel in alley was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon and seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the council, motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon and seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Attest:

  
Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman

Approved:

  
Mayor, Sherry Oler

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Councilman, Kevin Kummer

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Councilman, Zeke Bonella

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Councilman, Brady Hamilton