

TOWN OF HUDSON
MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting
333 S Main Street
HUDSON, WY 82515
November 18, 2025

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

Governing Body Present: Mayor Sherry Oler, Councilmembers Brady Hamilton, Zeke Bonella, Kevin Kummer, and Helen Gordon were present. A full quorum was declared.

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

Audience: none

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA items I, II, and III

I. MINUTES:

Correction/approval of the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting of October 21, 2025

II. FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

II. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Correction/approval of the payment of bills for November 2025

GL Period	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Vendor Number	Payee	Check GL Account	Amount
11/25	11/03/2025	20598	823	Jessica Fritz	10-20000	2,380.45 M
11/25	11/18/2025	20598	818	American Legal Publishing	10-20000	2,000.00
11/25	11/18/2025	20599	130	Black Hills Energy	51-20000	880.70
11/25	11/18/2025	20600	145	Bloedorn Lumber - Lander	10-20000	119.52
11/25	11/18/2025	20601	686	Capital One	10-20000	60.88
11/25	11/18/2025	20602	797	CARD SERVICES	10-20000	2,778.67
11/25	11/18/2025	20603	163	Caselle, Inc.	51-20000	918.00
11/25	11/18/2025	20604	172	Century Link	51-20000	174.17
11/25	11/18/2025	20605	688	City of Riverton - General	51-20000	90.00
11/25	11/18/2025	20606	718	Fike Consulting	51-20000	750.00
11/25	11/18/2025	20607	271	Fremont County Treasurer	10-20000	855.84
11/25	11/18/2025	20608	283	GRIFFIN ENTERPRISES	10-20000	22.50
11/25	11/18/2025	20609	286	Hach Company	51-20000	33.05
11/25	11/18/2025	20610	289	Harry Miller	51-20000	193.50
11/25	11/18/2025	20611	295	Hawkins Water Treatment Inc.	51-20000	2,925.41
11/25	11/18/2025	20612	307	HIGH PLAINS POWER	10-20000	64.06
11/25	11/18/2025	20613	697	HOPPER DISPOSAL, INC.	51-20000	110.00
11/25	11/18/2025	20614	351	Lander Ace Hardware	10-20000	119.94
11/25	11/18/2025	20615	424	NORCO, INC.	51-20000	44.64
11/25	11/18/2025	20616	442	O'Reilly Auto Parts	10-20000	47.74
11/25	11/18/2025	20617	463	Precision Dirt Works, Inc.	10-20000	4,881.00
11/25	11/18/2025	20618	490	Riverton Ranger/Lander Journal	10-20000	130.00
11/25	11/18/2025	20619	496	Rocky Mountain Power	51-20000	3,993.38
11/25	11/18/2025	20620	544	Team Laboratory Chemical LLC	51-20000	2,683.00
11/25	11/18/2025	20621	821	TREMPAY	51-20000	193.70
11/25	11/18/2025	20622	568	Union Wireless	51-20000	374.68
11/25	11/18/2025	20623	595	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	51-20000	164.00
11/25	11/18/2025	20624	725	Western Law Associates	10-20000	382.00
11/25	11/18/2025	20625	690	WRI	51-20000	90.03
11/25	11/18/2025	20626	643	Wyoming Rents, L.L.C	10-20000	200.00
Grand Totals:						27,203.82

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Motion to approve the consent agenda, minutes, financial report, and payment of bills was made by Councilman Zeke Bonella with a second being made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Mayor Report – October, 2025

Flood Mitigation: Homeland Security contacted us with a FEMA Request for Information ('RFI'). FEMA asked for additional information on several things, the deadline to respond was November 14 and we made the deadline last week. I believe the RFI is a positive development for our application.

Water Rates: I hope to hear from Midwest Assistance Program this month on our utility fee report.

Water Treatment Plant: We missed the deadline for the EPA WIIN Grant. Chris @ Midwest Assistance confirmed this particular grant is offered several times a year and we should be in position to apply for the next round.

Sewer PER: I submitted our preference alternatives for the Sewer PER and we have a video conference set for November 24, 2025. I testified regarding the infrastructure expenses Hudson faces in the very near future at the Safe Water Legislative Committee meeting in Casper and urged them to support the proposed bill to help communities assess and plan for infrastructure expenses. I have not heard anything regarding our grant application to purchase a backup generator for the lift station.

Second and Main Street building demolition: the SPURR program contracted an engineering firm to assess this building, and they were on site November 11, 2025. The results of the assessment will be shared with us when it is finished.

Entrance Sign: Job Corps. installed our Welcome to Hudson sign! It was a beautiful day, and local media did a really good job with coverage.

Backhoe/Loader: We received our "new to us" backhoe loader the end of October. Jesse tells me on a regular basis how much he enjoys having brakes and being able to go forward and reverse without prayers! Big Iron has not responded to my email request for information yet. Harry stated he knows someone who wants to purchase it and if we go sell without Big Iron, it will have to be published with silent bid opening.

Committee on Key Services: FCAG implemented a committee to assess different avenues for Fremont County and the municipalities to fund ambulance, air service and ground transportation. Their report is final and will be presented to FCAG on Nov. 17, 2025. More to come.

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Wayfaring Signs: The committee working with WRVC met regarding installation of wayfaring signs in Hudson. They established using the same artwork as the Welcome signs on both ends of town and they will point out the library, Svilar Park and the river access. There was also discussion on utilizing some of the huge trees dumped at the brush pile for primitive benches by the old pump station well house. There may be a person willing to volunteer their time to chainsaw the logs for this purpose.

CLERK – TREASURER REPORT

October 2025

October seemed to pass like a whirlwind. I was able to get our yearly audit report submitted on time and only had a couple of questions from the auditors. After explanations were given and backup documentation was sent, we have not heard any more from them. I am hopeful they are satisfied with our report.

Betty and I traveled to Salt Lake City to attend the yearly Caselle conference on October 6-8. We had a great time and learned a lot. The conference was very different this year as Caselle is now starting to provide much of the services provided by third-party vendors so there were not many vendors in attendance, and it was mostly geared toward the changes available with Caselle. We explored several of the additional offerings and are setting up a couple of demos and getting some quotes to see if it is something worth exploring and possibly changing to streamline the office.

Betty attended most of the utility management classes and said they helped her understand the system better. She is now more comfortable with Caselle and how it all works in the end.

I was able to meet with several Caselle workers and address some of my questions and issues with the software. They were very helpful, and I need to reach out and get them scheduled to look at our system so they can help get it fixed and help me get it cleaned up.

We are also setting up a demo with a vendor called Revver which is similar to what Jake Lara presented. Will let you know the outcome.

After the conference I had a very nice trip back East and Betty took very good care of the office while I was gone. I appreciate having an assistant clerk to have some backup when I need to take time off.

I got us all set up on Wyoming Class and have the order in to close all of our WyoStar accounts which will result in a very large ACH deposit on the 20th of November. It will have to sit in the account for a week before we can move it to the Wyoming Class accounts.

I also trained Betty on the LED sign operations. She has mastered it in short order and is now in charge of the changes to the sign out front. They look much better, and she is able to change them frequently which utilizes our sign more and makes it more noticeable for travelers passing through.

We are going to tackle the web page next with some changes we would like to make and get Betty trained in keeping it updated. I'm sure she will do a spectacular job with it as well.

The end of the month was busy with utility billing, mailings, payroll and completing the reports.

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October Maintenance Report 2025

Week of Oct. 1st:

Collected Quarterly Samples from Lagoon and shipped them off to Energy Labs. Also threw several packets of Bug Plus (Biological Treatment Booster) into each cell of the Lagoon. I will continue doing this once monthly. Collected an E.coli Sample from Lagoon and took to Riverton WWTP for testing. Harry and I gave the Town of Greybull's public works a demonstration of our Valve Massager for opening and closing water valves/hydrants. Harry and I also moved the "welcome sign" from town hall to the maintenance shop, where JobCore would come and weld the sign to the two 20ft steel beams.



Week of Oct. 7th:

Worked on sanding and painting all the new wood we bought for the benches in Svilar Park. Also worked on resizing the new manhole cover between 2nd and Illinois and Indiana as the one we ordered didn't sit properly and had a tendency to wobble around. Collected an E. coli Sample from Lagoon and took to Riverton WWTP for testing. I double checked the holes I dug for the new "Welcome Sign" making sure measurements were okay and adjusting them as needed, as JobCore would be coming later in the month to put the sign in place. Also used backhoe to push back the brush pile.

Week of Oct. 14th :

Harry and I blew out all Sprinkler lines throughout town (Svilar & Memorial Park, Library and Cemetery) with the use of a big mobile air compressor Harry had to pick up and rent from Riverton. As we do not own our own. Collected an E.coli Sample from Lagoon and took to Riverton WWTP for testing. Also replaced rubber strap holding brush pile gate closed with a

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chain and a snap hook to secure it. We've been having problems with cows squeezing between the gate and/or people choosing to leave the gate open, which we unfortunately can't really do much about. We also took a load of road base from the brush pile and filled in the huge holes right in-between the maintenance shop and the post office. We will continue periodically taking loads of road base throughout certain bad areas/alleys throughout town until the weather does not allow us too. Mostly prioritizing the higher traffic areas.



Week of Oct. 21st:

Harry out to water conference all week for license hours/training, covered all water treatment plant duties until he was back. Precision Dirt used our pile of road base at the brush pile to touch up and redo a lot of our roads at the cemetery and also create a new road going vertically on the east end of cemetery, where there was already a path created from vehicles driving on it. Filled out and submitted 3rd Quarter DMR for Lagoon to the EPA, in which we were in compliance with all nutrient levels, BOD % Removal, E.coli, etc. JobCore arrived, dropped sign into holes, mixed and poured concrete and the sign is now in place.

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October 2025 Water Plant & Distribution Report

All daily, weekly, and monthly maintenance and operational procedures were followed for the month of October 2025. Wednesday the 1st all turbidity meters were calibrated for lpm's and effluent to distribution. October 2nd SWTR 5600183 report sent into E.P.A. Friday October 3rd Josh from Ferguson Water Works was in town with the city of Greybull and we demonstrated our Herco 800 valve massager to them for consideration of purchasing one from Ferguson. Harry was on call the weekend of the 4th & 5th with no call outs or work orders.

Monday the 6th all lpm's, high speed vertical turbine pumps, raw water pumps, and wells were rotated. Hudson Bac-T location 665 South Missouri was sampled and delivered to lander laboratory. Oct 7th Pressure vault between distribution tanks was pumped out for the season. Oct 8th WTP air compressor maintenance and oil changed. Oct.

10th clean effluent supply line and install new vile into meter. On the weekend of the 11th & 12th Jesse was on call with no call outs or work orders.

October 13th sent in October 5600183 Bac-T lab reports to E.P.A. Attended a team's meeting for the Town of Hudson for Water TA Support Engineering. Oct 14th Hawkins in WTP delivered LPC-4 ortho phosphate and CL2 chlorine. Also rotate LPM's #2 on #1 off. Oct 1ht to Riverton Wyo Rents to pick up Sullair and blow down all systems in town. Oct 16th meet with Rocky Mtn Power representative on Hudson sign / Job Corp installation site. Oct 17th attend Teams meeting for Wate Engineering TA Support. Also cleaned and calibrated Chem Track CL2 analyzer. The weekend of the 18th & 19th Jesse was on call with no callouts or work orders.

The week of October 20th through the 25th Harry was in Casper attending training for Level 1, Level 2 water and Distribution licenses for continuing education credits to keep licenses valid. One

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class I did attend informed me that there was assistance available for the upcoming PFHAS testing protocol to help train us in sampling and assist with costs of testing, I've reached out to E.P.A and asked them to be on their list for help and they have accepted our request. Jesse did a fantastic job at the water plant in my absence. Harry was on call the weekend of the 25th & 26th with no call outs or work orders. Only other note for the week of 27th is we received New / Used backhoe from R.D.O. Thank you all to the council and mayor, its purchase was of most importance to be able to perform our jobs.

A motion to approve the Department Reports was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon with a second being made by Councilman Brady Hamilton. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

WELCOME SIGN: Mayor Oler gave a short update on the completion of the installation of the sign. She stated she would like to order some solar lights to put on the top of the sign to light it up so it is visible at night.

TAD FUND - HAUNTED HOUSE: Mayor Oler reported on how the TAD funding helped with the yearly haunted house experience in Hudson. Information from Jessica Fritz showed that there were over 2,500 attendees from all over who came to the Haunted House.

CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES: Mayor Oler gave an update on the codification project. She has been working on the review of the first draft, which will then be sent to Attorney Sollars for his review.

NEW BUSINESS:

BACKHOE ADVERTISE FOR SALE: Mayor Oler would like to list the old backhoe for sale via sealed bid. Discussion from Council indicated it would be better to list the backhoe with Big Iron Auctions where the town would likely be able to get a larger return. Mayor Oler will reach out to Big Iron.

FEMA FLOOD GRANT APPLICATION: Mayor Oler reported that the information was submitted for the grant application for FEMA and we are now awaiting a response.

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USDA GRANT APPLICATION FOR GENERATOR: Mayor Oler reported there has been no information received yet on the grant application for a generator for the sewer lagoons.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SELECT WATER COMMITTEE: Mayor Oler reported on her attendance and testimony before the Select Water Committee. She stated that Hudson is in need of approximately seven million dollars to repair our systems.

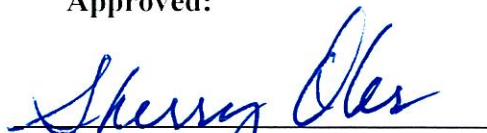
ADJOURNMENT:


There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Zeke Bonella and seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Attest:


Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman


Approved:


Mayor, Sherry Oler


Councilwoman, Helen Gordon


Councilman, Kevin Kummer


Councilman, Zeke Bonella


Councilman, Brady Hamilton