

TOWN OF HUDSON  
MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting  
333 S Main Street  
HUDSON, WY 82515  
October 21, 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, Councilmember, Brady Hamilton was excused. Councilmembers Zeke Bonella, Kevin Kummer, and Helen Gordon were present. A quorum was declared.

**City Staff Present:** Town Attorney, Rick Sollars (left meeting at 6:35) and Clerk-Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman were present.

**Audience:** Maralyn Robinson

Mayor Oler made an announcement asking those present to silence all cell phones and if they are hard of hearing to please sit in the front row. She stated that only agenda items will be addressed and residents presenting agenda items will have five (5) minutes to address the council.

**BID OPENING:** Bids were opened per the legal notice for the sale of a portion of land on Oklahoma. There was one bid received. The Bid was from Tass Hardin in the amount of \$5,000. Discussion was held and the bid was approved. A Motion to accept and award the bid to Tass Hardin was made by Councilman Zeke Bonella and seconded by Councilwoman Helen Gordon. Motion passed. Attorney Rick Sollars will prepare the Deed.

**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 September 9, 2025

**II. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

**II. PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Correction/approval of the payment of bills for October 2025

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GL Period	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Vendor Number	Payee	Check GL Account	Amount
10/25	10/21/2025	20552	819	All Traffic Solutions	72-20000	8,709.39
10/25	10/21/2025	20553	818	American Legal Publishing	10-20000	2,105.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20554	139	Black Hills Energy	51-20000	475.25
10/25	10/21/2025	20555	145	Bloedorn Lumber - Lander	10-20000	23.59
10/25	10/21/2025	20556	888	Capital One	10-20000	80.86
10/25	10/21/2025	20557	797	CARD SERVICES	10-20000	1,141.91
10/25	10/21/2025	20558	163	Caselle, Inc.	10-20000	918.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20559	172	Century Link	51-20000	173.79
10/25	10/21/2025	20560	888	City of Riverton - General	51-20000	90.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20561	181	City Plumbing and Heating, Inc	51-20000	24.39
10/25	10/21/2025	20562	187	CNA Surety Direct Bill	10-20000	100.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20563	228	Energy Laboratories Inc (Correspondence)	51-20000	757.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20564	817	FALCON ENVIRONMENTAL CORP	51-20000	829.46
10/25	10/21/2025	20565	718	Fike Consulting	10-20000	1,193.75
10/25	10/21/2025	20566	271	Fremont County Treasurer	10-20000	888.13
10/25	10/21/2025	20567	286	Hach Company	51-20000	425.20
10/25	10/21/2025	20568	295	Hawkins Water Treatment Inc.	51-20000	2,831.49
10/25	10/21/2025	20569	304	High Mountain Electric	10-20000	741.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20570	307	HIGH PLAINS POWER	10-20000	32.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20571	697	HOPPER DISPOSAL, INC.	51-20000	110.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20572	708	ITC Electrical Technologies	51-20000	677.40
10/25	10/21/2025	20573	718	Kathy Shoopman	10-20000	442.13
10/25	10/21/2025	20574	381	Lander Ace Hardware	10-20000	287.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20575	412	MOUNTAIN WEST BUSINESS	10-20000	182.49
10/25	10/21/2025	20576	820	NEWMAN SIGNS INC	72-20000	1,401.25
10/25	10/21/2025	20577	424	NORCO, INC.	51-20000	43.20
10/25	10/21/2025	20578	439	One Call Of Wyoming	51-20000	11.56
10/25	10/21/2025	20579	442	O'Reilly Auto Parts	10-20000	164.07
10/25	10/21/2025	20580	765	Quill Corporation	10-20000	255.78
10/25	10/21/2025	20581	484	Riverton Ace Hardware	10-20000	49.58
10/25	10/21/2025	20582	498	Rocky Mountain Power	51-20000	3,880.15
10/25	10/21/2025	20583	517	Service Sprinkler & Repair	10-20000	2,558.32
10/25	10/21/2025	20584	813	SPROUTS GREENHOUSE	74-20000	880.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20585	857	Sweetwater Aire	51-20000	195.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20586	547	TERMINIX OF WYOMING	10-20000	83.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20587	713	Tosibox, Inc.	51-20000	72.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20588	821	TREVIPAY	10-20000	55.98
10/25	10/21/2025	20589	588	Union Wireless	51-20000	187.28
10/25	10/21/2025	20590	595	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	10-20000	328.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20591	725	Western Law Associates	10-20000	98.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20592	890	WRI	51-20000	80.03
10/25	10/21/2025	20593	815	WY BRAND INDUSTRIES	10-20000	1,523.00
10/25	10/21/2025	20594	643	Wyoming Rents, L.L.C.	10-20000	200.00
<b>Grand Totals</b>						<b>34,855.40</b>

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

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**REPORTS:**

**Mayor Report – September, 2025**

Flood Mitigation: I still have yet to hear from Homeland Security and/or Headwaters Economics with any news from our grant application.

Water Rates: Midwest Assistance Program will assess our utility rates at no cost to suggest increases. They will prepare the information as soon as possible to timely increase water/sewer rates prior to our Level II Water Study application due in February 2026.

Water Treatment Plant: The second high service pump is installed. Chris at Midwest Assistance Program informed me about an EPA WIIN Grant for local water issues. This is specifically tailored for disadvantaged small communities, and the forgiveness rate is 90% and the 10% cost share may be waived. There is a 3-week application deadline and Chris offered to write the grant for us. I quickly identified the Level I study WTP high priority projects and sent the supporting information to Chris. I believe the application amount would be approximately \$135k.

WY DOT/Radar Feedback Signs: if you have not already noticed, the radar feedback signs are installed.

Big Corral Ditch: I continue meeting with members of the Big Corral Ditch regarding issues surrounding headgate improvements and financial impacts.

Sewer PER: I will submit our preference alternatives for PER by October 24, 2025. I will attend the Safe Water Legislative Committee meeting in Casper the first week of November to testify regarding the infrastructure expenses the town faces in the very near future. I should have the estimated costs by the time I leave for Casper. I am hoping for a favorable position to apply for state funding. The final PER product is due early February, with a town presentation also in February 2026. Midwest Assistance Program also identified 100% RD grant fund opportunity to purchase a sewer lift station backup generator. The grant application is for purchase only no installation, and it was filed at the end of September.

Second and Main Street building demolition: the SPURR program is ready to start their level 1 asbestos and structural assessment on this building.

Entrance Sign: Job Corps. rescheduled installation of our Welcome to Hudson sign and research additional logistic issues identified when they were here. The next estimated installation date is the week of October 20, 2026.

Backhoe/Loader: Lander changed plans to sell their backhoe/loader. Jesse used ours the other day and the linkage failed several times while he had it out. He spent a lot of time to finally get it to move and he immediately put it back in the shop. Consequently, I am looking all over for a low hour used

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backhoe/loader to replace ours. We found a good one and a purchase order will be presented for council consideration.

**CLERK – TREASURER REPORT**

**September 2025**

September's report will be short, but my time spent was long! I spent most of my time this month working on the yearly audit report (F-66) for the State Audit Department. It was my first time doing it solo and it was terribly slow going. I had last year's report to follow, but I was still confused when it came to finding the correct reports. I spent a lot of back-and-forth time with Charri in Lander who was so gracious to help me and show me where to find the correct numbers.

Once I had all the reports located and printed out, I started on the calculations and online portion of the report. More confusion and more emails to Charri. The audit requires each town to use a third party (usually someone from a neighboring town) to run the reconciliation and proof of cash portions of the audit. We were lucky enough to have Charri agree to do ours again. With her guidance and help, I was able to get our report completed and filed before the deadline of September 30<sup>th</sup>. It was one day before, but it was on time!

Betty and I stayed busy the rest of the month with the usual cast of characters. Phone calls, payments, questions, complaints, emails, reports, utility billing, and the list goes on.

Betty and I will be going to the Caselle conference on October 6-8 in Salt Lake City. I have signed Betty up for most of the utility management classes. I am hoping it will help her be more comfortable with the system and give her a better knowledge of how it works and the steps we must take to make it all work in the end.

I have registered for most of the accounting breakouts. There is much to learn, and I know now that I should have paid more attention in college. I am putting together a list of questions I have as well as some bugs I have encountered with the software. I will also have a file full of examples to show the Caselle experts as I seek a better understanding.

After the conference in October, I will be taking some time off to travel back east and watch our daughter give a presentation on the USS New Jersey battleship for the Navy's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. I will get to mark an item on my bucket list of driving through Vermont to see the fall foliage.

Here is hoping the leaves are still turning when I get there!

**September Maintenance Report 2025**

**Week of Sep. 1<sup>st</sup>:**

Collected monthly samples from the Lagoon and shipped them off to Energy Labs. Also collected E. coli sample and sent to Riverton WWTP. Harry and I collected measurements on the existing "Welcome; Town of Hudson" sign so I would be able to dig two new holes to the right specs for the new sign planning to be put up by Job Core in October. We also went to both ends of town and measured the correct distance WY DOT wanted us to have the new speed limit radar signs from the highway.

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**Week of Sep. 7<sup>th</sup>:** Drip-feed line at cemetery for the lilac bushes can work well if you manually open the solenoid valve to it. A new solenoid will be installed next summer, and it will be in full working order. Collected an E. Coli sample and sent it to Riverton WWTP. After I got locates for both radar signs took the tractor with the auger attachment on it and drilled about 3-4 ft holes for each. Harry and I then set both posts in with concrete after WY DOTS approval and let them set up overnight. I then went and installed both signs onto the posts, and our summer helper (Connor) helped hold the solar panels up while I was fastening down the bolts and nuts. The signs are done and both functioning properly.

**Week of Sep. 14<sup>th</sup>:** Went around town and flushed/exercised all 40 of our Fire Hydrants. Fully opening and closing each of them. There are only 2 Hydrants nonfunctional (1<sup>st</sup> & Missouri and Coal & Missouri). Which will both soon be rebuilt as Ferguson Waterworks may hold a hands-on class here in Hudson and use both bad hydrants as a demonstration, Hudson's only expensive would be the hydrant parts. I had to use auger to dig a hole for cremains at the cemetery, went back the following day and backfilled the cremains. Also, I used backhoe to push back the brush pile.

**Week of Sep 21<sup>st</sup>:** Went around town with handheld device and read all water meters. They all read properly with some occasionally taking longer to get a signal from. We put in an order for more "Bug Plus" (bacteria/nutrient enhancer) for the lagoon. I have been routinely throwing these into the lagoon once a month to improve the decomposition of waste. Harry and I set up set up new military flags outside the front entrance of cemetery.



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**September Water and Distribution Report 2025**

The WTP daily, weeklies and monthly maintenance routine were followed throughout the month of September. All rotations of LPM's, pumps, wells and chemical feeders were done on individual basis. All safety checks of chemical eye wash basins and showers were performed. On Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> the WTP 2025 SWTR 5600183 Report was sent into the E.P.A., as well as September Bac-T taken at 156 North Missouri and delivered to Lander Sage West labs. On a side note, September 3<sup>rd</sup> was the last night of spraying for mosquitoes. Thursday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> the Scada back-ups were rotated. Harry was on call for the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with no call outs or work orders.

Mike Hitchew from W.D.O.T. came in and delivered us the permits for speed signs to be installed. Jesse and I toured Riverton WTP with Justin, our back-up operator, and learned new and interesting technics that may help in production of Hudson water. The Sept. Bac-T report was sent to the E.P.A. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> and a C.I.P. was performed on L.P.M. #2 and all requirements were achieved. On the weekend of Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Jesse was on call with no call outs or work orders.

Multiple Teems Meetings were attended in the month of September at the WTP. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> was last day of spraying weeds for the town. On the week of Sept 15<sup>th</sup> all fire hydrants were flushed, finding two that need maintenance, one on 1<sup>st</sup> and Missouri and one on 1<sup>st</sup> and Cole. They will be addressed a.s.a.p... Harry on call Sep. 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> with no callouts or work orders.

Monday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> Josh from Ferguson Water Works in Casper was in and determined just rebuild kits were needed to fix hydrants needing repair. We decided to have a class and teach any operators wanting to learn the procedures on them here in Hudson and continuing education credits could be achieved towards licenses. Town hall would be used and Furguson would provide lunch to attendees. Date has not been set yet. Jesse was on call the weekend of Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> with no callouts or work orders.

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

**WIND RIVER VISITOR COUNCIL REPORT:** Councilwoman Helen Gordon provided an update from the Wind River Visitor Council. She stated that the visitor council will be having a meeting tomorrow in Riverton. They have a Sign Committee meeting on October 28 to discuss the way-finding signs project. There is also a scavenger hunt in the works.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**WELCOME SIGN:** Mayor Oler gave a short update as to the timing of the welcome sign installation on the Southern edge of town by Job Corps. She stated that we are waiting to hear back from Job Corps on when they will be coming to complete the installation of the sign.

**LIBRARY REPAIRS:** Mayor Oler stated that the library needs repairs to the roof. She presented a bid estimate she had received and stated she could not get any other contractor she phoned to show up

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to look at the job. Discussion was held and councilman Zeke Bonella moved to approve the bid for roof repairs given the upcoming winter weather and timing. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Helen Gordon and the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**QUOTE FROM JOHN DEERE:** Mayor Oler spoke about the need for a new backhoe and that the current backhoe has left our maintenance person stranded lately. She stated that she has not taken this purchase lightly and has explored many numerous opportunities to find a replacement. The Mayor then presented the quote and information for the purchase of a used backhoe/loader 2019 John Deere 310SL. There is a one-week transport timeline, and it comes with a warranty. Discussion was held. Motion to approve the purchase was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon and seconded by Councilman Zeke Bonella. Motion passed.

**TAD FUND REQUEST FROM FRITZ FAMILY FOR HAUNTED HOUSE:** Mayor Oler reported on the application for TAD funding to help the Fritz/Dorothy families provide the annual haunted house experience for Halloween. Discussion was held with Councilwoman Helen Gordon stating she was not in favor of the funding but would recuse herself from the voting due to her being a board member of the Wind River Visitor Council. After further discussion, Councilman Zeke Bonella made motion to approve the funding and seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion passed with Mayor Oler voting aye.

**SET BACK PERMIT:** Heather and Paul Huberty, 217 Main St., would like to put a manufactured 8' x 16' greenhouse next to their building between the building and Gold Star Park on the gravel. Motion to approve Set Back Permit was made by Councilman Zeke Bonella and seconded by Councilwoman Helen Gordon. Motion passed.

**MOBILE HOME PERMIT APPLICATION:** John VanVleet would like permission to place a 1991 camp trailer behind his house temporarily for family to stay in.

A discussion was held regarding whether the camper would be hooked to water and sewer. Further discussion was held regarding the timeline and the current state of the property. After discussion, a motion to Deny the Mobile Home Permit pending more information was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon and seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion passed. Mayor Oler will send a letter to Mr. VanVleet for further information.

**SKATING RINK AT SVILAR PARK:** Mayor Oler mentioned the topic of putting in a skating rink at Svilar Park. Liability issues were discussed, and it was also stated that the fire department would have to flood the rink several times each week to keep it smooth. After discussion it was decided there was no reason to follow through on this project given the amount of liability and maintenance.

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**PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS:** Mayor Oler reported on two grant applications she has been working on. One is to receive help from MAP to obtain a generator for the sewer system. It is a 100% grant with no match required.

The other grant is an EPA grant with an available forgiveness of 90%. She put in the information from our Level I study by priority. It will cost over four million dollars to complete the needed sewer system repairs with the lift station being the highest priority.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Potential Litigation. With the absence of the Town Attorney and one Councilmember, the executive session was not held.

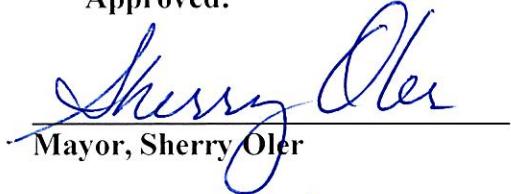
**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Zeke Bonella and seconded by Councilwoman Helen Gordon. Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Attest:

  
Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman

Approved:

  
Mayor, Sherry Oler

  
Councilwoman, Helen Gordon

  
Councilman, Kevin Kummer

  
Councilman, Zeke Bonella

Excused  
Councilman, Brady Hamilton