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MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting
333 S Main Street
HUDSON, WY 82515
September 9, 2025

Mayor Oler called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 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 and Clerk-Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman were present.

Audience: Maralyn Robinson, Jerry Tucker, and Mike Dabich

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.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes: correction or approval of the minutes of the August 12, 2025, Council Meeting.

Financial Report: Correction or approval of the August 31, 2025, financial report.

Payment of Bills: Corrections or approval of the payment of bills for September 2025.

Mayor Oler asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the previously mentioned council minutes, financial report, or payment of bills.

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GL Period	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Vendor Number	Payee	Check GL Account	Amount
09/25	09/09/2025	20495	815	ABC SIGN. INC	10-20000	158.25
09/25	09/09/2025	20497	139	Black Hills Energy	51-20000	488.28
09/25	09/09/2025	20498	145	Bloedorn Lumber - Lander	10-20000	11.12
09/25	09/09/2025	20499	888	Capital One	10-20000	120.59
09/25	09/09/2025	20500	797	CARD SERVICES	10-20000	185.77
09/25	09/09/2025	20501	183	Casele, Inc.	51-20000	918.00
09/25	09/09/2025	20502	172	Century Link	51-20000	173.79
09/25	09/09/2025	20503	688	City of Riverton - General	51-20000	90.00
09/25	09/09/2025	20504	707	City of Riverton/Airport	77-20000	17.80
09/25	09/09/2025	20505	728	Dream, Design, Develop, LLC	10-20000	175.00
09/25	09/09/2025	20508	226	Energy Laboratories Inc.(Correspondence)	51-20000	2,199.00
09/25	09/09/2025	20507	817	FALCON ENVIRONMENTAL CORP	51-20000	315.24
09/25	09/09/2025	20508	247	Ferguson Waterworks #1118	51-20000	500.00
09/25	09/09/2025	20509	259	Fremont County Association of Government	77-20000	8.90
09/25	09/09/2025	20510	285	Hawkins Water Treatment Inc	51-20000	994.91
09/25	09/09/2025	20511	882	HDR Engineering	80-20000	3,525.00
09/25	09/09/2025	20512	304	High Mountain Electric	51-20000	1,038.50
09/25	09/09/2025	20513	307	HIGH PLAINS POWER	10-20000	32.02
09/25	09/09/2025	20514	897	HOPPER DISPOSAL, INC.	51-20000	110.00
09/25	09/09/2025	20515	381	Lander Ace Hardware	10-20000	213.98
09/25	09/09/2025	20516	412	MOUNTAIN WEST BUSINESS	51-20000	101.27
09/25	09/09/2025	20517	424	NORCO, INC.	51-20000	430.25
09/25	09/09/2025	20518	810	Peak Water Services LLC	51-20000	20,778.39
09/25	09/09/2025	20519	463	Precision Dirt Works, Inc.	72-20000	5,529.80
09/25	09/09/2025	20520	785	Quill Corporation	10-20000	29.99
09/25	09/09/2025	20521	799	RAMSHORN CONSTRUCTION INC	79-20000	7,100.00
09/25	09/09/2025	20522	466	Rocky Mountain Power	51-20000	3,758.30
09/25	09/09/2025	20523	758	Sherry Oler	10-20000	248.90
09/25	09/09/2025	20524	588	Union Wireless	51-20000	187.26
09/25	09/09/2025	20525	725	Western Law Associates	10-20000	278.00
09/25	09/09/2025	20528	890	WRI	51-20000	90.03
Grand Totals:						49,750.34

Councilwoman Helen Gordon moved to approve the consent agenda, minutes, financial report, and payment of bills, seconded by Councilman Zeke Bonella. The motion passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Report – August 2025

Flood Mitigation: I attended a State Homeland Security class in Casper on August 26-27, 2025, on flood preparation. While there, I asked about the status of our grant application but the person from Homeland Security was new and didn't know about our application.

Water Rates: I am still in the process of reviewing/analyzing the water rate structure.

WY DOT/Radar Feedback Signs: Received and will be installed the week of September 8, 2025. We also received a large order of signs to place around town; Jesse will begin installing them during the month.

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Cemetery: The block signs are here, and we will start installing them next week.

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. In the meantime, Midwest Assistance is helping me to apply for 100% funding to install a backup generator and SCADA system at the sewer lagoon. We continue to meet monthly for the group working on the PER.

Demolition of old Theater: I continue to gather information for the Brownfields program to enable the program to start an assessment of the building.

Entrance Sign: the southern entrance sign will be installed on September 23, 2025.

Property Valuation for Oklahoma St. Parcel: I left message for a realtor and contacted the assessor's office for comparable sales to establish an evaluation for a potential sale.

CLERK – TREASURER REPORT

August 2025

Town Hall remains busy with the usual notary seekers, complaints, broad questions, and regulars coming in to pay their utility bills and chat for a few minutes.

The Mayor and I spent a few hours this month working on a sign order for the WDOC sign shop. We designed what we thought would look nice for row markers for the cemetery. The sign shop could not make them per our design so we did more research and produced a design that would work for us and that they could make. The cemetery is really looking great, and we have had several people let us know that they appreciate the work going on to make it nice. Kudos to Harry, Jesse, and Connor for their efforts!

I continued to work with the lady from out of state regarding the burial of her father's remains. She had something come up and changed the date.

Despite publishing several notices about mosquito spraying on Facebook, our website, and at the Post Office, there were still some complaints that they did not know when the spraying would take place, and they were caught off guard. We are not sure how to alleviate these concerns, but we do the best we can to get the word out. Thankfully, mosquito spraying is over for the season.

There were a couple of exceptionally large usage readings for water this month. Jesse was able to look at them and find the problems and either get them fixed or explain to the customer what the issue was. It is nice to have the new meters and electronic reading program so we can pinpoint readings that are out of the normal usage and address them before they become a larger problem.

I have been working with Betty more on training this month for other duties now that she has completed her cemetery project. We will both be attending the Caselle conference in Salt Lake City in October and I am sure she will come away with a lot more understanding of the program.

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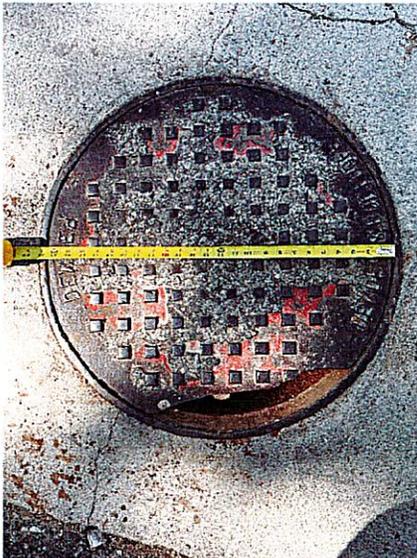
Betty and I also tackled a huge pile of filing from my office. There was much organizing, learning, teaching, and Betty spent hours putting it all together and making our filing system so much easier.

I spent some time away from the office in the mountains, which was nice. I had a few medical appointments, and one trip to deliver a granddaughter to college out of state. Overall, it was a busy month as usual. Bring on Fall and moisture to help with all the fires!

Maintenance Report

August 2025

Week of Aug. 1st: Collected monthly samples from the Lagoon and shipped them off to Energy Labs in Casper. Replaced several sprinklers around the new bench/memorial area in the cemetery. Also went around town hanging up water shutoff notices to about 12 different addresses. Collected an E.coli sample from lagoon and took it to Riverton's WWTP for testing. We ordered a new sewer manhole for in between 2nd and Illinois and 2nd and Indiana. Manhole was extremely old and one side of it was partially chipped off. Used backhoe to pick up old High Service Pump from WTP and take it up to the profit pile as a new HSP was being put in. Also pushed back the brush pile while I had the backhoe up there.



Week of Aug. 7th: Trimmed several of the pine trees at the cemetery so they all look very uniform, and is now much easier for people, and our mowers to go underneath them. Removed the old map from the cemetery and replaced it with a new one. Information is the same, the old one was just very

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burnt and made it very hard to interpret anything on it. Got called out to Vanessa Crains trailer at 321 E 6th to investigate an abnormally high-water bill. Turned out, their yard hydrant in front of their house was in the open position, and although no water was flowing out of the hose, there was a leak in it underneath the ground that you could not visibly see. Collected an E.coli sample from lagoon and took it to Riverton's WWTP for testing.

Week of Aug. 14th: Water level at lagoon was starting to get too low, so I slightly closed valve at weir box slightly to help lagoon get up to desired level. Cemetery water tank had been filling up to full and dumping a decent amount of water out the overflow every day, so I climbed the tank and adjusted the floats, now it fills up to a good level without coming out the overflow. New manhole arrived and replaced the old chipped one. Helped Harry complete a CIP(clean in place) on LPM#1. Amber Wyrick at 309 S Kansas had a very abnormal water reading, found out that her water meter had reverse flow due to it being installed backwards, I took the meter out and reinstalled it the proper direction.



Week of Aug. 21st: Ordered new elbows and fittings for new dripline for lilac bushes at cemetery. Cleaned up Svilar Park for a party taking place that weekend. Read the whole town's water meters. Precision Dirt unloaded several truckloads of road base up at the brush pile that the town bought from them, they also unloaded a couple loads of river rocks to fill in large hole in canal next to town hall. Used backhoe to pile up all the road base into one big pile and pushed back the brush pile as well.

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Ripped out the old "Blue Herron" sign along highway on South side of Hudson in preparation for new sign being put in.



August 2025 Water Plant Report to Council

The water plant produced 2,821,156 gallons of water for the month of August, averaging 91,005 gallons a day.

Week of August 1st. All plant daily and weekly maintenance was performed. All components involved with production were rotated and serviced as per O&M manual procedures for the beginning of the month. Jesse was on call for the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd with no call outs or alarms at the water plant.

Week of August 4th. All water plants daily and weekly maintenance were performed. Lpm's were rotated as they get rotated to production weekly. July SWTR WY 5200183 2025 report sent into EPA and was accepted. August Bac-T was taken at 164 North Ohio and submitted to lab in Lander. Hannes Stueckler was in the water plant to update EPA's data system for our level of operation which remains a level 2 system. Brian Linton was in the water plant to watch and assist with installation of new High speed water pump for clear well by Advanced Pump Company. Total installation to operational status was 4 hrs. Brian also instructed us how to do EPA sampling for

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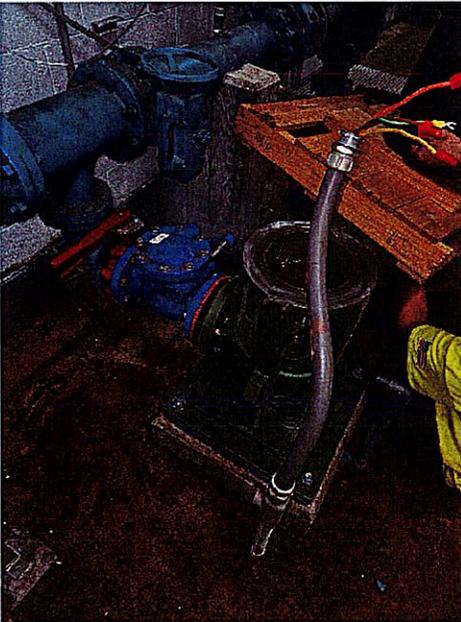
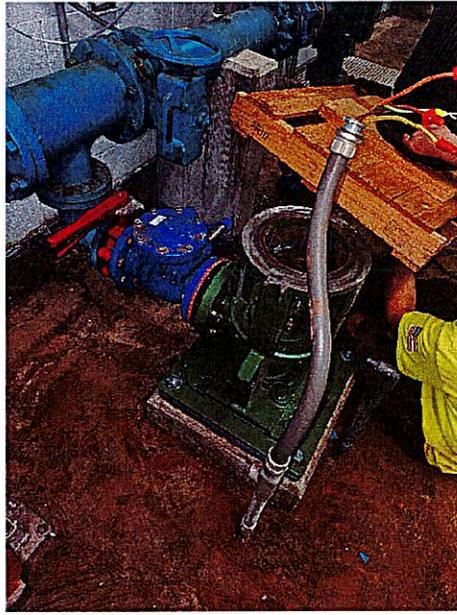
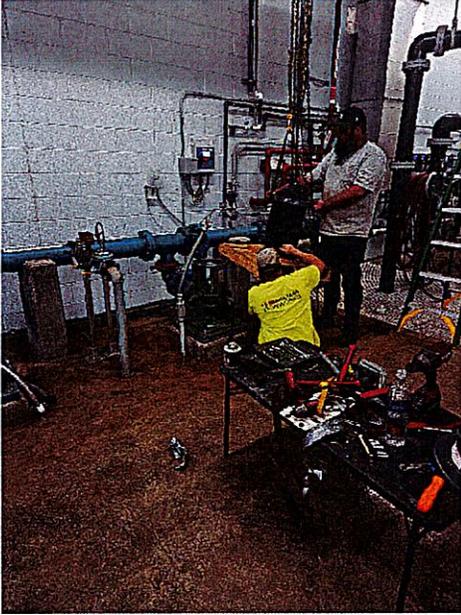
2025 Monitoring and reporting with help submitting the report after sending off samples to Energy labs in Casper. The plant HVAC system broke down, and Sweet Water Air came and attempted to repair it, parts are in order and will be installed when they arrive. Harry was on call for the weekend of the 9th and 10th with no alarms or call outs.

Week of August 11th. All daily and weekly maintenance was performed. Rotated lpm's and cleaned turbidity meters. Attended Teams Meeting, continued washing and cleaning of water plant. We had LPM #1 shut down and Scada called me out to restart on the 11th at 20:00 Hrs. Hawkins Chemical in to deliver Cl₂. We performed a clean in place on LPM #1 for 16 hrs. and was put back into production. Two-week rotations of water plant equipment were performed. Jesse was on call for the weekend of the 16th and 17th with no call outs or alarms.

Week of August 18th and 25th. All water plants daily and weekly maintenance was performed. I made an appointment with Jerry Cox ITC to adjust variable frequency drive for new pump. Received Analytical Summery Report for testing performed. Harry on call weekend of 23rd and 24th, Jesse on call weekend of 30th and 31st with no call outs or alarms.



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Councilman Kevin Kummer moved to approve the department reports, seconded by Councilwoman Helen Gordon. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

PROPERTY SALE ON OKLAHOMA: Mayor Oler reported on the survey of the property to be sold on Oklahoma. It is a piece of land 14 feet wide by 200 feet long encompassing part of Oklahoma street. The property will be published for bids in the newspaper with a minimum bid of \$5,000.

WELCOME SIGN: Mayor Oler reported on the installation of the Welcome Sign on the South edge of town. Installation is to take place on September 23 with a large crowd in attendance. WDOT has approved the crowd.

NEW BUSINESS:

DEMOLITION OF THE OLD THEATER ON MAIN STREET: Mayor Oler reported on her progress with the Brownfield Program regarding the demolition of the old theater. She stated that the Brownfield Program will assess the building and make their recommendations. They will do the assessment as soon as they receive the legal description of the property, and the full names of the owners. Attorney Sollars spoke about the Shoshoni Main Street demolition project and how they handled the asbestos abatement with water wrapping and other methods and how it worked for Shoshoni.

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PUBLIC COMMENT FROM MIKE DABICH: Mr. Dabich stated that he has been doing some research on asbestos removal. He stated that the asbestos that will be removed will need to be shipped to a storage facility in Utah and who will pay for that? Attorney Sollars stated that only asbestos that is friable must go elsewhere. If not, it can go to the dump. Mr. Dabich questioned why the town would take ownership of a hazardous property situation. Mayor Oler explained that only the building would be transferred to the town for the sole purpose of having the Brownfield program do the remediation and demolition. There will be no cost to the town whatsoever. Mr. Dabich further stated that he is bothered that the town is helping to fix individual property with no benefit to the town while there are other properties in town that need help cleaning up asbestos and should be torn down as well. He does not think the town should help one and not help others. The mayor reiterated that the old theater is on Main Street and is a community eyesore as well as a safety issue. Mr. Dabich stated that he just wanted to state his opinion on the matter.

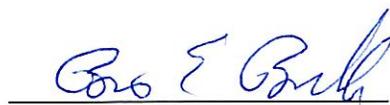
LIBRARY SHED REPAIRS: Mayor Oler wanted to discuss consideration of fixing or purchasing a new shed at the library. Research showed that with the information shared by Brenda Smith previously. A new building bid is approximately \$60,000 to replace with electricity, sheetrock, and flooring. The shed is in bad shape. It is structurally solid except for the front. Discussion ensued with several different ideas being shared. It was decided that other avenues will be researched. It was shared that the library building roof needs repairs as well. The library is being used increasingly.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the council. Councilwoman Helen Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Kevin Kummer seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

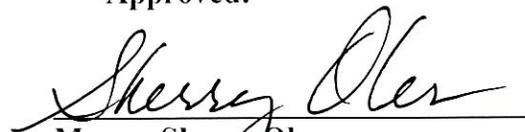
Attest:


Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman


Councilwoman, Helen Gordon


Councilman, Zeke Bonella

Approved:


Mayor, Sherry Oler


Councilman, Kevin Kummer

Excused
Councilman, Brady Hamilton