

TOWN OF HUDSON
MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting
333 S Main Street
HUDSON, WY 82515
April 14, 2026

Mayor Oler called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. after the completion of the Public Meeting concerning Utility Rate Increases. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was announced.

Governing Body Present: Mayor Sherry Oler, Councilmembers Zeke Bonella, Kevin Kummer, Brady Hamilton, 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: Dave Lucas, Heather Minnich, Brenda Smith, Jack Wananda, Carol Treese, Marilyn Robinson, Jerrica Flom

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA items I, II, and III

I. MINUTES:

Correction/approval of the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting of March 10, 2026

II. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Correction/approval of the Financial Report for March 31, 2026

II. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Correction/approval of the payment of bills for April 2026

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GL Period	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Vendor Number	Payee	Check GL Account	Amount
04/28	04/14/2026	20756	818	American Legal Publishing	10-20000	1,120.02
04/28	04/14/2026	20757	139	Black Hills Energy	51-20000	1,490.80
04/28	04/14/2026	20758	797	CARD SERVICES	10-20000	835.89
04/28	04/14/2026	20759	163	Caselle, Inc.	51-20000	918.00
04/28	04/14/2026	20760	172	Century Link	51-20000	176.01
04/28	04/14/2026	20761	688	City of Riverton - General	51-20000	90.00
04/28	04/14/2026	20762	728	Dream, Design, Develop, LLC	10-20000	25.00
04/28	04/14/2026	20763	226	Energy Laboratories Inc.(Correspondence)	51-20000	295.00
04/28	04/14/2026	20764	718	Fike Consulting	10-20000	1,436.75
04/28	04/14/2026	20765	271	Fremont County Treasurer	10-20000	557.76
04/28	04/14/2026	20766	283	GRIFFIN ENTERPRISES	10-20000	700.19
04/28	04/14/2026	20767	286	Hach Company	51-20000	104.55
04/28	04/14/2026	20768	307	HIGH PLAINS POWER	10-20000	32.00
04/28	04/14/2026	20769	697	HOPPER DISPOSAL, INC.	51-20000	110.00
04/28	04/14/2026	20770	361	Lander Ace Hardware	51-20000	265.66
04/28	04/14/2026	20771	412	MOUNTAIN WEST BUSINESS	51-20000	133.04
04/28	04/14/2026	20772	424	NORCO, INC.	51-20000	44.64
04/28	04/14/2026	20773	442	O'Reilly Auto Parts	51-20000	27.99
04/28	04/14/2026	20774	463	Precision Dirt Works, Inc.	72-20000	4,548.85
04/28	04/14/2026	20775	826	REWORX	10-20000	8,000.00
04/28	04/14/2026	20776	490	Riverton Ranger/Lander Journal	10-20000	41.93
04/28	04/14/2026	20777	496	Rocky Mountain Power	51-20000	4,499.43
04/28	04/14/2026	20778	769	SW O&M Services LLC	51-20000	600.00
04/28	04/14/2026	20779	547	TERMINIX OF WYOMING	10-20000	83.00
04/28	04/14/2026	20780	713	Tosibox, Inc.	51-20000	72.00
04/28	04/14/2026	20781	821	TREVIPAY	10-20000	116.62
04/28	04/14/2026	20782	568	Union Wireless	51-20000	187.38
04/28	04/14/2026	20783	574	USA Blue Book	10-20000	3,999.66
04/28	04/14/2026	20784	595	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	51-20000	164.00
04/28	04/14/2026	20785	725	Western Law Associates	10-20000	258.00
04/28	04/14/2026	20786	622	Wise Ditch Co., Inc.	10-20000	1,440.00
04/28	04/14/2026	20787	631	WY Assoc. of Municipalities	10-20000	6,524.37
04/28	04/14/2026	20788	830	WY OFFICE OF STATE LANDS AND INVESTMENTS	80-20000	4,481.71
Grand Totals:						43,355.25

*Motion to approve consent agenda was made by Councilman Brady Hamilton and seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

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

Mayor Report for the month of March 2026

Flood Mitigation: I will meet with HDR and Headwaters Economics regarding the final deliverable on the Hudson Draw assessment during the last week of March. US Army Corps of Engineers contacted me

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on another project where the town may receive some flood mapping at no cost. I also met with Senator Lummis' office regarding the status of our FEMA funding application(s) for flood mitigation and I hope to receive a response or status within the next couple of months.

Sewer PER: The last meeting to discuss the wastewater PER will take place on Monday the 13th at 12:00 p.m. I should receive the final delivery and that document will be the foundation for Hudson's grant/loan applications with Rural Development and SLIB and any other program I am able to apply for assistance.

Midwest Assistance: will be coming to Hudson to hold a class on water sanitary surveys in the first week of May. Harry and Lyle will be able to receive two (2) hours of credit for attendance at the class.

Budget Information: Kathy and I edited our budget sheets and sent them to Charri to final. After she polishes them, we should be able to deliver finals to council during the week of the 20th.

Internet, Telephone and Software program for Town Hall: We have received two training sessions. It will take us a minute to enter Hudson's information, but we are excited to start streamlining our tasks & DEQ reporting. The installation of our new phones and internet has significantly streamlined office operations, saving staff valuable time.

Homeland Security Grants: I reapplied for 100% grant funding for a backup generator at the lift station and submitted a new application for 100% grant funding for the "high priority" items identified by our Level I Water Study. A SCADA upgrade and radio equipment for water tank communications were the only items to fit the grant. If successful, we could potentially receive \$143,000 worth of improvements at no cost to the town.

Level II Water Study: George Moser has been confirmed as our liaison for the Level II Water Study, bringing helpful familiarity with our water systems. I will travel to Cheyenne on May 6-7 to support our application to the Wyoming Water Commission and Governor's Select Water Committee, preparing over the coming weeks.

Ordinances: We received hard copies of the proposed ordinances, and the ordinance committee began their review process. We also received a digital copy. Next step is to set a public meeting for the first reading.

Wayfaring Signs: I met with the committee and Helen Wilson to confirm locations and information on the signs. A couple signs and locations needed to change, but the meeting went well. Hopefully, we will have the signs installed by the end of September if everything goes smoothly with manufacturing and encroachment permits.

Lyle Hughes passed his Level 1 wastewater license test and is now preparing for the Level 1 water and distribution exam. I am pleased with his progress.

There is more but I am still keeping it to one page!

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CLERK-TREASURER REPORT

March 2026

March was busy with a lot going on in Town Hall. Time was spent on getting our new phones programmed and new internet service ready to go. On March 17th we were able to “go live” with the phones and new internet and everything has been working wonderfully so far! The new phone system has streamlined our office operations significantly already. The old internet and phone lines have been disconnected.

I have been trying to keep up and send out door hangers for past due utility bills and keeping an eye on the aging report. We are going to begin having Betty phone anyone whose account is 30 days behind and remind them they are late. I have sent renewal notices to the ones on Payment Agreement Plans and have received most of them back. One of them missed her first payment and got a door hanger and promptly paid up. Also, one of our long-standing offenders sold her property and our lien was satisfied. Hooray! I have sent out notices of lien filing to those on payment plans notifying them that we will be filing a lien on their property until they have the balance paid off. There is currently just over \$6,000 in overdue accounts being carried by the town. Of that amount, \$3,900 is under payment agreements. One in the amount of \$1,062.93 is under a lien on an abandoned property in town. One for \$506.95 has been shut off for non-payment, and the remaining \$530 is on the overdue/doorhanger list.

Sherry and I have received several training sessions with Jake Lara for our new ReWorx system. I will have a myriad of information to input, but it will be great if we can streamline our tasks. I believe this will be a huge timesaver once it is all in place.

We purchased a new tablet to perform the electronic meter readings since the handheld device is now obsolete. I spent some time on the phone with Sensus to get it configured and working for readings. Harry and Lyle tested it out and we are going to have Betty start doing the readings as part of her duties. This will free up time for Harry and Lyle.

I prepared the lien release and recorded same with the county clerk’s office for the property on New York that was sold.

Sherry and I spent several hours (days really) fine tuning the budget and getting ready for the budget work session. After the work session, we spent even more time making changes and sending it off to Charri for her input and more streamlining. Once she completes her changes, we will get it out to council for review and finalize it at the May meeting.

Sherry and I have also spent some hours preparing for the upcoming public meeting regarding the increase in the utility rates. We advertised it in every forum and location we could think of so, hopefully, residents will be aware of the upcoming changes.

Overall, Town Hall had a highly active month. Still praying for less wind and more moisture from Mother Nature. It is going to be a busy fire season, I am afraid. Be safe and do not burn!

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MAINTENANCE REPORT

MARCH 2026

March 1st through 7th

Various different start ups for spring as far as sprinkler systems to cemetery and Svilar's park were started and pressurized, typical maintenance required for daily checks on lagoon cemetery and brush pile operations and safety. Various leaks detected and located and dealt with accordingly.

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March 8th through 14th

Carry on normal operations of dumping trash on properties, maintaining lagoon bugs for normal operation, e-coli testing completed for weekly deq regulations. Still locating and fixing extensive leaks in old sprinkler systems changing and adjusting heads etc. accommodating locates for dig Wyoming for couple of projects in town including speed limit sign for WYDOT. Start cleaning up fencelines and trimming parks, Getting all yard equipment organized and ready for season etc.

March 22nd through March 28

Normal maintenance daily checks operations as usual daily. Feed bugs to sewer lagoon and e-coli test weekly per DEQ. Continue to fix various issues with sprinkler systems, including raising/changing heads and digging location problem spots. Daily throughout the month also assisting Harry in WTP learning operations for that as well. Call in locate for new sign at top of cemetery hill, got complete and installed.

MARCH 2026 WTP REPORT

All daily, monthly maintenance was done at the WTP for the month of March 2026 as per O.&M. manuals. All pumps and wells were rotated bi-weekly. All daily tests were performed and recorded. Chemical levels and dosing rates were recorded and monitored. Scada backup was rotated and returned to town hall. Training is ongoing with Lyle at the water plant for learning procedures for daily maintenance and record keeping. As of this report Lyle has challenged and passed his wastewater operators exam and is now licensed for the lagoon operations. Seth is continuing training him on testing and reporting currently.

February's Region 8 SWTR report was submitted on the 2nd of the month. We received the WWTP analytical report for April's testing on the 3rd. The February Bac-T test was taken at 580 south Ohio and submitted to lander lab. Harry continues to shadow Lyle on his weekends on call at the water plant. All tests for the water plant and distribution for the monitoring period till 2028 were ordered so we can test all at once and in compliance till then except for daily and monthly testing and recording for monthly E.P.A. SWTR reports. We made an inventory with Milan Vinich on our sandbag and plastic sheeting count for flood management and mitigation. Harry watched training video and took test for PFAS sampling prior to lab technicians' arrival and passed. March 12th Bac-T report was received and sent into E.P.A... Met with Precision Dirt Works and went over Oklahoma's revamp between 4th and 3rd street.

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March 16th attended Teams meeting with Mayor. On the 17th PFAS tech was at water plant and we took all samples and prepared them for delivery to Montana's Energy lab location as WY has no approved testing facilities. We should have results in about a month or less. Our new meter reading tablet was configured and was used this month without any issues. On the 25th we started watering all parks and began filling cemetery holding tank. This year will be a rough one as the systems in Svilar, library and the cemetery are showing their age. The cemetery has had 13 repairs as this report and continues needing daily repairs. Tuesday the 31st a C.I.P. was performed on LPM #1. Justin from Riverton WTP visited to check in as our backup wtp operator.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

LIVESTOCK PERMIT (Amended from last month): (Renewal of April 2025)

Jerrica Flom
124 N Indiana
2 Horses & Flock of Chickens

Ms. Flom amended her previous permit to fit the animals she has room for.

Motion to approve Livestock Permit was made by Councilman Zeke Bonella and seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 858 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THE OKLAHOMA AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY, BLOCK 65, HUDSON WY – THIRD READING

Motion to approve Ordinance 858 – Third and final Reading was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon with a second made by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk Shoopman will record the Ordinance with the County Clerk's Office.

DOGGY DAY CARE INQUIRY: Mayor Oler informed council members of a request from a resident regarding opening a doggy day care in her home to take care of dogs during the weekdays. After a lengthy discussion, and need for more information, a motion to table this item until next month was made by Councilman Brady Hamilton. Councilwoman Helen Gordon seconded the motion. Motion passed and item will be revisited next month.

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APPROVAL OF LETTER TO ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS: Mayor Oler presented a letter and information regarding obtaining more information from the Army Corps of Engineers to request planning assistance for flood mitigation options for Hudson.

Motion to approve sending letter to Army Corps of Engineers was made by Councilman Zeke Bonella and seconded by Councilwoman Helen Gordon. Motion passed.

LETTER FROM MARINE CORPS LEAGUE: Mayor Oler presented a letter from the Marine Corps League to council for discussion. The Marine Corps League is requesting the Town waive the rental fee of Town Hall for their monthly meetings.

A motion to approve waiving the rental fee for the Marine Corps League was made by Councilman Brady Hamilton with a second from Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel

Councilman Zeke Bonella moved to adjourn into Executive Session. Councilman Brady Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting adjourned into Executive session at 6:55 pm. Councilwoman Helen Gordon left the meeting at this time.

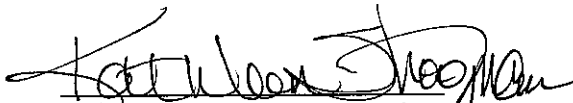
Councilman Zeke Bonella moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Councilman Kevin Kummer seconded motion. Motion passed and regular council meeting resumed at 7:44 pm.

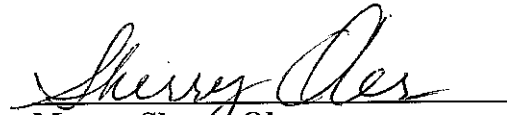
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Brady Hamilton and seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

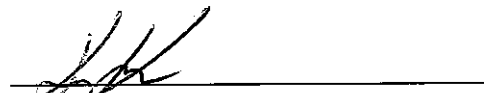
Attest:

Approved:


Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman


Mayor, Sherry Oler


Councilwoman, Helen Gordon


Councilman, Kevin Kummer


Councilman, Zeke Bonella


Councilman, Brady Hamilton