

TOWN OF HUDSON  
MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting  
333 S Main Street  
HUDSON, WY 82515  
February 17, 2026

Due to scheduled Public Meeting and Public Hearing prior to the Regular Council Meeting, Mayor Oler called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was announced.

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

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

**Audience:** Robin Allison, Heather Minnich

**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 January 13, 2026

**II. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

**II. PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Correction/approval of the payment of bills for February 2026

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02/26	02/17/2026	20712	758	Sherry Oler	51-20000	4,889.24
02/26	02/17/2026	20713	657	Sweetwater Aire	10-20000	409.36
02/26	02/17/2026	20714	713	Tosibox, Inc.	51-20000	941.20
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02/26	02/17/2026	20716	568	Union Wireless	51-20000	166.26
02/26	02/17/2026	20717	595	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	51-20000	177.50
02/26	02/17/2026	20718	725	Western Law Associates	51-20000	164.00
02/26	02/17/2026	20719	690	WRI	10-20000	568.00
02/26	02/17/2026	20720	715	Wyoming Water Quality & Pollution	51-20000	90.03
02/26	02/26/2026	20724	824	AirmedCare Network	51-20000	30.00
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Grand Totals:						28,780.77

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.

**REPORTS:**

- Mayor
- Clerk/Treasurer
- Water Treatment Plant
- Maintenance – No Report available

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## **Mayor Report for the month of January 2026**

New Employee: Please help me welcome Lyle Hughes, our new maintenance person who is filling Jesse's vacant position. We are looking forward to working with him!

Flood Mitigation: Headwaters Economics is contracting with HDR Engineering on behalf of Hudson to use the \$25,000 pledge from Headwaters Economics to begin work on step 1 of our assessment process and start modeling options for the Hudson Draw. The contract deadline for deliverables is the end of April. I look forward to seeing the results of their technical assessments.

Sewer PER: The Sewer PER was submitted to the State Land Investment Board and Rural Development in support of future grant applications for the wastewater lift station and lagoon. The required Intended Use Plan for our Wastewater Project was filed before the deadline. A public hearing on the Wastewater PER is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Old Backhoe/Loader: The old backhoe loader is gone! The successful bidder picked it up in the first part of February.

Budget Information: Kathy will complete the proposed analysis of a budget transfer and prepare a budget resolution for counsel to consider and vote.

Software program for Town Hall: The process of Jake writing the software program for the Town has begun. He thought we would be receiving final installations and training complete in approximately seven weeks.

Ordinances: I finished my edits on the ordinances, Rick Sollars reviewed them and returned them to me, and I shipped them to the law firm for final preparations before the February 1 deadline. Unfortunately, we ran out of time for the ordinance committee to review them before submission.

Water/Sewer Rates: Midwest Assistance will be presenting their report on our utility billing rates at the public meeting on February 17. Town council will consider the proposed rates and will vote on the proposed rates during the March council meeting. Once a proposed rate structure is set, we will need to hold a public hearing to let residents know the town's intentions.

DW SLIB Loan: I am still hoping to use the remaining loan balance on the high priority items identified in our Level 1 Water Study. I spoke with Kyle about contacting Jennifer Russell to confirm this is possible and feasible. I hope to hear the response soon. If we cannot use the funds, we can just close the loan out and relinquish the remaining funds.

Level II Water Study: I met with George Moser at the Wyoming Water Development Commission to get tips for completing our Level II Water Study application. Uri at HDR has been collaborating with

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me on it and we are meeting again this Friday to finalize edits and submit the application before the March 1 deadline.

Sherry

**CLERK-TREASURER REPORT**  
**January 2025**

During the beginning of the new year, several staff members, including myself, experienced illness, which required a brief period of quarantine to prevent the spread of the seasonal bug impacting Town Hall.

Despite these challenges, the month remained productive as we completed a variety of end-of-year tasks, including finalizing annual reports, purging outdated files, and preparing new folders for the upcoming year.

We continued progress on the planned software upgrade with ReWorx and held meetings with Jake to begin preparations. The implementation phase is anticipated to take seven to eight weeks, and we look forward to the improvements the upgrade will bring.

With Jesse's departure for a new opportunity with Riverton, I conducted extensive research through the DEQ portal to identify potential contract operators to support Harry. Although two prospects were contacted by Sherry, neither was interested, requiring us to continue our search. We will miss Jesse, but we are optimistic about our new employee, Lyle Hughes. Additionally, I completed the necessary correspondence and paperwork to terminate Jesse's benefits.

Issues with meter reading equipment persisted from the previous month, and we continued to encounter the same errors. Due to the lack of response from Core & Main, I reached out directly to Sensus Technical Support. They informed us that our handheld device is no longer compatible with the cloud following the latest system upgrade, despite being in use for less than six months. With their assistance, we reconfigured the system to operate through Wi-Fi, although the process required several additional steps and over two hours of phone support across two calls. Sensus recommended replacing the handheld device with a Samsung Android tablet, which would be both more efficient and less expensive. After obtaining the technical specifications, we forwarded them to Wedge Fike, who located a suitable tablet for purchase. Once the device arrives, I will need to coordinate with Sensus again to complete the required reconfiguration for cloud compatibility.

Sherry and I met several times throughout the month to review the budget and determine the necessary transfers to ensure adequate funding for expenses. We also continued preparations for the upcoming Public Meeting, including publishing required notices related to the wastewater project, the three liquor license renewal hearings, and the proposed ordinance to vacate a portion of the Oklahoma right-of-way.

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Additionally, we conducted research on implementing a “recapture clause” within the employee policy manual. This amendment would allow the Town to recover testing and book expenses from employees who leave within a designated period after receiving licensure. This measure is intended to mitigate the recurring issue of losing trained and certified employees to other entities shortly after their certification.

In summary, although illness presented challenges this month, we successfully managed a full workload and made progress across several important initiatives. We look forward to a productive February and hope for much-needed moisture in the coming weeks.

#### January Water Plant Report 2026

All daily, weekly, monthly maintenance was done at the water plant for the month of January 2026 as per O. and M. Manuals. All pumps and wells were rotated bi-weekly for redundancy. All daily tests and values were done and recorded also. Chemicals levels were checked daily. SCADA backup was rotated on the first of the month and back up returned to the town hall. Harry and Jesse rotated for the month of January weekends with no call outs or work orders/

January 5<sup>th</sup> call to establish day and time for Bac-T appointment at 156 North Missouri for the 6<sup>th</sup> at 09:00. Rogue Mechanical Fire in water plant to repair fire suppression systems, see attached photos.

January 6<sup>th</sup> Bac-T sample taken and delivered to Lander Sage West lab. Gator delivered to Stotz for repairs. Chemtrac CL2 Analyzer membranes and solution ordered. Jesse went out to Casper on the 9<sup>th</sup> and passed level 2 water operator testing.

Monday January 12<sup>th</sup> Jesse turned in two weeks’ notice and will be going to work for Riverton WWTP. Bac-T results back and all were negative and were sent into E.P.A... Cl2 was ordered from Hawkins Chemical. Kyle and James from H.D.R. were in to install new mapping program to water plant and Harry’s phone, we will be able to access wastewater and water maps from phone and computer rather than on paper maps.

Harry is out in Casper the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> for conference training. Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Harry appointment for workman’s comp shoulder repair. CIP performed on LPM #2 Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> was successful and recorded. Also Monday PEAK Services was in WTP to finish install of appropriate flange on vertical turbine pump #1, see attached pictures.

Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> Precision was in to repair water leak at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ohio, Race residence, copper supply line after corporation had worn thin and was leaking, see attached pictures. Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> Was Jesses last day of work for the town of Hudson.

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

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES:** Mayor Oler gave an update on the codification project should be finalized around the end of March. All requested changes from the Mayor and legal counsel were mailed out and we expect them to return the finished project to us by the end of the month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

Motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance 858 was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon and seconded by Councilman Zeke Bonella. First Reading of Ordinance 858 passed.

**RESOLUTION 2026-02 – A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE WYOMING WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CONDUCT A LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE TOWN OF HUDSON POTABLE WATER SUPPLY.**

After a brief discussion, a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02 was made by Councilman Zeke Bonella with a second by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2026-03 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET**

Mayor Oler outlined the necessity of the Budget Amendment to Council. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 was made by Councilman Kevin Kummer with a second being made by Councilman Zeke Bonella. Motion passed.

**SET BUDGET WORK SESSION FOR MARCH**

Mayor Oler asked those present for a date to hold a work session to discuss the next fiscal year budget. The Budget Work Session will be held March 24, 2026 at 6:00pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel**

Motion to adjourn into Executive session was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon and seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion passed and meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 6:40pm.

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The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 6:57 p.m.

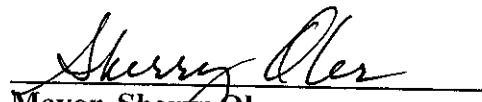
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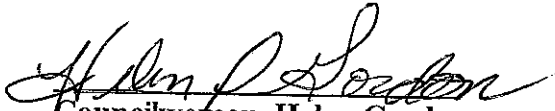
There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Zeke Bonella and seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Attest:


  
Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman

Approved:

  
Mayor, Sherry Oler

  
Councilwoman, Helen Gordon

  
Councilman, Kevin Kummer

  
Councilman, Zeke Bonella

*Excused*  
Councilman, Brady Hamilton