

TOWN OF HUDSON
MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting
333 S Main Street
HUDSON, WY 82515
January 13, 2026

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 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: Mike Dabich, Marilyn Robinson

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

Election of Council President (Mayor Pro-Tem): Councilman, Zeke Bonella nominated Councilman Brady Hamilton to be the Council President and Mayor Pro-Tem. There being no other nominations, Councilman Hamilton was unanimously voted in as Council President/Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Oler announced it was now time to approve the appointments for the year.

Appointment of Municipal Judge: Motion to ratify the appointment of Teresa McKee as Municipal Judge was made by Councilman Kevin Kummer, seconded by Councilman Zeke Bonella, and motion passed.

Depositories:

Wyoming Community Bank/ WYOMING CLASS Investment Fund

Motion: Councilwoman Helen Gordon moved to ratify the approval of Wyoming Community Bank/WYOMING CLASS Investment Fund as official depositories for the Town. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer and the motion carried.

Signatories for all Town designated depositories:

Mayor Sherry Oler
Mayor Pro-tem, Brady Hamilton
Clerk-Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman

Motion: Councilwoman Helen Gordon moved to approve the Signatories as listed as official signatories for the Town. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer and the motion carried.

Newspapers:

For Required Official Notifications: Riverton Ranger

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Motion: Councilwoman Helen Gordon moved to approve the Riverton Ranger as the official newspaper for the Town. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA items I, II, and III

I. MINUTES:

Correction/approval of the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting of December 9, 2025

II. FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

II. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Correction/approval of the payment of bills for January 2026

Town of Hudson Check Register - Summary Page: 1
Check Issue Dates: 1/1/2026 - 1/31/2026 Feb 12, 2026 05:26PM

Report Criteria:
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01/26	01/13/2026	20661	172	Century Link	10-20000	174.17
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01/26	01/13/2026	20663	807	CORE & MAIN	51-20000	4,589.00
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01/26	01/13/2026	20670	697	HOPPER DISPOSAL, INC.	51-20000	110.00
01/26	01/13/2026	20671	322	Hudson Volunteer Fire Departm	10-20000	843.18
01/26	01/13/2026	20672	340	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	10-20000	612.17
01/26	01/13/2026	20673	718	Kathy Shoopman	10-20000	315.24
01/26	01/13/2026	20674	361	Lander Ace Hardware	51-20000	353.94
01/26	01/13/2026	20675	729	Major's Construction	10-20000	18,900.00
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01/26	01/13/2026	20682	771	SCADACore Inc	51-20000	300.00
01/26	01/13/2026	20683	547	TERMINIX OF WYOMING	10-20000	83.00
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01/26	01/13/2026	20688	631	WY Assoc. of Municipalities	10-20000	270.00
Grand Totals:						44,846.40

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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 Zeke Bonella. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

Mayor
Clerk/Treasurer
Water Treatment Plant
Maintenance

Mayor Report for the month of December 2025

Flood Mitigation: December 9, I had a conference call between Headwaters Economics, Milan Vinich, and several HDR representatives regarding our FEMA Flood Application. HDR committed to get a proposal together to use the \$25,000 pledge from Headwaters Economics and work on step 1 of our assessment process and start modeling options for the Hudson Draw. The general idea is if FEMA approves our application, then we can immediately start modeling on the Little and Middle Popo Agie rivers.

Sewer PER: The Sewer PER was sent to the State Land Investment Board and Rural Development in support of future grant applications for the wastewater lift station and lagoon. I also completed the required Intended Use Plan for SLIB funding with HDR for filing by Friday next week.

Entrance Sign Lease Agreement: Chris Hamilton sent the survey results and Mr. Sollars prepared a draft agreement. The draft was dropped off at the Hamilton Ranch, and they have some edits so we will need to meet regarding the changes.

Old Backhoe/Loader: The auction was successful; the winning bid was \$4,400! Our net payment will be \$3,900. Thanks to Zeke and Brady for sending me towards Big Iron!

Budget Information: Kathy was tied up this past month doing end of year reports and accounting. We plan to prepare a budget resolution for your consideration at the next council meeting.

Software program for Town Hall: Kathy contacted Jake Lara about scheduling the installation of the new software program. We are on the schedule for the first part of February.

Ordinances: I have been marking up the draft set of ordinances, and I plan to get my edits to Rick Sollars this week.

Water Rates: Kathy and I will be working on the utility rate spreadsheet that Midwest Assistance provided to us. We plan to prepare a schedule of options at the next council meeting.

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DW SLIB Loan: I contacted SLIB with questions regarding the status of our loan. Our principal balance of the \$525,000 loan is \$369,867.95, which leaves us with \$155,132.05 in unused loan funds. I would like to use the remaining loan balance on the high priority items identified in our Level 1 Water Study and I called Kyle to have him contact Jennifer Russell to confirm this is possible and feasible. If it is not, we can just close the loan out and relinquish the remaining funds. More to come on this item.

Level II Water Study: I am working with Uri @ HDR to apply for the Level II Water Study and specifically nail down Hudson's options for a better water supply. I will keep you informed on this status.

Happy New Year to you all!

CLERK – TREASURER REPORT

December 2025

As we close out the year, things have been busy in the office. I spent several hours figuring out how to move the almost \$1.5M from our bank into our new Wyoming Class investment accounts with the bank on speed dial just in case. I also had to add the new accounts into Caselle and get them set up and deactivate the WyoStar accounts.

I have received two of the three Liquor License renewals back and am waiting for the third so I can send it for publishing and set up the Public Hearing for Council Meeting.

I sent out renewal notices for those residents still on Payment Agreement Plans for their utilities along with an updated form. The number of past due accounts continues to diminish, and we are working diligently to keep up with the late payers with door hangers reminding them to pay.

I received a call from Wedge Fike who handles our IT work asking about our internet dropping and getting slower all the time. He can monitor it remotely and receives notices of all the episodes of it going out. With our phones connected to the internet as well, our phone service continues to deteriorate, and calls are dropped or too choppy to understand and have a meaningful conversation. Wedge suggested switching to Star Link for business, which has become a lot less expensive than before and recommended a new phone provider. Sherry and I had a zoom meeting with Crexendo to demo their phone system, and it is similar to what we currently have for desk phones. After looking at costs, if we switch the internet and phones and discontinue the Century Link, we will no longer need for faxes, the new system will only be about a \$10 increase each month after the initial install and security system work Wedge will have to do.

I attended a Grants Training in Casper put on by the State Budget Department and Grants Management Office. It was a long day in Casper on my usual day off, but it was also just before Christmas, so I was able to do some shopping while I was there. The training covered a lot of information from Understanding the Grant Award and Agreement to Monitoring the Procurement Process, to Performance and Financial Reporting. It was an informative training, and I came away with a better understanding of the Grant Tracking Process.

I got all the employees' forms filed to discontinue the MASA life flight service we had and got everyone signed up and enrolled in the new AirMed Care Life Flight program provided by the Town. This also involved some

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changes to the payroll features on Caselle having to be made, but it all came together in time to process payroll for the month.

Jesse and I had some issues with the meter reading program on my end with the computer not being able to find the correct COM Port path to download the route and upload the readings. I contacted our representative with Core and Main and he promised to do some research and get back to me. I never heard back from him, so Jesse read the meters on his end, and I manually input them into Caselle. I later contacted Core and Main directly and told them we were less than pleased with the customer service and support we have received thus far and especially for what they are charging us for support. I now have a different contact phone number to use for support.

I finished the year with payroll, and working on the quarterly and yearly reporting. Overall, 2025 was mostly kind to us. Here is to a prosperous and healthy 2026!!

December Maintenance Report 2025

Week of Dec. 1st: Collected monthly Influent/Effluent samples for the lagoon and sent them to Energy Labs in Casper for testing. Threw several nutrient/microorganism booster packets into different areas of the Lagoon as I have been doing once monthly. At least until the lagoon is completely covered in ice and it becomes too difficult to do so. Helped Julie Thomas at 156 E. 3rd get her water shut off via her meter pit as she had a plumber on the way and her curb stop was seized up. Collected an e. Coli sample from the Lagoon and sent to Riverton WWTP for testing.

Week of Dec. 7th: Scheduled an appointment on Jan 9th for my level 2 Water Treatment exam. Went around the area of 5th and Ohio, checking manholes to help assist Cory Clouser with City Plumbing to see which direction a sewer line went from 464 S. Ohio. Lagoon water level was starting to creep up too high, so I slightly opened the discharge valve allowing more water to leave. Also collected an e. Coli sample and took it to Riverton's WWTP. I took the Backhoe down to the Lagoon with a bucket full of dirt and filled in some bad rutted areas that have been lingering for the past year.

Week of Dec. 14th: Helped assist Harry in performing a Citric Acid cleaning on one of our LPM's in the WTP. Had a work order to investigate a water meter for Dusty Watts at 848 S. Oklahoma. The meter had several alarm codes on it, including severe reverse flow which caused the meters reading to flip over, showing a reading of almost 10,000,000 gal. It did not actually use this much as it was just faulty, and I replaced it with a new meter. The old one will be sent back for warranty, and we will be provided with new one. I pumped the water out of both hydrants on 1st & Missouri and Coal & Missouri as when spring comes around they will both be rebuilt with the help of Josh Ferguson, and we wanted them to remain dry throughout the winter.

Week of Dec. 21st: Went around town picking up multiple loads of tree branches from the windstorms we were having, a couple street name signs came off, and I had to put them back up and re-tighten them. Harry and I went with Kyle Lehto to view a couple of lift stations out by Arapaho on Tuesday, and I had the rest of the week off due to Christmas, and Harry was on call.

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December Water Plant and Distribution Report

Week of December 1st all Weekly, biweekly, monthly maintenance was performed. Rotate all pumps, wells and chemical feed systems. SWTR 5600183 Region 8 report was sent in to E.P.A.. Bac-T sample was taken at 164 N. Ohio and delivered to the Lander lab. Met with Big Iron representative to inventory the backhoe for auction. The water plant Scada backup drive was swapped out and returned to town hall. Installed new sump pump in water plant pipe chase that failed. Jesse was on call the weekend of the 6th & 7th with no callouts or work orders.

Week of December 8th. Do weekly rotation of L.P.M.'s #1 off and #2 on. All maintenance was performed as per O. & M. recommendations. Hawkins chemical order was placed for Sodium Hypochlorite only. Received Bac-T sample results which were negative and sent report to E.P.A.. Clean O.R.P. and Sodium Permanganate sensors. Call from Cory Clouser asking for wastewater drain directions near his residence. Hawkins delivered ordered chemicals. Performed a Clean in Place on L.P.M. with 500 milliliters of Sodium Hypochlorite for 4 hrs. Clean and calibrate L.P.M and Effluent Turbidity meters. Jesse set date for his level 2 water operators test for the 9th of January. Harry on call the weekend of 13th and 14th with no callouts or work orders.

Week December 15th. All pumps and wells rotated as per two-week schedules. Teams meeting was attended by me. L.P.M. #2 had a clean in place performed with 7000 mls of citric acid used to get ph. down to 2.30 for 16 hrs. Final ph. was 2.60 after 16 hrs. Josh from Ferguson was in and attempted to repair/rebuild fire hydrants on Missouri and 1st and Missouri and Cole with no luck. Will place them out of service till spring with signage. All Membrane Integrity Tests were performed daily throughout the month. Chem Trac was calibrated and cleaned. Jesse on call weekend of 20th and 21st with no callouts or work orders.

Week of December 22nd. All maintenance was performed. L.P.M. C.I.P. was performed with Citric Acid for 16hrs with final P.H. at 2.48. Toured Arapahoe lift stations with Kyle from H.D.R. Short week do Christmas holiday. Drill out Cl2 injection quill. Viper was called for warranty on new meters. Clean influant strainer. Harry on call weekend of 27th and 28th with no callouts or work orders.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES: Mayor Oler gave an update on the codification project stating that it is near completion, with sticky notes and legal details being finalized. She expects to be distributed before the end of the week to Attorney Sollars for his review and then finally given to the Ordinance Committee for their input.

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NEW BUSINESS:

TRAILER/MOBILE HOME PERMIT:

Pamela Leseberg (Josh Williams)
609 S Missouri

2005 Manufactured Home has already been set up on property without permit in place.

Councilwoman Helen Gordon abstained from the discussion due to a conflict. Attorney Sollars pointed out that not only was the permit application filed some time after the trailer was placed, but the landowner did not sign the permit. Mr. Williams is not the registered landowner and cannot apply for permits for the property. Discussion ensued regarding the property and the fact that Mr. Williams continues to block the alleyway with vehicles. Mayor Oler said she would address that issue with Mrs. Leseberg.

Motion to approve Mobile Home Permit contingent upon Pamela Leseberg filing the proper permit application was made by Councilman Kevin Kummer and seconded by Councilman Zeke Bonella. Motion passed with Mayor Oler voting due to Councilwoman Helen Gordon abstaining.

RESOLUTION 2026-001: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS PLAN APPROVAL

Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-001 Emergency Management Operations Plan was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon with a second being made by Councilman Zeke Bonella. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE TO VACATE PORTION OF OKLAHOMA: Mayor Oler asked for discussion on the need to vacate a portion of Oklahoma Avenue Right-of-Way to complete the sale of land to Tass Hardin.

Mr. Dabich asked what the history was behind the land and why it is being vacated. Mayor Oler explained that it was a strip of land that was approved to sell by council and informed him of the reasons behind the sale.

Attorney Sollars outlined the process of vacating the land and Clerk Shoopman will get the documents prepared and publication scheduled. The planned first reading will be at the February Council Meeting.

INTERNET/PHONE SWITCH – Mayor Oler reported on the recent and ongoing internet issues and phone system and a possible solution available to alleviate both. Discussion was held with requests

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from council to explore other providers and Mayor Oler will reach out to T-Mobile for more information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon with a second by Councilman Zeke Bonella. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

AUTHORITY TO SIGN APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDING: Councilman Zeke Bonella moved to approve the mayor to have authority to sign grant applications on behalf of the Town. Councilwoman Helen Gordon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

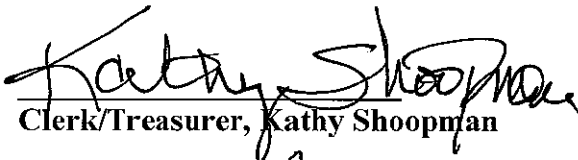
CHANGE OF REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATE FOR FEBRUARY: The February Regular Council Meeting will be moved to February 17, 2026, immediately following the Public Meeting regarding the Wastewater Lagoon Project for the Town of Hudson. The Public Meeting will begin at 5:00 pm.

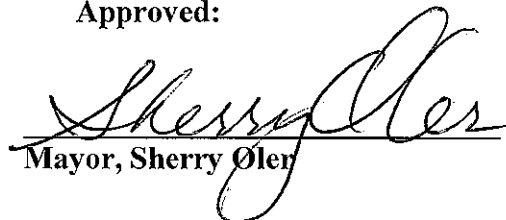
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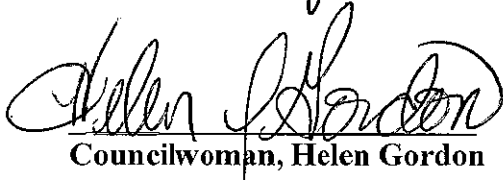
There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Helen Gordon and seconded by Councilman Kevin Kummer. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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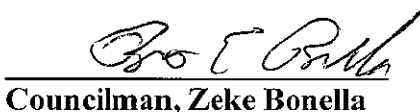
Approved:


Clerk/Treasurer, Kathy Shoopman


Mayor, Sherry Oler


Councilwoman, Helen Gordon


Councilman, Kevin Kummer


Councilman, Zeke Bonella

Excused
Councilman, Brady Hamilton