

City Council Regular Minutes
May 11, 2026

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pexton called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following City Council members present: Kim Pexton, Ron McNare, Perry Hershberger, Matthew Schmidt. Also present: Michele Carter, Interim City Manager/Human Resources Director; Mike Armstrong, City Attorney; Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director; Devon Litzsinger, City Clerk; Todd Mathews, Interim Chief of Police; Mary Nicol, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer; Brandon Frye, Parks and Recreation Director; and Linda Doane, Deputy City Clerk. John Harbarger, Public Works Director via Teams. Mayor Pexton led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Disclosures by City Council Members

None.

3. Approval of General Agenda (Corrections or Additions)

Councilmember Hershberger moved to approve the General Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Leadership Moment

None.

5. Public Comments

Jerome Kinner had questions concerning water wells, road construction completion dates, and concerns regarding the Community Center.

6. Approval of Consent Docket

Councilmember Schmidt moved to approve the Consent Docket as presented. Seconded by Councilmember McNare. Motion carried 4-0.

a. Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting: April 27, 2026

b. Bills & Claims

Warrant Register: April 2026

7. Presentations

a. Proclamation: National Public Works Week

Councilmember Hershberger read a proclamation declaring May 17-23, 2026 as Public Works Appreciation Week.

8. Discussion Items

a. Wyoming State Fair: Event Electrical Grid System

Mayor Pexton led a discussion regarding a request from the Wyoming State Fair for an Event Electrical Grid System.

9. Council Action Items

a. Resolution 2026-24: A Resolution Requesting The Board of Converse County Commissioners Place the One Percent (1%) Sales Tax Question On The Ballot For The 2026 General Election

Mayor Pexton provided an overview. Councilmember McNare moved to approve Resolution 2026-24 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Ordinance 1069: An Ordinance Amending Section 10.92.050 of the Douglas Municipal Code Pertaining to Truck Routes

Interim City Manager Carter provided an overview. Councilmember McNare moved to approve Ordinance 1069 as presented on first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Hershberger. Motion carried 4-0.

c. Ordinance 1070: An Ordinance Amending Section 16.5.5 of the Douglas Municipal Code Pertaining to Landscaping, Buffering, and Screening

Director Chaffin provided an overview. Councilmember Hershberger moved to table Ordinance 1070. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Public Comments

Mike Hageman had questions on public forum regarding ordinances and public comments.

11. Council Information

Councilmember Hershberger clarified the history and application of the sixth-penny tax, including prior voter approval and its relationship to the recreation center project over the years.

a. Minutes: Converse County Tourism & Promotion Board, March 2026

12. Circle Back Recap

City Clerk Litzsinger provided the circle back recap.

13. Good People Doing Good Things

Council gave a shout-out to the following citizens: Councilmember McNare to seven members of the Douglas Volunteer Fire Department for receiving a Life Saving Award. Councilmember Hershberger to the Community Development staff for removing weeds from the landscaping at City Hall. Mayor Pexton to the Douglas Police Department's citizen academy. Councilmember Schmidt to the Police Department for Douglas, Wyoming being recognized as the safest place to live. Mayor Pexton to the staff member at the transfer station for her encouragement and excitement to a student working to earn money for a soccer camp. Councilmember Hershberger to a nice guy who got out of his truck in the rain and helped a gentleman in a wheelchair across the street. Mayor Pexton to the staff at the pool.

14. Community Update

a. Event Calendar

A video highlighting upcoming events was played. Councilmember Hershberger discussed River Access Clean-Up Day, May 17th, 10am-2pm.

15. Executive Session

None.

16. Adjourn

Mayor Pexton called for a motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of May 11, 2026. Councilmember Schmidt moved to Adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember McNare. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:46 P.M.

Kim Pexton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Devon Litzsinger, City Clerk
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