

City Council Regular Minutes  
May 26, 2026

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

Councilmember President McNare called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following City Council members present: Ron McNare, Perry Hershberger, Matthew Schmidt, Joel Weeks. Kim Pexton via Teams. Also present: Michele Carter, Interim City Manager/Human Resources Director; Pierce Peasley, City Attorney; Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director; Devon Litzsinger, City Clerk; Todd Mathews, Interim Chief of Police; John Sterns, Utilities Supervisor; 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.

**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 Weeks. Motion carried 5-0.

**4. Leadership Moment**

None.

**5. Public Comments**

Dena Christiansen requested a broken sewer line be repaired. Mike Hagemann commented on the truck route, the Seven Trails project and screening requirements.

**6. Approval of Consent Docket**

Councilmember Weeks moved to approve the Consent Docket as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 5-0.

**a. Minutes**

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**b. Bills & Claims**

**c. Other – Consent**

**Ordinance 1069: An Ordinance Amending Section 10.92.050 of the Douglas Municipal Code Pertaining to Truck Routes, 3rd Reading**

## 7. Discussion Items

- a. **Ordinance 1070: An Ordinance Amending Section 16.5.5 of the Douglas Municipal Code Pertaining to Landscaping, Buffering, and Screening, 1st Reading**

Director Chaffin provided an overview. David Land, *Ayres & Associates*, was present to answer questions. Discussion followed.

- b. **Workforce Readiness Program and Community Development: Matt Schmidt**

Morryah McCurdy, *Director of The Enterprise*, updated the council regarding the Workforce Readiness Program.

## 8. Public Hearing

- a. **Resolution 2026-26: A Resolution Authorizing a Conditional Use Permit to Ed Pollock for the Installation of an Offsite Electronic Message Board Sign in a B-2 General Business Zone at 1730 Muirfield Court (United One Addition, Lot 11).**

Council President McNare opened the public hearing at 4:59 pm. Director Chaffin provided an overview. Public comment in favor or opposition: None. Closed public hearing at 5:02 pm. Councilmember Hershberger moved to approve resolution no. 2026-26 as presented. Seconded by Council Weeks. Motion carried 5-0.

- b. **Resolution 2026-27: A Resolution Authorizing Nathan Stencil to Proceed With a Type B Development for Construction of an Apartment Complex in a B-2 General Business Zone at Parcel 3 of Seven Trails Commerce Center, NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 7 and a Portion of the SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 6, T32N. R71W of the 6th PM.**

Council President McNare opened the public hearing at 5:03 pm. Director Chaffin provided an overview. Public comment in favor or opposition: Director Chaffin read the following public comments: Peter Haman, a resident bordering the proposed project requested a barrier that will keep traffic off his property. Chuck Bayne raised concerns regarding icy roads, which were forwarded to WYDOT; fencing on the site to prevent traffic from crossing onto adjacent property; and limited project access. The following residents spoke: Doug Fenton commented that the town will die if we don't allow these types of developments. Morryah McCurdy commented she supports this project and that our town needs housing for the smaller companies to draw employees. Noah Milmont agreed that we shouldn't make water rights a stipulation for developers to develop. Closed public hearing at 5:17 pm. Councilmember Hershberger moved to approve resolution no. 2026-27 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 4-1. Councilmember

Weeks voted against.

**9. Tabled Items**

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

No action.

**10. Council Action Items**

- a. Resolution 2026-25: A Resolution Amending Previously Established Hours Of Operation And Admission Policies For Douglas Municipal Waterpark**

Director Frye provided an overview. Councilmember Weeks moved to approve Resolution 2026-25 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Pexton exited the meeting prior to the vote.

- b. Building Permit Fee Waiver Request: Divine Mercy Academy**

Director Chaffin provided an overview. Councilmember Weeks moved to approve the Building Permit Fee Waiver requested from Divine Mercy Academy as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Hershberger. Motion carried 4-0.

- c. July 4th Festivities**

Interim City Manager Carter provided an overview. Councilmember Weeks moved to approve July 4th as a free day at the pool and contribute \$2,800 for a country band as part of the festivities. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 4-0.

**11. Financial Report**

- a. Financial Report: April 2026**

Director Nicol provided a report.

**12. Public Comments**

None.

**13. City Manager's Report**

Interim City Manager Carter provided a report. Councilmember Weeks had questions. Councilmember Hershberger exited the meeting during the report.

**14. Council Information**

Notice of possible quorums: May 29th, 11 am, Grand Opening of the pool, June 3rd, 7:00 am, City/County breakfast, and June 3rd, 4th and 5th WAM

Summer Conference in Laramie.

**a. Aid To Others Quarterly Report: CCSD #1 Rec Center**

**15. Circle Back Recap**

City Clerk Litzsinger provided the circle back recap.

**16. Good People Doing Good Things**

Councilmember Hershberger asked for the daughter of Randi Hobbs to be recognized for aiding an injured baby bird into the shade.

**17. Community Update**

Councilmember McNare questioned Center St. opening and Councilmember Weeks asked if the pool would be open during the State Fair.

**a. Event Calendar**

A video highlighting upcoming events was played.

**18. Executive Session**

**19. Adjourn**

Council President McNare called for a motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting. Councilmember Weeks moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of May 26, 2026. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:48 pm.

Kim Pexton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Devon Litzsinger, City Clerk

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