

City Council Regular Minutes
July 13, 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, Joel Weeks. 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; Avery Cowardin, Interim Police Lieutenant; John Harbarger, Public Works Director; Mary Nicol, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer; Brandon Frye, Parks and Recreation Director; Josh Oberlander, Water/WasteWaterChief Operator; and Linda Doane, Deputy City Clerk.

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 McNare. Motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Schmidt entered the meeting following the vote.

4. Public Comments

Deanna Byler and Tim Byer commented on the water rates for the Ridgewater Improvement District. Mike Hagemann commented on liquor licenses and aid to others. Noah Milmont commented on the pool privacy and maintenance.

5. Approval of Consent Docket

Councilmember McNare moved to approve the consent docket as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Weeks. Motion carried 5-0.

a. Minutes

Special Call: June 15, 2026

Regular Meeting: June 22, 2026

Special Meeting: June 27, 2026

Special Call: June 30, 2026

b. Bills & Claims

Warrant Register: June 2026

6. Discussion Items

a. Flooding: 2nd St

Councilmember Hershberger led a discussion.

b. S. 3rd Street

Councilmember Hershberger led a discussion.

c. Employee: Performance Evaluations

Councilmember Hershberger led a discussion.

d. WAM 2028: Possibility of Hosting

Councilmember Schmidt led a discussion. Citizen Noah Milmont asked if this would benefit the community.

7. Public Hearing

a. Bar & Grill Liquor License: Princess Movie Theater

Mayor Pexton opened the public hearing at 5:07 pm. City Clerk Litzsinger provided an overview. Public comment in favor or opposition: None. Closed public hearing at 5:10 pm. Councilmember Hershberger moved to table the bar & grill liquor license to Princess Movie Theater. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Tabled Items

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

Discussion was held. No action taken, item remains tabled.

9. Council Action Items

a. Aid to Others: American Legion Samuel Mares Post 8, Boys & Girls Club of Douglas, CANDO dba The Enterprise, Care Network of Converse County, Community Action Partnership of Natrona County, Converse County School District #1 Recreation Board, Children's Advocacy Project Inc, Converse Hope Center, Douglas Community Club, Douglas Youth Hockey Association, Fire Suppression Authority, Gathering Inc dba The Gathering Place, Helping Hands Ministries Inc., High Country Behavioral

Health, Laramie Peak Humane Society, Outdoor Enthusiasts of Converse County, Saving Grace Food Pantry, Wyoming Child & Family Development, Wyoming State Fair Foundation, Youth Development Services

City Clerk Litzsinger provided an overview. Councilmember Weeks moved to approve the FY27 Aid to Others agreements, and furthermore, authorize the City Manager to sign all associated documents. Seconded by Councilmember McNare. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Bridge Replacement Off-System (BROS), Structure No. FEB, North Platte River -Cost Overrun Project No. CN13078

Director Harbarger led a discussion. Councilmember Hershberger moved to approve change order no. 1 for the Richards Street Bridge Project with the City's additional participation of \$66,973.60 and authorize the City Manager to execute all associated documents. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 5-0.

c. WTP Pilot Testing Program: Oxidation Equipment

Water/WasteWater Chief Operator Oberlander provided an overview. Councilmember McNare moved to approve proposal from Pinnacle Ozone Solutions for a rental ozone pilot system for \$18,200 and \$12,500 for subsequent months and authorize the City Manager to sign all associated documents and authorize out-of-line payments for this rental equipment. Seconded by Councilmember Weeks. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Bid Acceptance: Project No. 20-2000 Water Treatment Plant Transmission Line

Director Harbarger provided an overview. Councilmember Hershberger moved to accept the bid from Wayne Coleman Construction, Inc in the amount of \$2,097,307 for Project No. 20-2000 - Water Treatment Plant Transmission Line, and furthermore, authorize the City Manager to sign all associated contract documents. Seconded by Councilmember Weeks. Motion 5-0.

10. Public Comments

Mike Hageman questioned the Water Treatment Plant Transmission Line project.

11. Council Information

Councilmember Hershberger commented on the alley behind 9th St. and stop signs. Councilmember Weeks brought up concerns about a property on N. 2nd, tornado warnings, retiring directors and questioned sewer line repairs. He also commented on the rate of pay for city council and city manager versus council responsibilities.

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

b. Minutes: Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, June 2026

c. Quarterly Report: Laramie Peak Humane Society, Wyoming Child & Family Development

12. Circle Back Recap

City Clerk Litzsinger provided the circle back recap.

13. Good People Doing Good Things

Councilmember Hershberger praised Community Service Officers, Chelsea and Eric, for doing an amazing job. Councilmember Schmidt shouted out to Streets & Alleys for cleaning-up during the July 4th celebrations.

14. Community Update

a. Event Calendar

A video highlighting upcoming events was played.

15. Executive Session

16. Adjourn

Interim Chief Police Matthews spoke about his retirement. Citizen Noah Milmont commented on the city manager position. Mayor Pexton called for a motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting. Councilmember Hershberger moved to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of July 13, 2026. Seconded by Councilmember McNare. Motion carried 4-1. Councilmember Hershberger voted against. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:06 PM.

Kim Pexton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Devon Litzsinger, City Clerk
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