

City Council Regular Minutes
August 10, 2026

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

Roll call was taken with the following City Council members present: Kim Pexton, Ron McNare, Perry Hershberger, Matthew Schmidt, 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; Avery Cowardin, Interim Chief of Police; John Harbarger, Public Works Director; Mary Nicol, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer; Brandon Frye, Parks and Recreation Director; and Linda Doane, Deputy City Clerk. Mayor Pexton led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Disclosures by City Council Members

Mayor Pexton abstained from item 10F: Ordinance 1073.

3. Approval of General Agenda (Corrections or Additions)

Councilmember McNare requested to move item 8B: Acres for Sale to executive session. Councilmember Hershberger requested to remove item 7A: Award. Councilmember Hershberger moved to approve the general agenda with corrections. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Leadership Moment

None.

5. Public Comments

Mike Hagemann commented on the community center. Aaron Lore commented on leaks at the Douglas Municipal Waterpark.

6. Approval of Consent Docket

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

a. Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting: July 27, 2026

b. Bills & Claims

Warrant Register: July 2026

c. Other – Consent

7. Presentations

a. Award: Historic Preservation Commission

Removed.

8. Discussion Items

a. Staffing: Parks Supervisor

Interim City Manager Carter led a discussion.

b. Acres for Sale: City Purchase Consideration

Moved to executive session.

c. Ordinance 1072: Child Safety Zones

City Attorney Armstrong led a discussion.

9. Tabled Items

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

Director Chaffin led a discussion. Councilmember McNare moved to remove Ordinance 1070 from the table. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 5-0. Councilmember Weeks moved to approve Ordinance 1070 as presented on first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Hershberger. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Council Action Items

a. Resolution 2026-33: WWDO Level III Grant Application

Chief Water/Wastewater Operator/Supervisor Oberlander reported. Councilmember Schmidt moved to approve resolution 2026-33 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember McNare. Motion carried 5-0.

b. MOU: School Resource Officer

Interim Chief Cowardin reported. Councilmember Hershberger moved to approve the memorandum of understanding between the City of Douglas Police Department and the Converse County School District as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Purchase: 2026/27 Freightliner Dump/Plow Truck

Director Harbarger provided a report. Councilmember Weeks moved to accept the bid from Floyd's Truck and Equipment, for the purchase of a 2026/27

Freightliner Dump/Plow Truck in the amount of \$322,358.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign all associated documents. Seconded by Councilmember McNare. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Purchase: 2026/27 Freightliner 27-yard Side Load Refuse truck, Unit #701

Director Harbarger provided a report. Councilmember McNare moved to accept the bid from Floyd's Truck and Equipment for the purchase of a 2026/27 Freightliner 27-yard Side Load Refuse Truck in the amount of \$278,200.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign all associated documents. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Purchase: 2026 Skid Steer/Loader, Unit #144

Director Harbarger provided a report. Councilmember Hershberger moved to accept the bid from RDO Equipment of Casper for a 325/P Skid Steer/Loader for the sum of \$71,907.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign all associated documents. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 5-0.

f. Ordinance 1073: An ordinance amending Chapter 2.84 of Title 2 of the Douglas Municipal Code to increase the compensation of elected officials and setting an effective date.

Interim City Manager Carter provided a report. Discussion was had. Councilmember Weeks moved to approve Ordinance 1073 as presented on first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Motion carried 4-0, Mayor Pexton abstained.

11. Financial Report

a. Financial Report: June 2026

Director Nicol provided a report.

12. Public Comments

Mike Hagemann questioned if the parks facilities could remain open year-round.

13. Council Information

Councilmember Hershberger stated he will not be at the community center tour on August 14th, but will be attending the candidate meet-and-greet. Mayor Pexton will also be attending the candidate meet-and-greet. Brief discussion was had about the evacuation orders for Cold Springs Road.

a. Aid-To-Others Quarterly Report: CANDO dba The Enterprise

b. Minutes: CCTPB, June 23, 2026

- c. **Council Work Shop: August 24, 2026, 2:30 pm, City Hall, 101 N 4th St**
- d. **Notice of Possible Quorum: Community Center Tour, August 14, 2026, 10 AM**
- e. **Notice of Possible Quorum: Canidate Meet & Greet, Converse County Library, August 14, 4 PM**
- f. **Notice of Possible Quorum: City Employee BBQ, Washington Park, August 21, 2026, 5 PM**
- g. **Notice of Possible Quorum: Wyoming State Fair Parade, City of Douglas Annex, August 15, 2026, 8:00 AM**
- h. **Notice of Possible Quorum: HDR Client Appreciation Event, 64 Golf Course Road, August 19, 2026, 5:00 pm**

14. Circle Back Recap

Deputy City Clerk Doane provided the circle back recap.

15. Good People Doing Good Things

Councilmember McNare provided an emotional kudos to Brendan Blackburn's son for finding Councilmember McNare's coin from his late father.

16. Community Update

a. Event Calendar

A video highlighting upcoming events was played.

17. Executive Session

Councilmember Hershberger moved to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of considering the site selection or purchase of real estate, in accordance with W. S. §16-4-405(a)(iii). Seconded by Councilmember Weeks. Motion carried 5-0.

18. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned into executive session at approximately 4:52 p.m.

Kim Pexton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Devon Litzsinger, City Clerk
Published: August 19, 2026