

LEAD CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2025

The Lead City Commission met on Tuesday, March 3, 2025, in City Hall, 801 West Main Street at 5:30 PM with the following members present: Mayor Ron Everett and Commissioners Dustin Heupel, Roger Thomas, Kayla Klein and Robert Carr. Absent: None. Mayor Everett called the Regular Meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Minutes of the February 18, 2025, Regular Meeting are approved as read.

ITEMS FROM VISITORS

1. Jami Beebe with the Lead Chamber of Commerce gave an update on recent and upcoming chamber events.

CITY ENGINEER

1. Deadwood Water Supply Line Replacement
 - Halme plans to mobilization in and begin work the week of March 10th.
 - We are working with the lab to set up on-site safety training for that week.
 - The contractor is expected to finish by June 1, 2025, completion date.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Water Loss Update
Robin Lucero gave a water loss update with a 54% decrease in loss in the last 7 years.

LIBRARY

1. Sarah Shoop with the Hearst Library gave an update regarding HB 1041 and HB 1049.

PLANNING AND ZONING

1. Public Hearing is set for a variance at 406 Barclay, March 11th at 5pm
2. Ordinance 1119-25 Storage Containers (First Reading)
M/Klein, S/Thomas- Carried to stipulate to the reading or Ordinance 1119-25 Storage Containers (First Reading)
M/Thomas, S/Klein- Carried to approve Ordinance 1119-25 Storage Containers as read.
 - Resident Pam Millard inquired why several years ago she was not able to have a container due to fire code and why other people have them now.
Mayor Everett stated staff will research this and if they need to change the ordinance to include language for fire code then they will get this added.
M/Carr, S/Klein- Carried to approve amended Ordinance 1119-25 Storage Containers (First Reading) with the change 157.03 Section B that the chief of police can extend and strike 10 days.
3. Ordinance 1120-25 Auto Sales, Auto Repair and Vehicle Rental Businesses (First Reading)
M/Heuple, S/Carr- Carried to table Ordinance 1120-25 Auto Sales, Auto Repair and Vehicle Rental Businesses (First Reading)
Heuple would like a committee put together that Mayor Everett will appoint and have a discussion on this ordinance.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. New Hire
M/Thomas, S/Klein- Carried to approve hiring Lamar Anderson effective immediately at the wage of \$26.93 to increase to \$27.93 after certification and probation

BUILDING INSPECTIONS/PLANNING OFFICE/HEALTH SAFETY

1. Demolition Permit for 726 Sawyer Street- M/Heuple, S/Carr- Carried to approve Demolition Permit for 726 Sawyer Street.
2. Ordinance 1118-25 Appointed Officers- M/Klein, S/Thomas- Carried to approve Ordinance 1118-25 Appointed Officers.
3. Recycle Bins and curbside pickup update
Residents who would like a recycling container please call Iron Outfitter Waste Company at 605-863-0129 to sign up for a 96-gallon recycling container to be placed at your residence.
4. 150th Anniversary 4th of July 2026 Planning update
150th birthday party along with Lead-Deadwood all-school reunion.

- 4-day event July 2nd through July 5th, 2026
- The concert will be at the football field on July 3rd. School has given permission to use the field.
- In final negotiations with a top-notch cover band called Lexington Lab Band out based out of Lexington Kentucky, (go check them out), on YouTube.
- Have hometown artist working on design for the event to be used for promotional such as t shirts and advertisement etc.
- Letters are sent out to sponsors to help with the cost of the party.
- The city budgeted \$25,000 in the 2025 budget.
- The committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 10:30 here at City Hall.

5. Special Maintenance Fee Attorney Explanation was read.

REFERRED MEASURE

Title: A RESOLUTION LEVYING AN ANNUAL SPECIAL MAINTENANCE FEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING OR REPAIRING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

City Attorney’s Explanation of Ballot Issue

On September 16, 2024, the Lead City Commission passed Resolution #2024-08 which authorizes the City of Lead to levy, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining public infrastructure, an Annual Special Maintenance Fee upon parcels fronting and abutting any municipally maintained public improvement with the City of Lead. A referendum petition has been duly received by the city referring the entirety of the resolution to a public vote. The resolution provides that all taxable real property parcels with the City of Lead shall be assessed a Special Maintenance Fee of one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00) per parcel. It specially directs the City Administrator to implement the fee as a general assessment, and to certify that assessment to the Lawrence County Auditor to be collected with municipal taxes for the purpose of repairing and maintaining public infrastructure such as street paving, curb and gutter, sidewalks and retaining walls that provide lateral support for city streets and roads. Finally, the earliest the fee would be effective is for 2026 taxes payable in 2027.

RECITATION

A “**YES**” vote is for approval of the resolution as passed by the City Commission which will allow for the assessment and levy of the Annual Special Maintenance Fee of one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00) upon all real estate parcels fronting and abutting any municipally maintained public improvement within the City of Lead for the purpose of repairing and maintaining public infrastructure effective for 2026 taxes payable in 2027.

A “**NO**” vote is against approval of the resolution as passed by the City Commission which means that there will not be any assessment and levy of an Annual Special Maintenance Fee of one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00) upon all real estate parcels fronting and abutting any municipally maintained public improvement within the City of Lead for the purpose of repairing and maintaining public infrastructure effective for 2026 taxes payable in 2027.

I, Timothy R. Johns, City Attorney for the City of Lead, certify that the above Title, Explanation and Recitation pertain to the ballot language required by SDCL 9-20-13 and 12-13-9 for the referendum election set by the Lead City Commission for April 8th, 2025.

Timothy R. Johns

02/04/2025
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of February, 2025.

Notary Public

(Seal)

My Commission Expires: _____

6. Legislative Update (HB 1081& HCR 6010)
Robin Lucero gave an update on HB 1081 which was sent to the 41st legislative day, or defeated. HCR 6010 will be heard soon.
7. Resolution 2025-06 Opposition HCR 6010- N/Carr, S/Heuple- Carried to approve and adopt Resolution 2025-06 Opposition HCR 6010

CITY OF LEAD RESOLUTION # 2025-06

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HCR 6010

The City Commission of the City of Lead, a municipal corporation, meeting in regular session on March 3, 2025, pursuant to SDCL 9-19, motion was made by Carr seconded by Heuple that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, HCR 6010 calls for an interim legislative committee to evaluate economic development, mining and residential development in the Black Hills and to recommend regulatory provisions, and

WHEREAS, municipal, county, state and federal regulations already regulate these issues through laws, comprehensive plans, ordinances, zoning procedures, mine permitting, conditional use permits, public elections and more, and

WHEREAS, overregulation could hurt small businesses, Black Hills industries, and local job opportunities, and

WHEREAS, strong local control on all of these topics is already in place, and

WHEREAS, there are no considerations for who will be on the committee and there is no guarantee of local Black Hills representation, and

WHEREAS, a committee should not be funded by the taxpayers of South Dakota in order to regulate the Black Hills, and

WHEREAS, HCR 6010, if passed, could result in new regulations that could contradict current regulations at the federal, state and local level, and

WHEREAS, residents and local officials in the Black Hills want to preserve the beauty and history of the Black Hills and they work hard every day to balance economic development and environmental protection, among other priorities, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Commission of Lead, that the City of Lead strongly opposes HCR 6010 and asks for opposition from all South Dakota legislators.

Those voting aye: Mayor Ron Everett, and Commissioners Robert Carr, Kayla Klein, Roger Thomas, and Dustin Heuple.

Those voting nay: None

Motion carried.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2025

CITY OF LEAD:

ATTEST:

Ron Everett, Mayor

Robin Lucero, Interim City Administrator

(SEAL)

8. Lawrence County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Public comment through March 19

BILLS

M/Carr, S/Heuple- Carried to approve the Bills in the amount of \$192,950.51 (payables) \$110,184.72 and (wages) \$82,765.79

Vendor	Amount
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$ 43.41
ADAMS SALVAGE RECYCLING & RECOVERY	\$ 19.19
ALL NET CONNECTIONS	\$ 957.00
DAWN ALLEN	\$ 382.07
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	\$ 2,873.61
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL & JANITORIAL, INC.	\$ 730.14
BLACK HILLS COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOV'T	\$ 8,750.00
BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	\$ 34.64
BLACK HILLS SECURITY & SYSTEMS	\$ 134.85
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	\$ 121.71
CHADAMS	\$ 600.00
DEADWOOD DENTAL	\$ 376.00
EB COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	\$ 797.50
GRIMM'S PUMP SERVICE	\$ 216.22
HANDLEY CENTER	\$ 10,416.00
HEARST LIBRARY	\$ 1,670.54
HISTORIC HOMESTAKE OPERA HOUSE	\$ 2,083.33
LEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 5,416.66
LYNN'S	\$ 72.17
MCGAS PROPANE	\$ 1,098.86
GARY MCNALL	\$ 1,212.58
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$ 2,202.76
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC	\$ 506.94
RUSHMORE OFFICE	\$ 84.30
SANDER SANITATION	\$ 29,776.32
SANITATION PRODUCTS INC	\$ 1,022.60
DENNIS SCHUMACHER	\$ 62.47
VIGILANT BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$ 89.00
AVERA HEALTH PLANS	\$ 37,649.24
FIRST NATIONAL CREDIT CARD	\$ 784.61
Total Amount	\$ 110,184.72
Payroll	
Mayor/Commission	\$ 1,450.90
Finance	\$ 6,944.68
Police	\$ 18,785.99
Streets	\$ 29,407.83
Health Inspections	\$ 6,034.72
Parks	\$ 2,492.43
Library	\$ 7,460.31
Water	\$ 10,188.93
Total Amount	\$ 82,765.79

ITEMS FROM MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS

1. Need 3 Commissioners for Board of Adjustment.
2. Early voting will begin March 24th and the election is April 8th 7am-7pm.
3. Candidate Forum – TBD

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/Klein, S/Thomas- Carried to move into executive session at 6:02 PM

M/Klein, S/Thomas- Carried to adjourn executive session with no action taken.

MEETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Board of Adjustment, Monday, March 17, 2025 @ 2pm – Lead City Hall
2. Next Regular Meeting- Monday, March 17, 2025 @ 5:30 PM – Lead City Hall
3. Planning & Zoning- Tuesday, March 17, 2025 @ 5:00 PM – Lead City Hall
4. Historic Preservation- Wednesday, February 19, 2025 @ 4:00 PM – Lead City Hall
5. Special Maintenance Fee Informational Meetings, Lead City Hall:
 - i. March 11th at Noon

ii. March 20th at 6pm

ADJOURN

M/Heupel, S/Klein —Carried to adjourn Regular Meeting at 6:15 PM.