

LEAD CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
December 1, 2025

The Lead City Commission met on Monday, December 1, 2025, in City Hall, 801 West Main Street at 5:30 PM with the following members present: Mayor Dustin Heupel, and Commissioners Roger Thomas, Robert Carr and Al Rohrer. Absent: Kayla Klein. Mayor Heupel called the Regular Meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

M/Thomas, S/Carr—Carried to approve the December 1, 2025, Agenda.

APPROVE MINUTE

1. Minutes of November 17, 2025, Meeting are approved as read.

ITEMS FROM VISITORS

1. Todd Jones with the Homestake Opera House gave an update on the Festival of Trees. Todd also stated renovation work has begun on their building, and the Christmas vendor Market was very successful.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Mini-vactor repair up to \$5000 from sewer fund- M/Rohrer, S/Carr- Carried to approve mini-vactor repairs up to \$5,000 from the sewer fund.

LIBRARY

1. Hearst Library Annual Pie Sale was very successful with 13 pies and several donations.

PLANNING AND ZONING

1. Appointment of Tim Meiners to PZ Board (3-year term)- M/Carr, S/Rhorer- Carried to approve appointment of Tim Meiners to PZ Board for a three-year term.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Hire Paige Erickson for sergeant position effective immediately at \$29.76/hour- M/Carr, S/Thomas- Carried to approve hiring Paige Erickson for the Sergeant position effective immediately at \$29.76/hour.
2. Hire Marshall Rood for patrol officer position effective immediately at \$26.93/hour- M/Thomas, S/Carr- Carried to approve hiring Marshall Rood for patrol position effective immediately at \$26.93/hour. Marshall will be sent to the academy for training.
3. Officer dismissal- M/Carr, S/Thomas- Carried to approve Officer Lamar Anderson's dismissal as an officer with the City of Lead.
4. Patrol Officer position openings (2 openings)- M/Carr, S/Thomas- Carried to approve opening two patrol positions.
Williams stated this opens up two spots so he would like to use two of the qualified applications that they have already received and do background checks for possible hire. Heupel would like these opened back up and advertised for.
Carr asked how much the advertising was and how many applications they received. Williams stated 600 + and only 1 applicant.
5. Police vehicles purchase \$19,751 from PD automobile fund and up to \$25,249 from the surplus sales tax (\$45,000 total)- M/Thomas, S/Carr- Carried to approve police vehicle purchase of \$19,751 from PD automobile fund and up to \$25,249 from surplus sales tax (\$45,000 total).

Those voting aye: Commissioner Carr, and Thomas.

Those voting Nay: Mayor Heupel, and Commissioner Rohrer

Motion Failed due to lack of majority vote.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS/PLANNING OFFICE/HEALTH SAFETY

1. Ordinance #1121-25 Sign Regulations (First Reading)- M/Carr, S/Rohrer- Carried to approve sign ordinance (First Reading) as read.
Robin Lucero went over all changes made.
Discussion was had amongst residents and commission regarding changes made and changes to possibly add.
Mayor Heupel stated they will look at these questions and if any additional changes need to be made, they will be added at the second reading.
2. No Parking on south side of island in Visitor Center Parking Lot Discussion
Discussion was had and commission agreed no parking on the south side of island in Visitor Center Parking Lot.

3. Grill Purchase (3) for Manuel Brothers Park \$4,350 from Bed and Booze- M/Rohrer, S/Carr- Carried to approve purchase of 3 grills for Manuel Brothers Park in the amount of \$4,350 from the Bed and Booze Fund.

BILLS

M/Carr, S/Rhorer- Carried to approve the Bills in the amount of \$193,061.45 (payables) \$110,770.36 and (wages) \$82,291.09

Vendor	Amount
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$ 49.92
ACE HARDWARE	\$ 565.63
ALL NET CONNECTIONS	\$ 2,515.00
ANDERSON SERVICES LLC	\$ 149.96
BARRY'S ELECTRIC	\$ 240.00
BLACK HILLS PIONEER	\$ 315.48
BLACK HILLS PURE, INC	\$ 132.50
BLACK HILLS SECURITY & SYSTEMS	\$ 134.85
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$ 1,422.54
CRAIG WARDELL	\$ 124.24
DEADWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 125.00
GALLS, INC.	\$ 401.14
HANDLEY CENTER	\$ 10,416.66
HISTORIC HOMESTAKE OPERA HOUSE	\$ 2,083.33
INTERSTATE ENGINEERING, INC.	\$ 35,815.60
JACOBS PRECISION WELDING, INC.	\$ 490.00
JOHNER PAVING	\$ 225.00
LANCE WEILER	\$ 65.00
LEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 5,416.66
GARY MCNALL	\$ 1,212.58
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$ 941.37
SIMON NORTH REGION SD	\$ 634.14
SOLAR SOUND CORP	\$ 362.93
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	\$ 211.71
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, INC.	\$ 2,914.48
USA BLUEBOOK	\$ 180.94
WATERS HARDWARE	\$ 173.91
AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 280.28
AVERA HEALTH PLANS	\$ 39,251.07
FIRST NATIONAL CREDIT CARD	\$ 3,918.44
Total Amount	\$ 110,770.36
PAYROLL	
Mayor/Commission	\$ 1,450.90
Finance	\$ 10,595.43
Govt buildings	\$ 661.55
Police	\$ 19,071.58
Streets	\$ 23,581.10
Health Inspections	\$ 3,628.76
Parks	\$ 6,473.13
Library	\$ 8,307.11
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Total Amount	\$ 82,291.09

LEGAL AND FINANCE

1. Combined Voting Agreement June 2, 2026, Election- M/Carr, S/Thomas- Carried to approve combined voting agreement June 2, 2026, Election.

ITEMS FROM MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS

1. Police Needs Committee will continue to meet.

MEETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Regular Meeting- Monday, December 15, 2025 @ 5:30 PM- Lead City Hall
2. Planning & Zoning- Tuesday, December 9, 2025 @ 5:00 PM- Lead City Hall
3. Historic Preservation- Wednesday, January 21, 2025 @ 4:00 PM- Lead City Hall

4. Tourism Development Meeting, December 2, 2025 9-4pm @ Roundhouse

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/Carr, S/Thomas- Carried to approve entering executive session at 6:51pm.

M/Carr, S/Rohrer- Carried to adjourn executive session with no action taken at 7:54pm

ADJOURN

M/Carr, S/Rohrer—Carried to adjourn Regular Meeting at 7:54 PM.

CITY OF LEAD

ATTEST

Dustin Heuple, Mayor
(SEAL)

Robin Lucero, City Administrator