

**LEAD CITY COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
January 20, 2026**

The Lead City Commission met on Monday, January 20, 2026, 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/Carr, S/Thomas—Carried to amend the January 20, 2026, agenda to add the Second Reading of Supplemental Ordinance #1124-26.

**APPROVE MINUTE**

1. Minutes of January 5, 2025, Meeting are approved as read.

**ITEMS FROM VISITORS**

1. Dave Leatherman was present to give an update on the Special Olympics Polar Plunge February 20, 2026, at the Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center.



2. Robin Lucero gave an update on upcoming events for Chamber.
  - January 28<sup>th</sup> Lead Ladels at the Opera House
  - Winterfest February 19<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Please visit the Chamber website to view all upcoming events!!  
<https://www.leadmethere.org/eventdates/>

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

1. Superintendent Dr. Erik Person was present to discuss the Yield Sign at Addie and Arlington for the new pickup/drop off lane at Lead-Deadwood Middle School. The situation will be monitored when the project is completed if any future signage is needed.

1. M/Thomas, S/Carr- Carried to approve part-time hourly wage to be set at \$28.00 per hour.
2. M/Thomas, S/Carr- Carried to approve hiring park-time patrol officer Kurt Pickard effective immediately at \$28.00 per hour.

## BUILDING INSPECTIONS/PLANNING OFFICE/HEALTH SAFETY

### 1. 2025 Building Permit Report

Building Inspector Dennis Schumacher gave an update on the 2025 Building Permit Report.

|   |                                      |                  | CITY OF LEAD | BUILDING PERMITS PER YEAR |                      |           |              |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|--|
| Number of Permits Issued (by dollar amount) |                                      |                  |              |                           |                      |           |              |  |
| YEAR  | \$0-\$4,999                          | \$5,000-\$24,999 | >\$25,000    | Structures Demolished     | TOTAL PERMITS        | New Homes | TOTAL VALUE  |  |
| 2007  | 74                                   | 37               | 22           | 3                         | 133                  | 14        | \$3,611,775  |  |
| 2008  | 127                                  | 68               | 12           | 7                         | 214                  | 2         | \$3,225,735  |  |
| 2009  | 37                                   | 173              | 14           | 3                         | 224                  | 3         | \$4,014,121  |  |
| 2010  | 154                                  | 77               | 10           | 5                         | 246                  | 1         | \$2,102,769  |  |
| 2011  | 125                                  | 75               | 14           | 5                         | 214                  | 2         | \$3,552,154  |  |
| 2012  | 95                                   | 30               | 43           | 6                         | 168                  | 2         | \$2,016,222  |  |
| 2013  | 79                                   | 54               | 11           | 3                         | 144                  | 3         | \$1,366,701  |  |
| 2014  | 84                                   | 58               | 12           | 2                         | 154                  | 1         | \$6,366,377  |  |
| 2015  | 107                                  | 16               | 9            | 4                         | 132                  | 0         | \$3,548,763  |  |
| 2016  | 76                                   | 31               | 16           | 0                         | 133                  | 2         | \$3,146,706  |  |
| 2017  | 71                                   | 24               | 28           | 3                         | 123                  | 2         | \$2,488,611  |  |
| 2018  | 138                                  | 297              | 25           | 1                         | 460                  | 4         | \$38,715,700 |  |
| 2019  | 85                                   | 150              | 54           | 1                         | 289                  | 3         | \$22,280,831 |  |
| 2020  | 43                                   | 66               | 24           | 2                         | 133                  | 4         | \$6,430,649  |  |
| 2021  | 49                                   | 37               | 48           | 1                         | 134                  | 2         | \$3,775,137  |  |
| 2022  | 23                                   | 67               | 43           | 3                         | 133                  | 1         | \$8,324,185  |  |
| 2023  | 54                                   | 59               | 40           | 2                         | 153                  | 2         | \$2,229,294  |  |
| 2024  | 37                                   | 59               | 38           | 2                         | 134                  | 4         | \$4,409,421  |  |
| 2025  | 33                                   | 25               | 48           | 3                         | 107                  | 1         | \$6,229,580  |  |
|   |                                      |                  |              | 2025                      | TOTAL TAXABLE        |           | \$6,229,580  |  |
|   |                                      |                  |              |                           |                      |           |              |  |
|   |                                      |                  |              | 2025                      | TOTAL FEES COLLECTED |           | \$35,426     |  |
|   |                                      |                  |              |                           |                      |           |              |  |
|   | 2025 CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE ISSUED 154 |                  |              |                           |                      |           |              |  |

2. Plat of Lot 21A, Block 8 and Dedicated Public Right of Way, Hiawatha Park Subdivision, City of Lead, Lawrence County, South Dakota, formerly Lots 21 and 22 of the Subdivision of Lot 5, Block 8 of Hiawatha Park Subdivision  
M/Carr, S/Thomas- Carried to approve plat as read.
3. Ordinance #1125-26 Short-Term Rentals (First Reading)  
M/Thomas, S/None- Motion failed. Staff will add wording for how the owner will be notified and it will be revisited.
4. Ordinance #1126-26 Alcoholic Beverages (First Reading)  
M/Carr, S/Thomas- Carried to approve Ordinance 1126-26 Alcoholic Beverage (First Reading).

## BILLS

M/Carr, S/Thomas- Carried to approve the Bills in the amount of \$159,597.18 (payables) \$81,773.07 and (wages) \$77,824.11

| Vendor                             | Amount              |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS             | \$ 350.78           |
| DAWN ALLEN                         | \$ 25.00            |
| BLACK HILLS COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOV'T | \$ 1,660.00         |
| BLACK HILLS PIONEER                | \$ 266.70           |
| BLACK HILLS PURE, INC              | \$ 89.00            |
| BLACK STRAP INC                    | \$ 5,315.40         |
| BOMGAARS SUPPLY                    | \$ 2,726.09         |
| CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT           | \$ 575.28           |
| CHADAMS                            | \$ 997.52           |
| CHARLIE WEIDNER                    | \$ 14.00            |
| CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY            | \$ 150.00           |
| CRAIG WARDELL                      | \$ 14.00            |
| DANR- FISCAL OFFICE                | \$ 60.00            |
| DEADWOOD DENTAL                    | \$ 913.00           |
| EVELYN GROEGER                     | \$ 14.00            |
| FIRST INTERSTATE BANK              | \$ 1,125.00         |
| GALLS, INC.                        | \$ 405.58           |
| HEARST LIBRARY                     | \$ 1,145.35         |
| JACOBS PRECISION WELDING, INC.     | \$ 1,299.83         |
| JERRY GREERS ENGINEERING           | \$ 1,499.90         |
| KELLY KEITH                        | \$ 14.00            |
| LANCE WEILER                       | \$ 14.00            |
| LARRY WILLIAMS                     | \$ 14.00            |
| LEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE           | \$ 9,166.67         |
| LEAD/DEADWOOD SANITARY DIST        | \$ 33,721.58        |
| LYNN'S                             | \$ 201.13           |
| JERRY MERTESDORF                   | \$ 14.00            |
| SOUTH DAKOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION   | \$ 264.00           |
| MILE UP MARKETING SOLUTIONS        | \$ 150.00           |
| PAYTON GRODZIN                     | \$ 14.00            |
| REMI GUDITH                        | \$ 14.00            |
| ROBIN LUCERO                       | \$ 14.00            |
| RUSHMORE OFFICE                    | \$ 238.58           |
| SARAH SHOOP                        | \$ 53.48            |
| SERVALL TOWELL & LINEN, INC.       | \$ 823.50           |
| SHAWN BRANDBERRY                   | \$ 14.00            |
| JOE SILVERNAIL                     | \$ 14.00            |
| SIMON NORTH REGION SD              | \$ 634.66           |
| SKYLAR THORESEN                    | \$ 14.00            |
| SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL              | \$ 29.40            |
| SOUTHSIDE OIL CO., INC.            | \$ 8,178.13         |
| SPEARFISH AUTO SUPPLY, INC.        | \$ 146.99           |
| TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS           | \$ 5,799.07         |
| VADIM MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC.      | \$ 135.52           |
| VERIZON WIRELESS                   | \$ 1,660.73         |
| VIGILANT BUSINESS SOLUTIONS        | \$ 393.60           |
| WHITES CANYON MOTORS               | \$ 87.17            |
| AT&T MOBILITY                      | \$ 283.78           |
| MID-CONTINENT                      | \$ 978.65           |
| <b>Total Amount</b>                | <b>\$ 81,733.07</b> |
| Payroll                            |                     |
| Mayor/Commission                   | \$ 1,450.90         |
| Finance                            | \$ 9,229.34         |
| Govt Buildings                     | \$ 540.25           |
| Police                             | \$ 21,480.63        |
| Streets                            | \$ 22,468.26        |
| Health Inspections                 | \$ 2,999.28         |
| Parks                              | \$ 5,436.26         |
| Library                            | \$ 7,342.02         |
| Water                              | \$ 6,877.17         |
| <b>Total Amount</b>                | <b>\$ 77,824.11</b> |

**LEGAL AND FINANCE**

1. 2025 December Financial Report  
M/Carr, S/Thomas- Carried to approve the 2025 December Financial Report in the amount of \$1,595,400.91
2. Ordinance 1124-26 Supplemental Appropriation to Appropriation Ordinance 1106-24 (Second Reading) M/Carr, S/Rohrer- Carried to approve Ordinance 1124-26 Supplemental Appropriation to Appropriation Ordinance 1106-24.

**ITEMS FROM MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS**

1. The Lead Police Department will be hosting a hotdog feed out of the police department garage during Winterfest.

**MEETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Next Regular Meeting- Monday, February 2, 2026 @ 5:30 PM- Lead City Hall
2. Planning & Zoning- Tuesday, January 27, 2025 @ 5:00 PM- Lead City Hall
3. Historic Preservation- Wednesday, January 21, 2026 @ 4:00 PM- Lead City Hall

**ADJOURN**

M/Carr, S/Thomas—Carried to adjourn Regular Meeting at 6:27 PM.

CITY OF LEAD

ATTEST

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Dustin Heupel, Mayor  
(SEAL)

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Robin Lucero, City Administrator