

LEAD CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
February 2, 2026

The Lead City Commission met on Monday, February 2, 2026, in City Hall, 801 West Main Street at 5:30 PM with the following members present: Mayor Dustin Heupel, and Commissioners Roger Thomas, Kayla Klein, Robert Carr and Al Rohrer. Absent: None. Mayor Heupel called the Regular Meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

M/Klein, S/Thomas—Carried to approve the February 2, 2026, Agenda

APPROVE MINUTE

1. Minutes of January 20, 2025, Meeting are approved as read.

ITEMS FROM VISITORS

1. Jami Beebe with the Lead Area Chamber was present to give updates on upcoming events with the chamber. <https://sanfordlab.org/events>
2. Todd Jones with the Homestake Opera House was present to give updates on the Opera House renovations, and upcoming events. <https://www.homestakeoperahouse.org/events>
3. Christine Allen with Creative Explorations Nonprofit was present to give an update on Pipes to Pedals featuring the historic organ at Christ Church, February 27 and 28.
4. Sarah Canida was present to let the public know about the 4th Annual Winterfest Hot Wing Challenge, February 20th, Bobs Silver Star at 6PM.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. M/Carr, S/Klein- Carried to accept resignation from Skyler Thoreson, effective immediately.
2. M/Klein, S/Thomas- Carried to approve advertising the opening of a public works specialist. Beginning pay starting at 26/hr. with step raises to come with each quarter thereafter.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Williams was present to discuss Miners Avenue Parking. Chief Williams will be putting up a compact car sign in a problematic area where big trucks have been parked. M/Thomas, S/Klein- Carried to approve the hiring of Jerry Cunningham at a rate of \$27.00 effective March 1, 2026.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS/PLANNING OFFICE/HEALTH SAFETY

1. Abatement: M/Carr, S/Klein- Carried to approve Abatement: Parcel: 31510-02300-020-00 AKA: 311 Gold Street Owner Caleb Fousek (Veteran Qualification)
2. M/Klein, S/Rohrer- Carried to approve Demo Permit for 709 Julius Street.
3. M/Klein, S/Rohrer- Carried to stipulate to the reading
M/Carr, S/Klein- Carried to approve Ordinance #1126-26 Alcoholic Beverage (Second Reading)
4. Handley Center Discussion:
Mayor Heupel stated that he and the commission would like to hear the communities' ideas, and solutions to problems and get an official direction on which way they would like to go as far as taking over the Handley, continuing to fund, or not continuing to fund. Each commissioner spoke and gave their thoughts, opinions, and ideas of the Handley Center and what they would like to see. There were many, many residents that filled the commission room and each stood at the podium and let the commission know their thoughts, their ideas, and their concerns. Many residents shared why they think we should keep the Handley going and others shared why they think we should not. There were many people that spoke about memories and why they cherish the Handley and others who have many concerns.

Mayor Heupel stated this is not an easy decision and thanked everyone for coming. He stated many of the commission and residents would like to see the Handley and all of the programs stay. Heupel stated if the city decides to take it on and down the road a different community decides something else, no matter what, he believes they will have this community's best interest at heart.

Heupel asked everyone in the room to raise their hands if they would be in favor of the city taking on the Handley Center with no deed restrictions.

Klein wanted to clarify what the deed restriction would mean and what this would mean for the Handley if they are not willing to commit.

Klein would like to propose that just in case the city cannot come to a decision by May, taking allocated funds from the budget and maintaining the payments for the Handley center until the city is ready to transition. Klein stated the Handley would maintain community funding through the end of the year unless the city and the Handley can come to an agreement for city transition before such time.

Heupel stated no decisions will be made tonight.

Klein asked the commission if it is this board's plan to maintain a community center if this board takes ownership.

Thomas believes this will go to a vote but supports the idea.

Heupel stated he supports Klein's idea but believes if the city can provide a better service with less money until hopefully something else comes along then yes, he is in favor of continuing to do that but does not agree with the deed restrictions, or continuing to fund the Handley as is.

Klein stated there have been too many uncertainties from leadership and she would like to see a decision so they can prepare for what they are going to do.

Heupel stated if the answer is no to take over the Handley, they will decide next if they will continue funding it moving forward.

No official action was taken.

BILLS

M/Carr, S/Klein- Carried to approve the Bills in the amount of \$176,238.38 (payables) \$97,247.03 and (wages) \$78,991.35.

Vendor	Amount
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$ 49.92
ACE HARDWARE	\$ 1,279.08
ALL NET CONNECTIONS	\$ 2,515.00
ANDERSON SERVICES LLC	\$ 145.00
BARRY'S ELECTRIC	\$ 400.00
BLACK HILLS AMMUNITION	\$ 2,644.11
BLACK HILLS LAND ANALYSIS	\$ 1,560.00
BLACK HILLS SECURITY & SYSTEMS	\$ 723.53
DANR- FISCAL OFFICE	\$ 600.00
DEADWOOD DENTAL	\$ 74.00
DIGITAL DESIGNS	\$ 220.00
HANDLEY CENTER	\$ 20,971.32
HEARST LIBRARY	\$ 687.74
HISTORIC HOMESTAKE OPERA HOUSE	\$ 2,083.33
JACOBS PRECISION WELDING, INC.	\$ 250.00
JENNER EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$ 633.36
LEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 9,166.67
MENARDS	\$ 175.19
MILE UP MARKETING SOLUTIONS	\$ 430.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$ 2,051.05
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	\$ 83.45
RO-SHAM-BO	\$ 420.00
DENNIS SCHUMACHER	\$ 220.00
SOLAR SOUND CORP	\$ 204.82
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	\$ 244.28
SOUTH DAKOTA WATER/WASTEWATER ASSOC.	\$ 160.00
STEVEN LUKE	\$ 750.00
DR. REID STONE, DDS	\$ 2,035.30
STRETCH'S GLASS, INC.	\$ 74.66
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, INC.	\$ 5,609.53
SUMMIT SIGNS & SUPPLY INC	\$ 175.00
TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	\$ 1,834.02
WATERS HARDWARE	\$ 26.16
WESTERN PEAKS LOGISTICS	\$ 16.34
AVERA HEALTH PLANS	\$ 36,498.96
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$ 2,235.21
Total Amount	\$ 97,247.03
Payroll	
Mayor/Commission	\$ 1,508.97
Finance	\$ 5,639.38
Govt Buildings	\$ 598.17
Police	\$ 18,621.95
Snow	\$ 28,354.48
Health Inspections	\$ 7,057.58
Parks	\$ 5,387.55
Library	\$ 7,699.73
Water	\$ 8,594.99
Total Amount	\$ 83,462.80

ITEMS FROM MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS

1. City of Lead Commissioner Election

Two Openings—Commissioners Carr and Rohrer
 Petitions Available February 2, 2026
 Petitions Submitted by March 24, 2026, 5:00 PM
 Election Date: June 2, 2026

MEETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City Hall will be closed in observance of Presidents Day, February 16, 2026
2. Next Regular Meeting- Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @ 5:30 PM- Lead City Hall
3. Planning & Zoning- Tuesday, February 10, 2026 @ 5:00 PM- Lead City Hall
4. Historic Preservation- Wednesday, February 18, 2026 @ 4:00 PM- Lead City Hall

ADJOURN

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

CITY OF LEAD

Dustin Heupel, Mayor
(SEAL)

ATTEST

Robin Lucero, City Administrator