

LEAD CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
April 6, 2026

The Lead City Commission met on Monday, April 6, 2026, in City Hall, 801 West Main Street at 5:30 PM with the following members present: Acting Mayor Roger Thomas, and Commissioners Robert Carr, Al Rohrer and Dory Hanson. Absent: Mayor Heupel. Acting Mayor Roger Thomas called the Regular Meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

1. M/Carr, S/Hanson—Carried to approve the April 6, 2026, agenda

APPROVE MINUTE

1. Minutes of March 16, 2026, meeting are approved as read.

ITEMS FROM VISITORS

1. Todd Jones with the Homestake Opera House was present to discuss upcoming events:

- Candidate Forum-April 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM
- 150th Anniversary—April 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM
- LeadCon—April 11, 2026, at 9:00 AM

2. Darla Auld with the Handley Center was present to discuss past and upcoming events:

- No Lead Live this summer.

Darla read a letter to the commission regarding the Handley Center and the decisions the commission need to make. Auld stated the Handley Center would like a firm commitment from the commission and an immediate seating of a task force.

3. Rose Burns asked if the commission had a final report of the building and how they would pick the task force.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. M/Carr, S/Rohrer- Carried to approve bid opening and contract award for the South Lead Cemetery mowing 3-year contract to RBM Essentials in the amount of \$20,700, with a \$750 increase per year to cover inflation.
2. M/Carr, S/Rohrer- Carried to approve purchase of digger for Parks Department, up to \$4,000
3. M/Rohrer, S/Carr- Carried to approve hiring Part-time Parks Department summer help, effective immediately as read:
 - i. Sasha Olson at \$18.25/hour
 - ii. Kathy White at \$18.25/hour
 - iii. Lilyann Godfrey at \$18.00/hour
 - iv. Isabel Bauernfeind at \$18.00/hour
 - v. Eain Murphree at \$18.00/hour

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Police Retention and Hiring Needs Committee Recommendations Update

Chief Williams spoke on the discussion held by the group. One proposed change was to the residency policy radius, along with modifications to vacation leave. It was recommended that 40 hours of vacation be accrued and available for use on the first day of employment to improve work-life balance and retention. Williams stated that instead of this approach, they recommend adjusting years of service and accrued vacation amounts.

Jeremiah Fredericksen spoke in favor of extending the residency radius and stated he does not agree with comp time.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS/PLANNING OFFICE/HEATH SAFETY

1. M/Carr, S/Rohrer- Carried to stipulate to the reading of Ordinance 1125-26 Short-Term Rentals (Second Reading)
M/Carr, S/Rohrer- Carried to approve Ordinance 1125-26 Short-Term Rentals (Second Reading)
2. M/Carr, S/Rohrer- Carried to approve PLAT OF LOTS 1 AND 2 OF MULLANEY-MACK SUBDIVISION FORMERLY LOT 817 GLENDALE DRIVE-CALAMITY JANE MOTEL LOCATED IN BINGHAM FRACTION M.S. 1379, MCPHILLAMEY FRACTION, BLACK FALLS, & LAIRD, M.S. 1164 CITY OF LEAD, LAWRENCE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
3. Carried to set public hearing: Abandoned and Nuisance Property at 107 ½ Stone Street

(Ordinance 93.39) for April 20, 2026, at 5:30 pm

Schumacher stated no hearing will be set, as the owners have decided to proceed with a demolition permit. This will go to Historic Preservation on the 15th and then to the City Commission.

BILLS

M/Carr, S/Rohrer- Carried to approve the Bills in the amount of \$432,957.92 (payables) \$351,647.94 and (wages) \$81,309.98

Vendor	Amount
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$ 740.51
ACE HARDWARE	\$ 1,227.56
ALL NET CONNECTIONS	\$ 3,090.00
AMANN DENTAL	\$ 180.00
ANDERSON SERVICES LLC	\$ 145.00
AREHART UPHOLSTERY	\$ 65.00
BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,216.00
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL & JANITORIAL, INC.	\$ 147.89
BLACK HILLS PIONEER	\$ 97.63
BLACK HILLS SECURITY & SYSTEMS	\$ 134.85
BLACK HILLS& BADLANDS TOURISM ASSOC	\$ 500.00
CORE & MAIN	\$ 2,654.40
DEADWOOD-LEAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.	\$ 2,000.00
FED EX	\$ 20.51
FRANKLIN BRONZE PLAQUES	\$ 735.00
GALLS, INC.	\$ 877.41
HANDLEY CENTER	\$ 10,416.66
HISTORIC HOMESTAKE OPERA HOUSE	\$ 2,083.33
JACOBS PRECISION WELDING, INC.	\$ 446.39
JOHNS & KOSEL, PROF. LLC	\$ 280.96
K & P WEAVER, LLC	\$ 2,030.70
LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES INC.	\$ 154,125.32
LEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 9,166.67
LEAD/DEADWOOD SANITARY DIST	\$ 33,386.19
MCGAS PROPANE	\$ 788.87
GARY MCNALL	\$ 1,212.68
MENARDS	\$ 97.98
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO CENTER	\$ 100.00
MILE UP MARKETING SOLUTIONS	\$ 205.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$ 1,600.30
MONUMENT HEALTH	\$ 100.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC	\$ 683.17
PONDEROSA LAND SURVEYS LLC	\$ 726.25
RADAR SHOP	\$ 622.00
RO-SHAM-BO	\$ 1,679.02
RUSHMORE OFFICE	\$ 432.77
SOLAR SOUND CORP	\$ 204.82
SOUTHSIDE OIL CO., INC.	\$ 6,291.12
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, INC.	\$ 381.39
SUMMIT SIGNS & SUPPLY INC	\$ 380.50
VANWAY TROPHY & AWARD	\$ 25.20
VIGILANT BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$ 430.60
WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO.	\$ 1,956.00
WATERS HARDWARE	\$ 33.98
WEST RIVER SOLID WASTE SOLUTIONS LLC	\$ 30,814.44
WESTERN PEAKS LOGISTICS	\$ 16.34
WOLFF'S PLUMBING & HEATING	\$ 200.00
AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 283.78
AVERA HEALTH PLANS	\$ 36,498.96
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$ 2,759.44
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$ 35,434.46
FIRST NATIONAL CREDIT CARD	\$ 1,412.16
MID-CONTINENT	\$ 508.73
Total Amount	\$ 351,647.94

Payroll	
Mayor/Commission	\$ 1,508.97
Finance	\$ 9,601.67
Govt Buildings	\$ 598.17
Police	\$ 22,454.59
Streets	\$ 21,878.31
Health/Inspections	\$ 3,095.29
Parks	\$ 5,773.59
Library	\$ 7,445.59
Water	\$ 5,373.50
Sewer	\$ 3,580.30
Total Amount	\$ 81,309.98

HEARINGS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

1. M/Carr, S/Rohrer- Carried to set public hearing: To lease city property for a coffee hut at the Manuel Brother’s parking lot to Hannah Jones for April 20, 2026, at 5:30pm

LEGAL AND FINANCE

1. M/Rohrer, S/Hanson- Carried to set public hearing: Wine License for Dakota Shivers for April 20, 2026, at 5:30pm
2. M/Carr, S/Rohrer- Carried to approve the 2025 Annual Report
3. Municipal Election Information Update: June 2, 2026
 - Candidates Forum April 7, 2026
 - Early voting begins April 17, 2026, at the Lawrence County Auditor’s Office

MEETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Regular Meeting- Tuesday, April 20, 2026 @ 5:30 PM- Lead City Hall
2. Planning & Zoning- Tuesday, April 14, 2026 @ 5:00 PM- Lead City Hall
3. Historic Preservation- Wednesday, April 15, 2026 @ 4:00 PM- Lead City Hall

ADJOURN

M/Carr, S/Rohrer—Carried to adjourn Regular Meeting at 6:39 PM.

CITY OF LEAD

ATTEST

Roger Thomas, Acting Mayor
(SEAL)

Robin Lucero, City Administrator