

LEAD CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
July 6, 2026

The Lead City Commission met on Monday, July 6, 2026, in City Hall, 801 West Main Street at 5:30 PM with the following members present: Mayor Dustin Heupel and Commissioners Dory Hanson, Robert Carr, Roger Thomas and Al Rohrer. Absent: None. Mayor Heupel called the Regular Meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTE

- 1. Minutes of June 15, 2026, minutes are approved as read with an amendment to the Placer AI comment.

ITEMS FROM VISITORS

- 1. Natalie Braden, pickleball volunteer, gave an update on pickleball events.
- 2. Todd Jones, representing the Historic Homestake Opera House, provided updates on the activities and events held over the Fourth of July weekend and shared information about upcoming events and programs at the Opera House.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. **BUILDING INSPECTIONS/HEALTH SAFETY/PLANNING OFFICE**
 - i. Accept resignation of Dennis Schumacher for building inspector effective August 7, 2026
Chief Williams spoke of Dennis Schumacher’s 20 years of commitment and dedicated service with the City of Lead.

BILLS

- 1. M/Carr, S/Thomas- Carried to approve the Bills in the amount of \$421,430.37 (payables) \$336,211.91 and (wages) \$85,218.46

Vendor	Amount
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$ 49.92
ACE HARDWARE	\$ 988.49
ALL NET CONNECTIONS	\$ 4,619.50
ANDERSON SERVICES LLC	\$ 240.00
BADLANDS SECURITY LLC	\$ 2,878.75
BARRY'S ELECTRIC	\$ 350.00
BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,120.50
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL & JANITORIAL, INC.	\$ 790.96
BLACK HILLS LIBRARY CONSORTIUM	\$ 20.33
BLACK HILLS PIONEER	\$ 954.00
BLACK HILLS SECURITY & SYSTEMS	\$ 134.85
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	\$ 309.46
BROWN'S SMALL ENGINE REPAIR	\$ 204.39
CORE & MAIN	\$ 1,489.41
DAKOTA PLAYGROUND	\$ 79,890.00
DEADWOOD-LEAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.	\$ 12,000.00
FED EX	\$ 20.51
GAGE'S	\$ 455.94
GENE'S LOCK SHOP	\$ 484.84
HANDLEY CENTER	\$ 456.00
HEARST LIBRARY	\$ 500.33
HISTORIC HOMESTAKE OPERA HOUSE	\$ 2,083.33
JACOBS PRECISION WELDING, INC.	\$ 81.16
JOHNER PAVING	\$ 897.00
JUNEK'S	\$ 202.00
KEVN	\$ 510.00
LEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 9,166.67
LEAD/DEADWOOD SANITARY DIST	\$ 37,034.55
LYNN'S	\$ 80.91
M.S. MAIL	\$ 617.50
GARY MCNALL	\$ 1,212.58
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$ 336.55
NEHL DENTAL INC	\$ 422.20
NORTHERN HILLS GOLF CAR	\$ 670.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC	\$ 47.78

PLACER LABS INC	\$ 15,000.00
POWERPLAN	\$ 13.70
RIVERFRONT BROADCASTING	\$ 2,706.00
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	\$ 159.98
RUSHMORE OFFICE	\$ 59.50
SACRISON ASPHALT	\$ 977.25
SERVALL TOWELL & LINEN, INC.	\$ 113.37
SIMON NORTH REGION SD	\$ 2,153.03
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	\$ 82,064.77
SPEARFISH BUILDING SUPPLY	\$ 294.63
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, INC.	\$ 283.87
SWANK MOVIE LICENSING USA	\$ 452.00
TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	\$ 90.00
WATERS HARDWARE	\$ 167.71
WEST RIVER SOLID WASTE SOLUTIONS LLC	\$ 30,814.44
WESTERN PEAKS LOGISTICS	\$ 36.16
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$ 35,434.46
FIRST NATIONAL CREDIT CARD	\$ 4,070.63
Total Amount	\$ 336,211.91
Payroll	
Mayor/Commission	\$ 1,508.97
Finance	\$ 9,601.67
Govt Buildings	\$ 420.93
Police	\$ 20,461.03
Streets	\$ 22,247.33
Cemetery	\$ 572.00
Health Inspections	\$ 3,098.73
Parks	\$ 10,306.81
Library	\$ 8,250.04
Water	\$ 8,750.95
Total Amount	\$ 85,218.46

LEGAL AND FINANCE

1. M/Carr, S/Hanson- carried to approve the Handley funding request for remainder of 2026 in the amount of \$72,917.00
Those voting Aye: Commissioner Hanson
Those voting Nay: Mayor Heupel and Commissioners Carr, Thomas and Rohrer.
Moton Failed.

Mayor Heupel explained that there was some confusion regarding this matter during the previous week's meeting and that he had consulted with legal counsel for clarification. He noted that, because the item remained on the table despite the vote, it was placed on the agenda for reconsideration so that official action on that question could be taken.

ITEMS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

1. Mayor Heupel thanked Commissioners Rob Carr and Al Rohrer for their dedicated service and time on the Board of Commissioners. Commissioners Carr and Rohrer each addressed the public and offered remarks to the incoming commissioners. City Administrator Robin Lucero also expressed her appreciation to Commissioners Carr and Rohrer for their commitment and service to the city.

ADJOURN

M/Carr, S/Rohrer—Carried to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:00 PM.

CITY OF LEAD

ATTEST

Dustin Heuple, Mayor
(SEAL)

Robin Lucero, City Administrator

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OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW OFFICIALS

City Administrator Robin Lucero administered the Oath of Office to Valerie Meiners and Dustin Schumacher as they assumed their positions on the Board of Commissioners.

APPROVE AGENDA

- 1. M/Hanson, S/Meiners- Carried to approve the July 6, 2026, agenda with an amendment to remove item N. 2 Malt Beverage Renewals as they had already been renewed early this year.

ITEMS FROM VISITORS

- 1. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to approve Natalie Braden: Pickleball Court Reservation Request (Sundays 2:30-5:30pm through the end of September)
- 2. Deb Fischer, representing the Checks and Balances group, read aloud a letter from Pam Millard that had been submitted to the Commissioners regarding a request for expenses related to the Rock the Hills Concert and Vintage Baseball Game. Mayor Heupel stated that, within the next few Commission meetings, City Administrator Robin Lucero will present a detailed PowerPoint presentation providing the requested information.
- 3. Don Mack congratulated the newly elected commissioners and shared information about opportunities he believed would be valuable for them to participate in. He also requested that the Board revisit the sound system used during meetings.

PUBLIC WORKS

- 1. Jason Bauernfeind provided an update on the Dwight Street Wall project. The work is progressing safely and smoothly and is nearly complete.

LIBRARY

- 1. M/Thomas, S/Meiners- Carried to Appoint Beth Bertalotto for a 3-year term on the Library Board.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 1. M/Thomas, S/Schumacher- Carried to approve hiring Kurt Pickard as a full-time patrol officer effective immediately at \$30.05/hour.
- 2. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to approve accepting resignation of Jackson Bong as patrol officer effective immediately. The resignation creates an open patrol officer position.
Commissioner Schumacher recused himself of the vote due to family relationship.
- 3. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to approve hiring Tanner Weaver as part-time patrol officer effective immediately at \$28.00/hour.
- 4. Chief gave an update regarding temporary Coolidge Street Closure 7/7/26.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS/HEALTH SAFETY/PLANNING OFFICE

- 1. M/Schumacher, S/Hanson- Carried to approve demolition permit: 610 McClellan Street garage, Lon/Casey Lefler. There were a few questions regarding the demolition packet and a request to check into the verbiage.
- 2. Board Member Opening on Historic Preservation Commission.
- 3. Robin Lucero provided an update on the four-day Fourth of July celebration. Robin thanked the Chamber, City staff, volunteers, and everyone involved for their hard work and dedication, which made the event a tremendous success and an outstanding weekend.
- 4. Jaimie Grangard provided an update on the four-day Fourth of July celebrations and expressed appreciation to City staff, the Fire Department, the Chamber Board, and everyone who contributed to the success of the events.

LEGAL AND FINANCE

- 1. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to approve Mayoral Appointments as follows:
Mayor Heupel made the following appointments:

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS		
Commission	Acting Mayor/President of the Board of Commissioners	Roger Thomas
Commission	Commissioner of Finance & Revenue	Roger Thomas
Commission	Commissioner of Streets & Utilities	Dory Hanson
Commission	Commissioner of Public Safety	Valerie Meiners
Commission	Commissioner of Buildings & Public Grounds	Dustin Schumacher
Staff	City Administrator	Robin Lucero
Staff	Public Works Administrator	Jason Bauernfeind
Staff	Public Safety Administrator/Police Chief	Robert Williams
Staff	Building Inspector	Dennis Schumacher

Staff	Librarian	Sarah Shoop
Staff	Finance Officer	Billie Jo Ryan
Other	City Attorney	Johns & Kosel
Other	City Engineer	Interstate Engineering
Other	City Newspaper	Black Hills Pioneer
Other	City Depositories	First Interstate Bank and First National Bank

- 2. M/, Thomas, S/Meiners- Carried to approve ordinance #1127-26 Ordinance Establishing a Schedule for Introduction and Adoption of the Annual Municipal Budget Ordinance of the City of Lead (First Reading). The intent of this ordinance is to work through the next year’s fiscal budget later in the year which gives a better financial recap of the city’s position as well as more time to work through the budget process.

MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. M/Thomas, S/Meiners- Carried to enter into executive session Per SDCL 1-25-2 (1, 3) (personnel, legal counsel) at 6:43 PM
M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to exit executive session Per SDCL 1-25-2 (1, 3) (personnel, legal counsel) at 7:08 PM

ADJOURN

- 1. M/Meiners, S/Thomas—Carried to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:10 PM.

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