

LEAD CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2026

The Lead City Commission met on Monday, July 20, 2026, in City Hall, 801 West Main Street at 5:30 PM with the following members present: Mayor Dustin Heupel and Commissioners Dory Hanson, Roger Thomas, Valerie Meiners, and Dusan Schumacher. Absent: None. Mayor Heupel called the Regular Meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

1. M/Thomas, S/Hanson- Carried to approve the July 20, 2026, agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Minutes of the 7/6/26 meeting are approved as read.

ITEMS FROM VISITORS

1. Rob Lester with Gold Star Concessions stated that he would like to put a candy machine at City Hall. Commissioners had no issues with this.
2. Deb Fischer, representing the Checks and Balances group, read aloud a letter that had been submitted to the Commissioners regarding a request for expenses related to the Rock the Hills Concert and Vintage Baseball Game. Pam Millard stated they picked up the documents from City Hall and will be picking through them and analyzing them at their 6:00 PM meeting at the Rod and Gun Club July 21st and creating a spreadsheet of their own to make sure all documents are accounted for. Pam Millard stated if any documents are unaccounted for, they will be coming back to the city and asking for a denial letter. If they do not receive a denial letter, they will be reporting these things to the state of South Dakota and will be filing a complaint against the city for not complying with the claims the citizens have asked for. The group will then decide if they themselves will pursue the city or obtain legal counsel.
3. Todd Jones, representing the Historic Homestake Opera House, provided an update on activities and ongoing projects at the Opera House.
4. Pamela Berreth requested that the City investigate an issue with overgrown weeds and vegetation on the property adjacent to hers.
5. Pam Millard stated that she found the City's sign ordinance difficult to interpret due to its level of detail and requested that the city measure her building, at no cost, so she can determine what banners are permitted to be displayed during the rally.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Jason Bauernfeind provided an update on the Facility Plan. He stated that staff from the engineering firm will be seen throughout the city assessing the sewer system to begin the initial phase of the project.
2. Jason also recognized the Police Department and residents who assisted with an accident that occurred over the weekend, commending them for their quick response and the great job they did in helping during the incident.
3. Robin Lucero recognized a young man who assisted during the Fourth of July when a grass fire was spotted. She stated that the individual climbed over a fence and helped extinguish the fire before it could spread further, commending him for his quick response and willingness to help. Robin also recognized two young girls who assisted by helping gather water as needed during the incident.

PUBLIC SAFETY

4. M/Schumacher, S/Thomas- Carried to approve hiring Katherine Szutz as a full-time patrol officer effective immediately at \$27.00/hour.
Heupel and Meiners stated that they would prefer to re-advertise the position and would like to see a certified officer considered for the position.
Williams stated that the department will already be down to four officers and expressed concern that re-advertising the position could result in additional delays of several months while the department is already short-staffed.
Those voting Aye: Schumacher, Hanson, and Thomas
Those voting Nay: Heupel and Meiners
Motion passed.

BILLS

- 1. M/Carr, S/Thomas- Carried to approve the Bills in the amount of \$165,646.63 (payables) \$76,566.03 and (wages) \$89,080.60

Vendor	Amount
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$ 356.70
ADMIRAL OF THE BLACK HILLS	\$ 1,098.50
ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN	\$ 16,000.00
BARRY’S ELECTRIC	\$ 550.00
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL & JANITORIAL, INC.	\$ 808.42
BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	\$ 49.00
BLACK HILLS LIBRARY CONSORTIUM	\$ 1,450.54
BLACK HILLS PIONEER	\$ 190.92
BLACK HILLS PURE, INC	\$ 94.25
COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY	\$ 1,394.00
DEADWOOD DENTAL	\$ 916.40
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	\$ 1,125.00
GREG WATSON	\$ 216.84
HEARST LIBRARY	\$ 759.11
JERRY GREERS ENGINEERING	\$ 250.00
LEAD/DEADWOOD SANITARY DIST	\$ 358.15
LYNN’S	\$ 238.90
M.S. MAIL	\$ 554.00
MICOLE DAVIS	\$ 39.48
MIDCONTINENT TESTING LAB	\$ 503.25
NINA MCINTIRE	\$ 8,576.00
RO-SHAM-BO	\$ 13,875.40
RUSHMORE OFFICE	\$ 163.95
SARAH SHOOP	\$ 53.48
SERVALL TOWELL & LINEN, INC.	\$ 197.82
SIMON NORTH REGION SD	\$ 926.24
SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	\$ 49.35
SOUTHSIDE OIL CO., INC.	\$ 10,522.97
DR. REID STONE, DDS	\$ 47.00
THROUGH RY’S EYES	\$ 1,700.00
TWICE THE ICE OF THE BLACK HILLS	\$ 412.50
UNITED RENTALS	\$ 8,017.44
USA BLUEBOOK	\$ 213.80
VANWAY TROPHY & AWARD	\$ 40.40
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 438.37
AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 283.78
MID-CONTINENT	\$ 1,094.07
Total Amount	\$ 73,566.03
Payroll	
Mayor/Commission	\$ 1,508.97
Finance	\$ 9,601.67
Police	\$ 19,852.03
Streets	\$ 17,230.01
Health Inspections	\$ 3,098.73
Parks	\$ 18,416.66
Library	\$ 8,201.27
Water	\$ 7,375.75
Sewer	\$ 3,795.51
Total Amount	\$ 89,080.60

LEGAL AND FINANCE

- 1. M/Meiners S/Thomas- 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 (Second Reading)
- 2. The 2027 Budget Meeting Schedule is now available. The meetings will begin September

21st and go through November 15th and are also subject to change.

3. M/Thomas, S/Meiners- Carried to approve the Financial Report—June 2026 in the amount of \$2,084,815.56

MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. Next Regular Meeting- Monday, August 3, 2026 @ 5:30 PM- Lead City Hall
5. Planning & Zoning- Tuesday, July 28, 2026 @ 5:00 PM- Lead City Hall
6. Historic Preservation- Wednesday, September 16, 2026 @ 4:00 PM- Lead City Hall

ADJOURN

1. M/Thomas, S/Hanson—Carried to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:06 PM.

CITY OF LEAD

ATTEST

Dustin Heupel, Mayor
(SEAL)

Robin Lucero, City Administrator