

LEAD CITY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

August 18, 2026

The Lead City Commission met on Monday, August 18, 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 Dustin Schumacher.

Absent: None. Mayor Heupel called the Regular Meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

1. M/Thomas, S/Meiners- Carried to approve the agenda as read.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. M/Thomas, S/Schumacher- Carried to approve the minutes of the 8/3/26 meeting with an amendment to change a duplicate line in the resolution under public safety for the nay votes.

ITEMS FROM VISITORS

1. Bill Rogers spoke regarding mass surveillance and Flock cameras, expressing concerns about the use of that technology and its potential impact on privacy.
2. Pam Millard, with the Checks and Balances group, asked several questions regarding the Fourth of July documents. Pam questioned the January 2026 sales tax amount; however, following the meeting, Finance Officer Billie Jo Ryan confirmed that the amount reported was correct. Pam also requested that it be noted for the record that she would like to receive the bank statements and stated that budgeted funds are not considered revenue. City Administrator Robin Lucero stated that she has contacted the City Attorney regarding whether the city can provide the requested bank statements and has been awaiting his direction before doing so. It was noted that Pam Millard and the Checks and Balances group have been informed of this matter several times. Lucero stated that once direction is received from the City Attorney, the group will be notified promptly.
3. Trevor Martin voiced concerns regarding an incident involving a neighbor that occurred several years ago at his residence on Billings Avenue. Martin stated that he feels his concerns about the police chief have not been adequately addressed by the City Commission. He also stated his vehicles were vandalized and now unmarked Lawrence County Sheriff's Office vehicles are following him throughout Lawrence County. DCI is now investigating this case because he has it all on video. He finds the conduct of the board unacceptable.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. M/Hanson, S/Thomas- Carried to approve the loader repair not to exceed \$8,000.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to approve resignation from officer Marshall Rood effective September 8, 2026.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS/HEALTH SAFETY/PLANNING OFFICE

1. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to approve hiring Bryan Smith for the building inspector position at a salary of \$65,000 effective immediately.
2. There was discussion held regarding the creation of an Ordinance Officer position and designation within the city. Commissioner Hansen questioned how the software for tracking ordinances would work. City Administrator Robin Lucero stated that she would like to hear Chief Williams' thoughts and input regarding the proposed position. Commissioner Valerie Meiners stated that the job description would need to be updated to include the additional responsibilities if the change is approved. Valerie also stated that the position would initially be implemented on a trial basis to determine whether the arrangement is effective. The workload for an ordinance officer was discussed as well as which department, if any, the ordinance officer would be under. Financing this position was discussed as well, if it would be a new position or take a position from the police department. More discussion will continue in the future.

BILLS

1. M/Thomas, S/Meiners- Carried to approve the Bills in the amount of \$83,878.77 (payables) and (wages) \$87,934.90

Vendor	Amount
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$ 368.36
ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGY LLC	\$ 598.00
ANDERSON EXCAVATION	\$ 350.00
AREHART UPHOLSTERY	\$ 37.50
BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	\$ 154.72
BLACK HILLS PIONEER	\$ 506.47
BLACK HILLS PURE, INC	\$ 65.25
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	\$ 2,342.88
DEADWOOD DENTAL	\$ 190.40
FED EX	\$ 20.51
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	\$ 1,125.00
GALLS, INC.	\$ 332.04
JOHNER PAVING	\$ 1,275.75
LEAD/DEADWOOD SANITARY DIST	\$ 46,444.33
LYNN'S	\$ 82.97
M.S. MAIL	\$ 290.00
MIDWEST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$ 525.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC	\$ 2,284.24
PETE LIEN & SONS, INC.	\$ 4,429.00
RO-SHAM-BO	\$ 240.00
SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	\$ 27.30
SOUTHSIDE OIL CO., INC.	\$ 6,155.29
DR. REID STONE, DDS	\$ 333.00
STRYKER SALES CORP.	\$ 150.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 457.82
WESTERN PEAKS LOGISTICS	\$ 19.96
AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 283.78
AVERA HEALTH PLANS	\$ 278.26
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$ 13,414.20
MID-CONTINENT	\$ 1,096.74
Total Amount	\$ 83,878.77
Payroll	
Mayor/Commission	\$ 1,498.21
Finance	\$ 9,601.67
Govt Buildings	\$ 736.33
Police	\$ 19,861.98
Street	\$ 23,700.26
Snow	\$ 8,118.87
Health Inspection	\$ 3,098.73
Parks	\$ 4,116.95
Library	\$ 8,181.93
Water	\$ 2,470.55
Sewer	\$ 6,549.42
Total Amount	\$ 87,934.90

LEGAL AND FINANCE

- 1. The 2027 Budget meeting schedule was discussed. The October 12 meeting will be changed to Tuesday, October 13, as October 12 falls on a holiday.
- 2. M/Thomas, S/Hanson- Carried to approve the July 2026 Financial Report in the amount of \$2,013.733.29

MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Next Regular Meeting- Tuesday, September 8, 2026 @ 5:30 PM- Lead City Hall
- 2. Planning & Zoning- Tuesday, August 25, 2026 @ 5:00 PM- Lead City Hall
- 3. Historic Preservation- Wednesday, September 16, 2026 @ 4:00 PM- Lead City Hall

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. M/Meiners, S/Schumacher- carried to enter executive session Per SDCL 1-25-2 (1, 4) at 6:30 PM and came out of executive session at 8:35 PM.

ADJOURN

- 1. M/Hansen, S/Thomas—Carried to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 PM.

CITY OF LEAD

Dustin Heupel, Mayor
(SEAL)

ATTEST

Robin Lucero, City Administrator