

LEAD CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2026

The Lead City Commission met on Tuesday, September 8, 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/Hanson, S/Meiners- Carried to approve the agenda as read.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Minutes of the 8/17/26 meeting are approved as read.

ITEMS FROM VISITORS

1. Executive Director Todd Jones provided an update on upcoming events and activities at the Historic Homestake Opera House. The Opera House is updating its sound equipment and has hired Naomi MacMillan as the new Event and Community Outreach Coordinator for both the Opera House and the Chamber. Jones highlighted several upcoming events, the full event calendar is available on the Historic Homestake Opera House website.
1. Emma Garvin, Deadwood-Lead Economic Development Director, provided an update on sales tax revenues and PlacerAi. Members were encouraged to contact Emma directly for additional information or questions.
2. Rose Burns with the Checks and Balances group provided an update and presented several questions. The group has begun reviewing bank statements against the City's spreadsheets and the invoices they have received. Burns noted that this will be an ongoing process, with additional questions expected as the review continues. The group requested that the remaining 2026 bank statements be provided as they become available. Burns also asked about the current bill list and suggested adding a column clearly identifying what each bill is for. Questions were also raised regarding the coding used for certain bills and the reasons for those classifications.
3. Pam Millard requested to review the discussion from the August 17 meeting, specifically comments and information regarding sales tax that she believed were inaccurate. Robin Lucero read aloud a letter responding to Pam Millard and the Checks and Balances group regarding the \$90,000 in budgeted funds for the City of Lead's 150th Anniversary Celebration. The letter provided clarification regarding the purpose and budgeting of the funds and addressed questions that had been raised.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. M/Meiners, S/Hanson- Carried to approve Core and Main Water Materials Purchase from the water fund up to \$11,000.
2. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to approve Mountain Lawn Sprinkler Upgrade from Perpetual Care up to \$4,000.
3. M/Hanson, S/Meiners- Carried to approve Black Hills Asphalt quote to seal streets up to \$16,000 out of street repair.
4. M/Schumacher, S/Hanson- Carried to accept resignation of Lance Weiler from Public Works effective September 17th.
5. M/Hanson, S/Meiners- Carried to approve Sean Brandeberry for the Public Works Specialist effective November 2nd at \$27.84/hour.
6. M/Hanson, S/Schumacher- Carried to approve Murphy Churchill for the Parks/Government Buildings Specialist effective November 2nd at \$26/hour.
7. Free Dump Weekend- September 17-19, 2026

LIBRARY

1. Sarah Shoop gave an update on the summer reading stats.
2. September is Library Card sign-up month

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Williams discussed the possibility of designating certain parking spaces on Main Street for compact cars only. Discussion focused on the first parking spaces on the west side of each intersection, on the south side of Main Street when traveling east. It was

suggested that the city begin with the intersections at Galena and Blatt and others to follow. Mayor Heupel encouraged residents to reach out to City Hall and Chief Williams with their thoughts, comments, and ideas regarding the proposed compact car parking.

- 2. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to approve Patrol Officer Job opening advertising not to exceed \$1000.
- 3. September 10th - Scam Presentation at 6pm Historic Homestake Opera House.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS/HEALTH SAFETY/PLANNING OFFICE

- 1. Robin Lucero introduced Bryan Smith the new City of Lead’s Building Inspector.
- 2. M/Meiners, S/Hanson- Carried to approve Variance for the deck at 144 Terraville Ave.

BILLS

- 1. M/Thomas, S/Meiners- Carried to approve the Bills in the amount of \$277,266.35 \$195,808.97 (payables) and (wages) \$81,457.38

Vendor	Amount
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$ 402.38
ACE HARDWARE	\$ 1,253.65
ALL NET CONNECTIONS	\$ 2,619.98
AMANN DENTAL	\$ 356.00
AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING CORP.	\$ 436.58
ANDERSON SERVICES LLC	\$ 455.00
BARRY’S ELECTRIC	\$ 10,518.94
BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	\$ 447.92
BLACK HILLS PIONEER	\$ 235.55
BLACK HILLS PURE, INC	\$ 58.00
BLACK HILLS SECURITY & SYSTEMS	\$ 134.85
BROSZ ENGINEERING INC	\$ 17,000.00
DAKOTA RENTALS	\$ 240.00
DEADWOOD DENTAL	\$ 517.40
GAGES	\$ 303.96
GALLS, INC.	\$ 154.63
HEARST LIBRARY	\$ 812.59
HISTORIC HOMESTAKE OPERA HOUSE	\$ 2,083.33
JERRY GREERS ENGINEERING	\$ 743.85
JOHNER PAVING	\$ 1,359.75
JOHNS & KOSEL, PROF. LLC	\$ 4,758.91
LEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 9,166.67
LEAD/DEADWOOD SANITARY DIST	\$ 44,629.96
LORD’S CUPBOARD	\$ 750.00
LYNN’S	\$ 53.35
MCGAS PROPANE	\$ 465.38
GARY MCNALL	\$ 1,212.58
MIDCONTINENT TESTING LAB	\$ 560.75
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$ 158.00
MONUMENT HEALTH	\$ 100.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC	\$ 1,172.94
PONDEROSA LAND SURVEYS LLC	\$ 487.50
RIVERFRONT BROADCASTING	\$ 54.00
SANITATION PRODUCTS INC	\$ 195.32
SERVALL TOWELL & LINEN, INC.	\$ 223.32
SIMON NORTH REGION SD	\$ 2,631.09
SIR LINES A LOT	\$ 2,095.50
SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	\$ 35.70
SOUTHSIDE OIL CO., INC.	\$ 5,572.95
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, INC.	\$ 1,475.53
TEEN COURT	\$ 3,500.00
TOM’S T’S	\$ 29.70
VADIM MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC.	\$ 275.52
VIGILANT BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$ 430.60
VY CONCRETE	\$ 1,400.00
WATERS HARDWARE	\$ 141.39
WEST RIVER SOLID WASTE SOLUTIONS LLC	\$ 30,814.44
WESTERN PEAKS LOGISTICS	\$ 37.36
AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 290.78
AVERA HEALTH PLANS	\$ 31,230.41
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$ 9,126.93
FIRST NATIONAL CREDIT CARD	\$ 2,598.03
Total Amount	\$ 195,808.97

LEGAL AND FINANCE

- 1. 2025 Audit Completed by Ketel Thorsenson.

ITEMS FROM MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS

- 1. M/Schumacher, S/Meiners- Carried to Appoint Dory Hanson to the Historic Homestake Opera House board as a liaison from the city.
- 2. M/Hanson, S/Thomas- Carried to Appoint Robin Lucero to the Prairie Hills Transit Governing Board.

MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Next Regular Meeting- Monday, September 21, 2026 @ 5:30 PM- Lead City Hall
- 2. Planning & Zoning- Tuesday, September 22, 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/Thomas- carried to enter executive session Per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 6:39 PM and came out of executive session at 7:45 PM.

ADJOURN

- 1. M/Hanson, S/Meiners—Carried to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 PM.

CITY OF LEAD

ATTEST

Dustin Heupel, Mayor
(SEAL)

Robin Lucero, City Administrator