LEAD CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
October 19, 2026

The Lead City Commission met on Monday, October 19, 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, Dustin Schumacher and Valerie Meiners. Absent: None. Mayor Heupel called the Regular Meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

1. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to approve the October 19, 2026, agenda as read.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Commission consensus to approve October 5, 2026, minutes as read.

ITEMS FROM VISITORS

1. Kelly Neidawerter provided updates on current activities and happenings at the Homestake Opera House.
2. Kevin Derby, representing the Handley Center, was present to advocate for the Handley Center. He voiced his concerns and recommended that they assist with half of the funding.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. M/Hanson, S/Schumacher- Carried to approve $64,783 for a 2026 F-350 1-ton diesel utility truck from at state bid price from Lamb Motors from surplus sales tax.
   Several commissioners expressed concerns regarding the cost and engine of the new truck, as well as whether the purchase could be postponed. Rim explained that they had thoroughly researched the vehicle and were able to negotiate the price down by approximately $5,000. Rim and Jason emphasized that the truck is a necessity rather than a want.
   Those voting Aye: Mayor Heupel and Commissioner Schumacher, Hanson, and Meiners
   Those voting Nay: Commissioner Thomas
2. M/Hanson, S/Schumacher- Carried to approve $31,670 for a toolbox, Tommy lift and installation from surplus sales tax**.** The motion did not pass.
   Those voting Aye: Commissioner Schumacher, and Hanson.
   Those voting Nay: Mayor Heupel and Commissioner Thomas, and Meiners.

LIBRARY

1. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to approve BHLC & Autumn Library Training Travel Requests

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. M/Meiners, S/Hanson- Carried to approve to rescind the burn ban in Resolution #2026-04 effective immediately**.**
2. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to approve RFP for Police Department Equipment and Software, due November 2, 2026 by 4pm.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS/HEALTH SAFETY/PLANNING OFFICE

1. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to approve advertising for the Ordinance Officer Position opening not to exceed $1000.

BILLS

1. M/Thomas, S/Meiners- Carried to approve the Bills in the amount of $160,454.39 $85,581.15 (payables) and (wages) $74,873.24.

Vendor	Amount
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	$ 409.87
ALPINE IMPRESSIONS	$ 45.00
BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	$ 2,150.00
BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	$ 106.60
BLACK HILLS PURE, INC	$ 58.00
DAKOTA PLAYGROUND	$ 524.00
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	$ 1,125.00
FOOTHILL FENCE	$ 15,525.19
GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE & SUPPLY COMPANY, INC.	$ 280.36
GREAT WESTERN TIRE INC	$ 8,048.80
GRIMM'S PUMP SERVICE	$ 1,939.16
GUNDERSON. PALMER, NELSON& ASHMORE, LLP	$ 1,559.66
KETEL THORSTENSON LLP	$ 1,029.87
LEAD/DEADWOOD SANITARY DIST	$ 36,347.88
MIDCONTINENT TESTING LAB	$ 417.75
RUSHMORE OFFICE	$ 229.80
SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	$ 29.40
TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	$ 45.00
USA BLUEBOOK	$ 114.63
VADIM MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC.	$ 140.40
VERIZON WIRELESS	$ 492.51
WHITES CANYON MOTORS	$ 201.65
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	$ 13,535.55
MID-CONTINENT	$ 1,225.07
Total Amount	**$ 85,581.15**
Payroll	
Mayor/Commission	$ 1,498.21
Finance	$ 9,612.07
Police	$ 18,132.67
Snow	$ 26,764.82
Health Inspections	$ 2,841.25
Library	$ 7,361.37
Water	$ 2,476.66
Sewer	$ 6,186.19
Total Amount	**$ 74,873.24**

LEGAL AND FINANCE

1. M/Schumacher, S/Meiners- Carried to set Malt Beverage License Hearing for Blackstone Lodge and Suites for November 2, 2026, at 5:30 PM
2. Fee Resolution Discussion: Robin stated that she had sent the Commission a draft outlining several proposed changes to the Fee Resolution. She reviewed the proposed changes with the Commission, including short-term rental fees, demolition permit fees, building permit fees, and water, sewer, and garbage rates.
   Mayor Heupel encouraged anyone with questions or concerns regarding the proposed changes to contact City Hall for further discussion.
   Mayor Heupel stated that, in his opinion, the proposed $1,000 short-term rental fee is too high and could discourage property owners from offering short-term rentals in Lead. He also expressed disagreement with the proposed building permit fee changes.

   Commissioner Meiners expressed concerns regarding short-term rentals and stated that she would like the matter to be researched further.
   Rose Burns shared her opinions regarding the proposed short-term rental fees and building permit fees. Pam Millard encouraged citizens to get involved in city government and participate in local government discussions and decision-making. Orien Nold requested further review of the proposed short-term rental fees and vendor fees.
3. M/Thomas, S/Hanson- Carried to approve September 2026 Financial Report in the amount of $1,877,177.97

ITEMS FROM MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS

1. Mayor Heupel thanked everyone for coming out to support the vintage baseball games.

MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Regular Meeting- Monday, November 2, 2026 @ 5:30 PM- Lead City Hall
2. Planning & Zoning- Tuesday, October 27, 2026 @ 5:00 PM- Lead City Hall
3. Historic Preservation- Wednesday, October 21, 2026 @ 4:00 PM- Lead City Hall
4. Budget Meetings: October 19 & 26, November 2nd & 16th

ADJOURN

1. M/Thomas, S/Meiners—Carried to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:30 PM.

CITY OF LEAD ATTEST

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Dustin Heupel, Mayor Robin Lucero, City Administrator

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