LEAD CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
November 2, 2026

The Lead City Commission met on Monday, November 2, 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/Schumacher- Carried to approve November 2, 2026, agenda as read.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Commission consensus to approve Special Minutes and Regular minutes of October 19, 2026, as read.

ITEMS FROM VISITORS

1. Shelley Dragoo with Kiwanis provided an update on the Purple Park project. Shelly thanked everyone for their support and contributions to the project. She would like to turn over remaining funds to the City to use as they see fit. She would also like to see a sign and sod added to the park. Robin stated that Jerry has installed the trash cans and the lighting is complete. Robin also showed the donor sign that will be placed at the park, along with a wooden sign designed to match the Manual Brothers Park sign.
2. Elizabeth Neilson, a Lead homeowner was present to discuss short-term rentals and asked the Commission to reconsider the permit fee increase of $750, plus $100 per bedroom and an additional $250 inspection fee. Commissioner Thomas expressed his concerns and gave his explanation of the reasons for the fee increases.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Commission Consensus to approve advertising on Facebook and advertising at City Hall for cleaning contract quotes from interested parties to clean City Hall estimating 15 hours a week – Quotes due November 10th by 5pm to City Hall.
2. M/Hanson, S/Thomas- Carried to approve 8 tires for the Freightliner truck budgeted out of snow for $3,322.72
3. M/Hanson, S/Schumacher- Carried to approve carpet upgrade for second floor up to $14,000 from Carpet Buyer's Outlet: $8,000 from Government Buildings, Building Repair & $6,000 from Health Reg, Professional Fees**.**
   Mayor Heupel asked the commission to take this into consideration before approval.
   Those voting aye: Mayor Heupel, and Commissioners, Schumacher, Hanson, Thomas, and Meiners.
   Those voting nay: None.
4. M/Meiners, S/Schumacher- Carried to approve Resolution #2026-08 Declaring No Parking on the South Side of Railroad Ave from Durango St to Rowe Ave
   Those voting aye: Mayor Heupel, and Commissioners, Schumacher, Hanson, Thomas, and Meiners.
   Those voting nay: None.

CITY OF LEAD RESOLUTION #2026-08
A RESOLUTION DECLARING NO PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF RAILROAD AVENUE FROM DURANGO ST TO ROWE AVE

The City Commission of the City of Lead, a municipal corporation, meeting in regular session on November 2, 2026, pursuant to SDCL 9-l9, a motion was made by Meiners, seconded by Schumacher, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the City of Lead, State of South Dakota has deemed it in the best interest of the City to adopt a Resolution implementing no parking on the South side of Railroad Avenue between Durango St and Rowe Ave; and

WHEREAS, The City does acknowledge there is public parking on the north side of Railroad Ave in this area that can be utilized as well as additional public parking above this area on Rowe Ave; and

WHEREAS, The City also acknowledges there is opportunity for parking on private property on the west side of Railroad Ave near Rowe Ave.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following parking restrictions be created:

A no parking this side of street sign shall be posted at the intersection of Railroad Ave and Durango St. The no parking restriction will be implemented on the south side of Railroad Ave for approximately 275 feet to the intersection of Rowe Ave where another no parking this side of street sign shall be posted.
DATED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of November, 2026
Those voting aye: Mayor Heupel, Commissioners Thomas, Meiners, Hanson and Schumacher.
Those voting nay: None

CITY OF LEAD: ATTEST:

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Dustin Heupel, Mayor Robin Lucero, City Administrator

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PUBLIC SAFETY

1. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to approve request for Proposals Opening and accept the Axon proposal for the Police Department Equipment and Technology in a 10-year estimated total of $453,003.66. Payments will begin January 1, 2027, with the final payment due January 1, 2036. The annual payment will be $45,032.22/year.
   Heupel questioned why the proposal included seven pieces of equipment when there were only six officers. Williams stated that, at the time of proposal, the department budgeted for the seven officers it had been approved for. The additional equipment would allow a part-time officer to use the equipment if needed.
   Heupel questioned why there was an extra vehicle and whether the Ordinance Officer would be using it. Williams stated that the department currently has seven vehicles, and one could be used by the part-time officer. Heupel questioned why the department needed an extra vehicle when finances are tight. Williams explained that the department did not have a spare vehicle until the seventh officer position was eliminated.
   Meiners asked if Williams would feel comfortable eliminating the seventh equipment setup. Williams reiterated that the purpose of having a seventh setup was to ensure the part-time officer would have their own equipment when needed.
   Those voting aye: Mayor Heupel, Commissioners Thomas, Meiners, Hanson and Schumacher.
   Those voting nay: None
2. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to table Fair Labor Standards Act additional compensation for Chief Williams until after executive session.

BILLS

1. M/Thomas, S/Meiners- Carried to approve the Bills in the amount of $240,334.48 $162,882.10 (payables) and (wages) $77,451.18.

Vendor	Amount	
A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	$	57.41
ACE HARDWARE	$	809.55
ALL NET CONNECTIONS	$	3,027.50
ANDERSON SERVICES LLC	$	120.00
AREHART UPHOLSTERY	$	37.50
BLACK HILLS ASPHALT LLC	$	16,024.00
BLACK STRAP INC	$	5,184.00
FREEDOM AND GLORY	$	200.98
CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY	$	150.00
DEADWOOD DENTAL	$	354.00
DIGITAL DESIGNS	$	487.50
TWIN CITY ANIMAL SHELTER	$	3,250.00
GALLS, INC.	$	149.00
HISTORIC HOMESTAKE OPERA HOUSE	$	2,083.33
JACOBS PRECISION WELDING, INC.	$	57.00
JENNER EQUIPMENT, INC.	$	425.97
JERRY GREERS ENGINEERING	$	753.00
JOHNER PAVING	$	255.00
KURT PICKARD	$	178.36
LEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	$	9,166.67
GARY MCNALL	$	1,212.58
MIDCO DIVING & MARINE SERVICES, INC.	$	5,639.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	$	236.77
MONUMENT HEALTH	$	241.00
PONDEROSA LAND SURVEYS LLC	$	508.75
QUIK SIGNS	$	191.10
SACRISON PAVING	$	31,101.13
SIMON NORTH REGION SD	$	1,162.57
SOUTHSIDE OIL CO., INC.	$	10,827.53
SOUTHSIDE SERVICE	$	207.02
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, INC.	$	570.52
TOM DEBOISE	$	78.11
TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	$	240.00
VESTIS FIRST AID	$	174.91
WEST RIVER SOLID WASTE SOLUTIONS LLC	$	30,814.44
WESTERN PEAKS LOGISTICS	$	19.95
WHITES CANYON MOTORS	$	1,734.95
AT&T MOBILITY	$	290.78
AVERA HEALTH PLANS	$	29,062.48
FIRST NATIONAL CREDIT CARD	$	5,798.74
Total Amount	**$**	**162,883.10**
Payroll		
Mayor/Commission	$	1,498.21
Finance	$	9,599.86
Police	$	20,431.11
Snow	$	26,896.00
Health/Inspections	$	2,841.25
Library	$	7,523.80
Water	$	2,470.55
Sewer	$	6,280.40
Total Amount	**$**	**77,541.18**

HEARINGS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

1. M/Thomas, S/Meiners- Carried to set Malt Beverage License Hearing for Town Hall Inn for November 16, 2026
2. Malt Beverage License Hearing for Blackstone Lodge and Suites

   Mayor Heupel opened the public hearing for discussion and, hearing no further comments, closed the hearing.
   M/Meiner, S/-Thomas- Carried to approve Malt Beverage License for Blackstone Lodge and Suites.

LEGAL AND FINANCE

1. M/Schumacher, S/Thomas- Carried to approve License Renewals for 2027 Wine and Liquor Licenses as read.
   Retail on Sale Liquor License: That Place LLC, Silver Start Lounge, Lewies's Burgers & Brews, Stampmill Inn, Greenfield Pub, Dakota Territory Resource Corp LLC.
   Package Off Sale Liquor: Lynns Dakota Mart, Dakota Mart Gas, Lead Common Cents, Roundhouse Liquors, Silver Star Lounge. **Retail on/off Sale Wine**: Historic Homestake Opera House, Dakota Shivers Brewing, Dollar General.
2. M/Meiners, S/Schumacher- Carried to table Resolution #2026-06 Fee Schedule.
   There was lengthy discussion regarding Resolution #2026-06, Fee Schedule, among the Mayor, Commissioners, and members of the public. Various opinions and suggestions were shared regarding potential changes to the proposed fees.
   Those voting aye: Mayor Heupel, Commissioners Thomas, Meiners, Hanson and Schumacher.
   Those voting nay: None
3. M/Hanson, S/Thomas- Carried to approve Ordinance #1129-26 2027 Budget - First Reading. Those voting aye: Mayor Heupel, Commissioners Thomas, Meiners, Hanson and Schumacher. Those voting nay: None
   Discussion was held among the Mayor and Commissioners regarding the 2027 Budget. Several items within the budget were discussed, and opinions were shared regarding items members would like to see changed or remain as proposed.
   Mayor Heupel brought up the toolbox and Tommy Lift for the water truck, noting that these items were not included in the previous budget discussion. Robin stated that they were included in the current budget because the city would like to have the items discussed and approved as part of the budget, if possible. Robin explained the purpose of the toolbox and provided a presentation outlining the equipment and its features. Water Superintendent Rim was present to explain why the Water Department needs this equipment.
   Thomas suggested looking into the cost of refurbishing the existing green truck to make it functional for the department. Jason stated that the city had researched this option and contacted Jacobs Welding. However, they did not feel comfortable taking on the project and recommended purchasing a new box. Several members of the public also shared their ideas and opinions regarding the proposed equipment.
   Meiners brought up employee raises for discussion. Robin stated that the budget currently includes a 3% across-the-board raise. Heupel referenced the budget meeting, where giving up employee raises to keep healthcare contributions at the current level had been discussed. He stated he assumed department heads had discussed this and requested clarification on what the plan would be before the budget was approved.
   Williams stated that the department was proposing a 4% raise and that, in his opinion, employees would be willing to accept a 2% raise and give up a portion of their increase to help keep healthcare costs the same. He also discussed the importance of employee retention.
   Robin stated that at the previous meeting, she had not been given any direction to make changes to healthcare, wages, or health insurance. She explained that if the Commission wanted changes made, they needed to provide her with specific feedback and direction before anything was approved.
   Finance Officer Billie Jo Ryan explained the healthcare buy-down. Library Director Sarah Shoop agreed, stating that her department would rather take no raise than have changes made to their health insurance.
   Heupel also questioned why the projected sales tax revenue had changed in the budget. Robin explained the adjustments that had been made. Roger stated that if changes were going to be made, they would need to be approved by November. Heupel suggested holding a special meeting on Friday if Robin could have the proposed changes completed and ready for discussion.
   Robin stated that the Commission could table the ordinance; however, any changes would need to be documented and voted on at this meeting.
   Hanson stated she was comfortable with the ordinance as presented. Schumacher also stated he was comfortable with the ordinance as presented. Meiners noted that there were a few items she would like to see addressed, including the Tommy Lift, fees, and toolbox. Thomas agreed that the budget was acceptable as presented for the first reading.

Robin stated that if any significant changes were being considered between the first and second readings, she recommended that the Commission be certain of exactly what changes they wanted before moving forward.
Heupel stated that he would like to see the Tommy Lift removed from the budget. Heupel then indicated that, based on the discussion, he was hearing that there were no other significant changes being requested.

4. M/Hanson, S/Schumacher- Carried to approve Resolution #2026-07 Declaring Miscellaneous Personal Property Surplus. Those voting aye: Commissioners Hanson and Schumacher. Those voting nay: Mayor Heupel, and Commissioners Meiners and Thomas. Motion Failed.

ITEMS FROM MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS

1. Mayor Heupel read a thank-you card from Liz, 206 Irwin, expressing her appreciation for the city checking in on her.

MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. Next Regular Meeting- Monday, November 16, 2026 @ 5:30 PM- Lead City Hall
3. Planning & Zoning- Tuesday, November 10, 2026 @ 5:00 PM- Lead City Hall
4. Historic Preservation- Wednesday, November 18, 2026 @ 4:00 PM- Lead City Hall
5. Williams informed the public of recent mountain lion sightings in the Washington and Mountain View areas. GFP has been notified of the sightings.
6. Robin informed the public that the time capsule will be buried on Tuesday, November 10th, at 3:45 PM at Mauel Brothers Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. M/Thomas, S/Meiners- Carried to enter executive session Per SDCL 1-25-2 (1, 1, 1) (personnel) at 8:00 PM
2. Commission consensus to enter regular meeting
3. M/Meiners, S/Thomas- Carried to approve compensating Chief Williams up to 25 hours a pay-period for up to 100 hours at regular pay beginning 9/27/2026 until the end of 2026 according to FLSA exempt employee compensation laws.

ADJOURN

1. M/Hanson, S/Thomas—Carried to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:29 PM.

CITY OF LEAD ATTEST

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Dustin Heupel, Mayor Robin Lucero, City Administrator

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