Regular Council Meeting
September 28, 2026

1. **Council President Larry Finley called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.** Present were Council members Justin Lohr and Robert "Bud" Erskin. City Attorney Lauren Reyelts, City Superintendent Dan Blair, Assistant City Clerk/City Treasurer Jennifer Blair, and City Clerk Jamie Crable were also present. Mayor Amanda Milne, Sheriff Cody Beeson and Council Member David Butler were absent. Council Member Randy Wieck called before the meeting and reported he would be late; Randy arrived at 7:10 pm.
2. **Visitors/Audience:** Wade Krien, Kary Meyer, Troy Meyer and Jordan Easter.
3. **Minutes** from the September 14th, 2026, Council meeting were distributed and read. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Bud to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.
4. **Sheriff Report:** None.
5. **New Business:**
   - **Troy and Kary Meyer, Electrical Service:** Troy Meyer told the Council that twice in the last six months Majestic Truck Stop has lost power due to wires burning up between his business and the transformer serving the building. Troy and Kary reported they are concerned about losing product if the power issue is not resolved. Kary stated she would like the City to be "proactive rather than reactive." Troy stated that the issues occur on Thursday and Friday when Pizza Hut is also open. Bud stated that before joining the City Council, he had approached the Council to request a pad-mounted transformer so that his business could install EV chargers. Bud stated that now would be the best time to do that while fixing the current power problem and noted this is something he would like the Council to examine. Dan stated he has been measuring the power usage of Majestic and Pizza Hut to determine what can be done to solve the problem. Bud stated he would like Pizza Hut and Majestic to be on separate transformers. Kary said that the City Crew has responded quickly to fix power outages, but she is concerned that at some point power will be out for too long, causing Majestic to lose product. Larry stated that the Council would work with Dan and discuss options to permanently fix the issue. Kary then requested no parking signs in front of Dollar General and expressed concerns about potential accidents. Kary said that at some point in the past the State had offered signs and the Council agreed to place them, but it had not been done. Larry said the City will find out if the signs are still available and if the City can put them up. Larry reiterated that regarding the electrical problem, the Council would research options for a solution. Bud stated that the business has decreased its high-power equipment usage and is still experiencing problems. Bud stated he is trying to work with the City to bring in EV chargers to benefit the City, again stating he would like to see a pad-mounted transformer installed. Jen asked if the power supply had been adequate in the past, noting that from a financial perspective there is a distinction between an upgrade and a replacement. Kary stated that it was adequate at one time, but the power problem has been ongoing. Larry thanked Kary and Troy and stated the Council and Dan would review options.

- **Jordan Easter, Municipal Court:** Jordan stated that he felt the amount he is being told to pay in his property cleanup case in municipal court is too much and he had done what he could to correct the problems. Larry stated that he thought that this will need to progress through Municipal Court. Lauren stated that the costs were discussed in court. Larry advised that the case would need to go back to Municipal Court for completion.
- **Keaton Frewen, Fire Department:**
    - Keaton reported that the Fire Department wants to hire a new firefighter. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Bud to approve hiring Chris Zimmerman. Motion passed.
    - Keaton also reported that one of the trucks needs repairs and that he will provide an invoice. He stated he had already discussed the issue with Amanda and that the costs should be under the spending limit.
- **Wade Krien, Building Permit:** Wade believed Kip Wiese's permit had been approved, but Jamie confirmed no approval vote was recorded. Dan said the permit had not been presented at the last meeting Wade was supposed to review the setback with Amanda. Dan presented the building permit. A motion was made by Bud and seconded by Justin to approve the building permit for Kip Wiese, 426 East Emerson Street - Garage. Motion passed.
        - *Wade Krien, Kary Meyer, Troy Meyer, Keaton Frewen and Jordan Easter left the meeting.*
- **Building Permits: A motion was made by Bud and seconded by Justin to approve the following building permits:** Cheyenne County Development Corporation, 107 West Washington Street - Fence; Dan Hoard, 206 East Spencer Street - Garage. Motion passed.

6. **Old Business:**

- **Property Cleanup:** Larry reported there was an email from the owner of 703 South Frances asking what she needed to do about her property. Jamie will call the owner tomorrow and explain what Council is requesting.

7. **Projects Pending:** None.
8. **Visitors:** None.
9. **Theater Report:** None.
10. **Pool Report: None**
11. **Superintendent Report:**

- Dan presented a quote for parts to rebuild portions of the electrical service behind the west side of South River. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Bud to purchase $28,923.20 in electrical parts from Stanion Electric from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion passed.
- Justin asked Dan to call both Ward and Miller & Associates to find out which company could provide an estimate and/or plan to resolve the electrical issues at Majestic. Jen stated that the current electrical issue and the upgrade for EV chargers are separate matters, and an upgrade would not be at City expense. Dan stated he would contact both but noted that Ward lacks an in-house engineer and would likely need to hire one. Dan also noted that at least one power loss at Majestic was caused by a lightning strike. Dan mentioned he could have KMEA perform oil testing on the transformer to ensure it remains operable.
- Dan reported that the water main work is completed on Spencer Street, and the work on Emerson street had begun.
- Dan stated he has not received any news on the bucket truck yet.
- Dan stated he is going to call Miller & Associates for an engineering report on the Power Plant, as it is currently uninsured and potential insurers require a report for coverage consideration.

Dan stated it would be best to hold off on engine repairs until coverage is secured for the building.

- Dan provided a quote for trash cans. A motion was made by Bud and seconded by Randy to purchase one hundred trash cans from Global Industrial for $10,920.25, funded through the Refuse Fund, out of cycle if necessary. Motion passed.
- Dan stated the Council may need to consider fining residents who do not bag their trash. He reported that while driving the trash truck last week, he noted several residents putting unbagged trash and yard waste into their cans, adding that loose waste blew out of the truck at one point.
- Bud stated he noticed that the last time the street sweeper ran, it appeared dirt was merely pushed out into the street. Dan stated he thinks the operator failed to lower the main broom and noted he went out and reswept the streets himself.
- Dan stated that he would be working on the Lead and Copper report and that it would probably be a yearly report from now on. Dan stated at some point the City may be required to locate and remove the old pipes.
- A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Bud to approve and file the Superintendent's report. Motion passed.

12. Attorney Report:

- Lauren reported that the remaining requirement for the recodification is a legal description of the 500 Block of First Street to determine whether it is already zoned commercial/residential. Lauren stated that Amanda sent the information to the mapping company to outline current legal descriptions. Lauren stated she will present the code at the first meeting in October for Council review.
- A motion was made by Randy and seconded by Bud to approve and file the Attorney's report. Motion passed.

13. Treasurer Report:

- Jen presented bills from Redi-Mix and Reusel Construction for the Spencer Street project. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Randy to pay St. Francis Redi-Mix $92,194.00 out of cycle, and Reusel Construction $42,725.00 out of cycle. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Bud to approve and file the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

14. Clerk Report:

- Jamie presented a proposal from the Hwy 36 Travel Guide for a half page ad. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Larry to purchase a half page ad in the Highway 36 Travel guide in the amount of $985.00. Motion passed.
- Jamie reported that a representative from High Plains Mental Health is trying to get some classes scheduled for Mental Health First Aid and QPR Suicide Prevention Training. Jamie provided informational handouts and asked if anyone is interested to let her know.
- A motion was made by Bud and seconded by Randy to approve and file the Clerk Report. Motion passed.

15. Council Comments:

Robert: Reported the Highway 36 yard sale event went very well and had some of the highest attendance ever.
David: Absent.
Larry: None.
Randy: None.
Justin: None.

15. **Mayor's Comments:** Absent.
16. **Adjournment:** It was moved by Justin and seconded by Larry to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

City Clerk