

REGULAR MEETING
KAYCEE TOWN HALL
May 12, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor: Barry Gehrig. Council: Pat Foster, Tom Knapp, and Kelsey Anderson. Clerk: Kristen LeDoux. Attorney: Zane Hengel. Public Works: Tanner Kirchhoff. Law Enforcement: Deputy Ken Richardson. Public: Toby Carrig.

Mayor Gehrig called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Mr. Kirchhoff gave the monthly report. Water usage is slowly increasing with the warmer weather. The last sanitary survey issues are being addressed and sent the EPA. The new speed bump/water diversion isn't as planned. Some road base on the north side might make it more effective.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Deputy Ken Richardson presented the monthly report and entertained questions from the Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1st Reading Ordinance 2026.01: Ordinance 2026.01 is a budget ordinance for fiscal year ending 2027. Councilman Knapp moved to approve Ordinance 2026.01 on first reading. Councilwoman Anderson seconded. Motion carried. A special meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on May 19th for the second reading.

Park Camping: Councilwoman Anderson discussed the possibility of not allowing overnight camping in the park, except for during large events. Councilwoman Anderson pointed out that young families may avoid utilizing the park when campers are present. Councilman Knapp wondered if many more families would actually use the park if camping was banned and wondered how that could be measured. The Council will continue to discuss the topic.

Billboard Lease: The Council was presented with a letter from Mr. Randy Cleveland. Mr. Cleveland informed the Council that the billboard located on his property had blown over in the wind. It is the intent for Mr. Cleveland to terminate the lease and seek a new lease in the amount of \$200.00/month. Councilman Knapp moved to terminate the billboard lease immediately and have the town remove the downed the billboard withing 30 days. Councilman Foster seconded. Motion carried.

Poppy Month Proclamation: Mayor Gehrig proclaimed the month of May as Poppy Month.

Arbor Day Proclamation: Mayor Gehrig proclaimed Arbor Day to be celebrated on May 14th. There will be a tree planting ceremony at noon at the school.

Johnson County Tourism: Mr. Toby Carrig updated the Council on visitor spending, the Hole in the Wall film, and grant awards.

Resolution 202602: Resolution 202602 is a resolution seeking to obtain the 1 cent local option tax, in the amount of \$280,000.00 for road rehabilitation. Councilman Knapp moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilwoman Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

LEGAL ISSUES: The KBJ Bylaws are being reviewed by a third-party attorney. Mr. Hengel is working on the details of acquiring a municipal judge. Some additional technology may need to be purchased to utilize virtual arraignments.

MINUTES: Councilman Knapp moved to approve the minutes from the April 28th regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT: The Council reviewed the year-to-date financials within the budget packet. Councilman Knapp moved to approve the report as presented. Councilman Foster seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: The following bills were audited and approved for payment: Terminix, Repairs/Maintenance - \$185.00; Taylor Trucking, Contract Labor - \$750.00; Sue Heide, Contract Labor - \$150.00; Range, Utilities - \$303.55; Norco, Repairs/Maintenance - \$32.89; Nancy Elm, Contract Labor - \$150.00; Montana Dakota Utilities, Utilities - \$932.00; Johnson County Solid Waste District, Dues/Fees - \$2,448.75; Johnson County, Contracts - \$4,166.66; Joan Buckingham, Contract Labor - \$150.00; Jaime Jones, Contract Labor - \$700.00; Frandson Safety, Testing - \$100.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield, Group Insurance - \$2,381.31; Atlas Premier Service, Rental/Lease - \$48.57; Wyoming Network, Publishing - \$25.00; Visa, Short-Term Liability - \$3,816.88. Councilman Knapp moved to approve the bills as presented. Councilwoman Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Barry Gehrig, Mayor

Kristen LeDoux, Town Clerk