

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 406 IVINSON AVE, LARAMIE, WY 82070**

JANUARY 20, 2026

Pre-meetings are held prior to Regular Council meetings for the purpose of discussing items on the consent agenda and assigning introductions of items on the regular agenda.

Pre meeting began at 6:15 pm.

Council present: William Bowling, Jim Fried, Matt Lockhart, Brandon Newman, Erin O'Doherty, Joe Shumway, Melanie Vigil, Micah Richardson, and Sharon Cumbie. Absent: None.

No requests for changes to the agenda were made. Council assigned introductions of agenda items.

Council adjourned pre-meeting and recessed at 6:17 pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Cumbie at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cumbie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Roll call showed present: William Bowling, Jim Fried, Matt Lockhart, Brandon Newman, Erin O'Doherty, Joe Shumway, Melanie Vigil, Micah Richardson, and Sharon Cumbie. Absent: None.

City Staff present: Todd Feezer, City Manager; Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk; Holli Austin-Belaski, City Attorney; Jenn Wade, Director of Administrative Services; Patti Russell, Human Resources; Brooks Webb, Public Works Director; Derek Teini, Community and Economic Development Director; Dan Johnson, Fire Chief; Brian Browne, Police Chief; and Mary Bork, Project Manager; Eric Jaap, City Engineer; Gwen Smith, LPD Lieutenant; Philipp Gabathuler, Planning Manager; and Mark Hazelett, Senior Civil Engineer.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (Aggregate time limit 30 minutes)

(Limit of 3 minutes per speaker.)

Public comment received from the following:

Tom Mattimore and Bob Blake.

5. Consideration of Changes in Agenda and Setting the Agenda

A. Public Request to Remove a Consent Agenda Item and Place it on the Regular Agenda to Allow for Public Comments (No public comment will be taken during this item. Items will be considered at the discretion of the council. Available in-person and web conferencing.)

None received.

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B. Council Acknowledgement of Requests for Changes to the Agenda (Councilors may request an item be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda.)
Not applicable.

C. MOTION BY ___, seconded by ___, that the following changes to the Agenda be approved:

D. MOTION BY RICHARDSON, seconded by Newman, that the Agenda be set as submitted.

Roll call showed Aye: Bowling, Fried, Lockhart, Newman, O'Doherty, Shumway, Vigil, Richardson, and Cumbie. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/NOTIFICATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.A. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

6.A.i. PROCLAMATION: Laramie's Arbor Day Tree Planting

6.B. PUBLIC HEARING

6.B.i. PUBLIC HEARING: Original Ordinance No. 2116, Amending Laramie Municipal Code Title 13, Division VII, Chapter 13.80, Related to Surface Water Drainage

6.C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philipp Gabathuler- Public Engagement Efforts for the Comprehensive Plan Update- Forge Exchange Display at Laramie Main Street Office: Wednesday 10 am – 1 pm, Thursday 2 pm – 5 pm, and Friday 8 am – 11 am.
Brannen Moan- Nominated as a Just Serve City.
Jenn Wade- Enterprise Resource Planning 3rd Phase is live (Human Resources Module)

6.C.i. Monthly Staff Recognition

- o James Pracheil, Community Service Officer (CSO)

7. Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest by City Council Members

None.

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8. Approval of Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor or citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered on the Regular Agenda.

MOTION BY RICHARDSON, seconded by Vigil, that the Consent Agenda be approved and that each specific action on the Consent Agenda be approved as indicated.

Roll call showed Aye: Bowling, Fried, Lockhart, Newman, O'Doherty, Shumway, Vigil, Richardson, and Cumbie. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.A. MINUTES: Minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting from January 6, 2026

Action:

that Laramie City Council approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2026.

9.B. MINUTES: Minutes from the Laramie Youth Council Regular Meeting on December 3, 2025

Action:

to acknowledge receipt of the minutes from the Laramie Youth Council Regular Meeting on December 3, 2025.

9.C. MINUTES: Minutes from the Laramie Police Advisory Board Meeting on November 4, 2025

Action:

to acknowledge receipt of the minutes from the Laramie Police Advisory Board meeting on November 4, 2025.

9.D. CEMETERY DEEDS: Cemetery Deeds for January 1-15, 2026

Action:

that the Cemetery Deeds for January 1-15, 2026, be accepted, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign, and have them recorded in the Office of the County Clerk.

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9.E. LICENSE: Temporary Use of a City of Buffalo, WY Retail Liquor License within City Limits for Buffalo Land and Property Co. LLC for a Private Event at Bond's Brewery, January 31, 2026

Action:

that the Laramie City Council approve temporary use of a City of Buffalo, WY Retail Liquor License within city limits for Buffalo Land and Property Co. LLC for a private event at Bond's Brewery, January 31, 2026, contingent upon approval from the City of Buffalo City Council.

9.F. RESOLUTION: Resolution 2026-06, Authorizing a Financed Purchase Agreement with Kinetic Leasing for a Zamboni Ice Resurfacer

Action:

that the Laramie City Council approve Resolution 2026-06, authorizing the negotiation, execution, and delivery of a master lease-purchase agreement in the principal amount of one hundred and three thousand three hundred forty-five dollars (\$103,345), between Kinetic Leasing, Inc., as lessor, and the City of Laramie, Wyoming, as lessee, under which the lessee will lease a Zamboni, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

9.G. RESOLUTION: Resolution 2026-07, Authorizing a Financed Purchase Agreement with Kinetic Leasing for a Signal Truck

Action:

that the Laramie City Council approve Resolution 2026-07 authorizing the negotiation, execution, and delivery of a master lease-purchase agreement in the principal amount of one hundred seventy one thousand three hundred and three dollars (\$171,303) between Kinetic Leasing Inc., as lessor, and the City of Laramie, Wyoming, as lessee, under which the lessee will lease a 2024 Ford Super Duty F-550, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

9.H. RESOLUTION: Resolution 2026-08, Appointing Two Members to the Human Rights and Relations Commission

Action:

that the Laramie City Council approve Resolution 2026-08, appointing two members to the Human Rights and Relations Commission, appointing Erik Boss and Samuel Burkett to terms expiring October 31st, 2028, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

9.I. SCHEDULE MEETINGS:

that the following meeting be scheduled:

- i. February 10, 2026, 6:00 pm - WORK SESSION: Contractor Involvement in Code Revisions and Report from Contractor's Meeting held on December 12, 2025
- ii. February 10, 2026, 6:00 pm - WORK SESSION: Progress Update on the Comprehensive Planning Process
- iii. February 10, 2026, 6:00 pm - WORK SESSION: Life Saving Awards
- iv. February 24, 2026, 6:00 pm - WORK SESSION: Auditor's Report to the City Council and FY25 Financial Summary
- v. February 24, 2026, 6:00 pm - WORK SESSION: Establishing an Emergency Fund
- vi. March 10, 2026, 6:00 pm - WORK SESSION: Development 101

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10. REGULAR AGENDA

11. At-Will Employment Contract Between City of Laramie and Todd Feezer as City Manager

MOTION BY RICHARDSON, seconded by Shumway, that the Laramie City Council approve the contract between the City of Laramie and Todd Feezer as City Manager, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

No public comment received.

Roll call showed Aye: Bowling, Fried, Lockhart, Newman, O'Doherty, Shumway, Vigil, Richardson, and Cumbie. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Resolution 2026-09, Authorizing Submission of an Application to the State Loan and Investment Board for a Loan Through the State Revolving Fund on Behalf of the Governing Body for the City of Laramie. (Funding the purchase of a Hydro Excavator Truck to Assist in Complying with the Lead Service Line Regulation Posed by the EPA)

MOTION BY NEWMAN, seconded by O'Doherty, to approve Resolution 2026-09, authorizing submission of an application to the State Loan and Investment Board for a loan through the State Revolving Fund on behalf of the governing body for the City of Laramie for the purchase of a Hydro Excavator Truck, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

No public comment received.

Roll call showed Aye: Bowling, Fried, Lockhart, Newman, O'Doherty, Shumway, Vigil, Richardson, and Cumbie. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Original Ordinance No. 2116, Amending Laramie Municipal Code Title 13, Division VII, Chapter 13.80, Related to Surface Water Drainage

Second Reading. (Introduced by O'Doherty)

Main Motion:

MOTION BY O'DOHERTY, seconded by Richardson, to approve Original Ordinance No. 2116, on second reading, amending Laramie Municipal Code Title 13, Division VII, Chapter 13.80, related to Storm Water Drainage.

Amendment 1:

MOTION BY O'DOHERTY, seconded by Richardson, to amend Original Ordinance No. 2116 by replacing "Surface Water Management Utility" in the second Whereas statement to read "Surface Water Drainage Fund" and in the last Whereas replace "surface water drainage utility with "surface water fund".

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No public comment received on amendment 1.

Roll call on amendment 1 showed Aye: Bowling, Fried, Lockhart, Newman, O'Doherty, Shumway, Vigil, Richardson, and Cumbie. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Amendment 2:

MOTION BY O'DOHERTY, seconded by Richardson, to amend Section 13.80.060 by replacing "utility" with "Municipal Services Billing Systems".

No public comment received on amendment 2.

Roll call on amendment 2 showed Aye: Bowling, Fried, Lockhart, Newman, O'Doherty, Shumway, Vigil, Richardson, and Cumbie. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

No public comment received on main motion.

Roll call on the main motion showed Aye: Bowling, Fried, Lockhart, O'Doherty, Shumway, Vigil, Richardson, and Cumbie. Nay: Newman. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Resolution 2026-10, Authorizing the City of Laramie, Wyoming to Enact a Reimbursement Resolution to Pay for Qualified Capital Expenditures and to Seek Reimbursement from Proceeds of One or More Tax Exempt Leases for the Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026 Biennium

MOTION BY LOCKHART, seconded by Vigil, that the Laramie City Council approve Resolution 2026-10, authorizing the City of Laramie, Wyoming to enact a reimbursement resolution to pay for qualified capital expenditures and to seek reimbursement from proceeds of one or more tax exempt leases for the fiscal year 2025 and 2026 biennium, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

No public comment received.

Roll call showed Aye: Bowling, Fried, Lockhart, Newman, O'Doherty, Shumway, Vigil, Richardson, and Cumbie. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

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15. Land Purchase Agreement between the City of Laramie and Western Water Consultants, Inc., dba WWC Engineering and Resolution 2026-11 Amending Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Biennial Budget of the City of Laramie, Wyoming

MOTION BY BOWLING, seconded by O'Doherty, that the Laramie City Council approve the Land Purchase Agreement between the City of Laramie, WY, and Western Water Consultants, Inc., dba WWC Engineering, for real property described as Lot 2A Block 1 of the Skyline Plaza Addition and Lot 3 Block 1 of the Skyline Plaza Addition, City of Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming and Resolution 2026-11 amending appropriations for the fiscal year 2025-2026 biennial budget of the City of Laramie, Wyoming, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement and resolution.

No public comment received.

Roll call showed Aye: Bowling, Fried, Lockhart, Newman, O'Doherty, Shumway, Vigil, Richardson, and Cumbie. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

16. Resolution 2026-12, Adopting the Reconnect West Laramie Plan as Certified by the Laramie Planning Commission

MOTION BY VIGIL, seconded by Lockhart, to approve Resolution 2026-12, adopting the Reconnect West Laramie Plan as certified by the Laramie Planning Commission, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

No public comment received.

Roll call showed Aye: Bowling, Fried, Lockhart, Newman, O'Doherty, Shumway, Vigil, Richardson, and Cumbie. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

17. Resolution 2026-13, Adopting the 10-Year Public Transportation Plan as Certified by the Laramie Planning Commission

MOTION BY VIGIL, seconded by Richardson, that the Laramie City Council approve Resolution 2026-13, adopting the 10-Year Public Transportation Plan as certified by the Laramie Planning Commission, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

No public comment received.

Roll call showed Aye: Bowling, Fried, Lockhart, Newman, O'Doherty, Shumway, Vigil, Richardson, and Cumbie. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

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18. Resolution 2026-14, Supporting Albany County's Submission of an Unmet Housing Grant Application to the State Loan and Investment Board

MOTION BY FRIED, seconded by Richardson, that the Laramie City Council approve Resolution 2026-14, supporting Albany County's submission of an Unmet Housing Grant Application to the State Loan and Investment Board, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

No public comment received.

Roll call showed Aye: Bowling, Fried, Lockhart, Newman, O'Doherty, Shumway, Vigil, Richardson, and Cumbie. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

19. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Feezer- Council Retreat this Friday and Saturday.

20. Consideration of future Council work session topics

None.

21. Adjournment

MOTION BY O'DOHERTY, seconded by Newman, to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Approved:

Nancy Bartholomew
City Clerk

Date

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