

City of Loup City - Special Meeting
Municipal Building - Council Chambers
January 21, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Loup City convened in special session on January 21, 2026. Mayor Hart called the special meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Notice of the Special Meeting was given in advance thereof by posting at the following three public places on January 16, 2026; City Office, Post Office, Sherman County Courthouse. Notice was published in the Sherman County Times on January 14, 2026. Said notice of the meetings contained the statement that the agenda kept continually current was available to the public in the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours.

Mayor Hart announced that the special meeting of the Mayor and Council is an open meeting. The City of Loup City abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is displayed in the Council Chambers as required by law. The City Council may vote to go into closed session on any agenda item as allowed by State Law.

All proceedings were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Mayor Hart called the meeting to order. Upon roll call by the Deputy City Clerk, the following were present: Iske, Smydra, Sekutera. Krueger entered the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Absent: None. Also present were Mayor Hart, Deputy City Clerk Tricia Kuszak, Melissa Dush, and Sheriff Bergman. No members of the Public were present.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for our Armed Forces and our volunteers who keep us safe.

Public Comments: None.

SDL: A Motion was made by Sekutera and seconded by Smydra to approve the City of Loup City's SDL for the Fireman's Ball on February 7th. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Iske, Smydra, Krueger, Sekutera. Nays: None. Absent: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Selling Empty City Lots: Discussion was made regarding selling the three-city owned lots zoned as C-1. The lots are located behind the Clinic Building. The Mayor and Council discussed putting a bid ad in the paper stating the following information: The City of Loup City is accepting sealed bids for the lots, legal description along with address, development must start within six months and finished within 18 months with a possibility of extension with progress, utilities must be connected, the lots are zoned C-1 commercial residential, ask for project description, and the City reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids will be due March 31, 2026. A Motion was made by Iske and seconded by Krueger to put the empty City lots out for bid. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Sekutera, Krueger, Iske, Smydra. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Next Phase of Nuisance Properties: Discussion was made on the current nuisance properties bid process. Krueger will reach out to other demolition companies. The Council visited about making a clean-up property list for entrance corridors into the City including: West front entrance into

town- two blocks either side, go down Main Street, 8th Street, N Street, Pool Road, and Cemetery Entrance. Property owners will be notified by Certified Mail. The Council will compile a list and discuss at the February Meeting. Smydra suggested the City reach out to Ryan Durham and ask if his group at the Church would help with the cleanup. Clean up day was discussed on being May 16, 2026.

Explore CRA/CDA: Mayor discussed the possibility of moving nuisance properties over to the CRA Board. Mayor Hart discussed either appointing a CRA Board or dissolving CRA and Develop CDA.

Strategic Planning: City Clerk will pull the Sidewalk Program Ordinance and place the February Meeting Agenda. Smydra explained that some buildings downtown have electric access. Smydra is working on getting lights on the downtown buildings. Smydra is asking if the City would be willing to pay for the electricity for some of the lights being plugged in.

Next Regular Meeting is February 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

AJ Reimers, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

_____ Mayor
Laura Hart

_____ Council President
Marc Krueger