

City of Loup City – Regular Meeting  
Municipal Building – Council Chambers  
January 6, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of Loup City convened in regular session on January 6, 2026. Mayor Hart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notice of the Regular Meeting was given in advance thereof by: Posting at three locations- City Hall, Post Office and Court House. 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 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 City Clerk the following were present: Mark Krueger, Andrew Iske, Jennifer Smydra, and Maggie Sekutera. Absent: None. Also present were Mayor Hart, City Clerk Reimers, Maintenance Supervisor Kevin Holcomb, Deputy Clerk Kuszak, Sheriff Joel Bergman, Sherman County Economic Development Director Melissa Dush, City Attorney Jason White. Three members of the Public were present.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence to remember all Armed Forces Service Personnel and all Volunteers who help keep us safe.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Consent Agenda.** Sekutera made corrections to December 17, 2025 Special Minutes. The changes made are: Krueger was absent and Sekutera was in attendance. A Motion was made by Smydra and seconded by Sekutera to approve Agenda Items 5a- Approve Minutes of December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting, 5b- Approve December 17, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes, 5c- Approve SDL for Sherman County Sprouts Spaghetti Supper & Fun Pianos Show Feb 21, 2026 at Loup City Community Center, with said corrections. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Iske, Sekutera, Krueger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried. No Motion or Action on Agenda 5d- Approval of December 2025 Treasurer Report. City Clerk Reimers had the bank statements and an Excell Worksheet for ACH expenses and deposits.

**Police Update:** Sheriff Bergman presented his report and answered all questions. The Interlocal Agreement quarterly review meeting between the City of Loup City and Sheriff Bergman and Commissioner Bandur is scheduled for January 20, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall.

**SCED:** Melissa Dush went over her report. Topics included Housing, Leadership Certified Community, Bowman Lake Hike & Bike Trail, Tourism, Sherman County Sprouts Child Care Initiative, Workforce and Entrepreneurship. Loup City 2030 Visioning Community Meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2026 at the Loup City Community Center. Working with CRA and CDA with Mayor Hart. Dush reminded the Council that Kolo Court is part of this and has an interested party in the lot that's existing that has the infrastructure. Dush will help with any questions or help with the construction of the City website.

**LB840:** All loans are current. The City of Loup City is changing software from G-Works to Power Manager this last week. No report on balances was available. Dush visited with the Council asking for a possibility of using \$10,000 annually out of the LB840 account and use the funds for Sherman County Sprouts. Dush will have this request ready by the February or March

Meeting. Thrive Physical Therapy & Wellness LLC loan documents signed and Kuszak Lumber Part B completed. Dush is working with City Attorney White and City Clerk Reimers to finish.

**Public Works Director Report:** Kevin Holcomb presented his report for the month of December. The City had a power outage on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Maintenance crew made sure all the generators were working at the lift stations, well houses, fire hall and Community Center. They located the area round the old lift station so NPPD could put down their temporary sub. Other duties included trimming trees in street and alleys, picking up leaves on the curbs and gutters, maintenance jetting on our sanitary sewer system, cleaned all mowers and put them away for the winter, patching streets and alleys and some of the gravel roads with millings, The Maintenance Department did a lot of maintenance on City vehicles this month including changing the oil in the loader, backhoe, 2006 and 2013 Ford pickups and the 1981 Ford truck. Holcomb read the meters for the month of December. Three meters and wires to the meters were replaced. Recycling trailer was taken to Broken Bow and the Christmas lights were taken down. The Coliform water sample for the month of December was negative for Coliform and E-coli.

**90 Day Past Due:** No report due to the transition from G-Works to Power Manager.

**Renewal of Sheriff Interlocal Agreement:** The Agreement states that each party would have the option to terminate this agreement upon 90 days' notice to the other party. The three-year contract started April 1, 2023 and will end March 31, 2026. Mayor Hart stated that if any Council Members have questions to give them to Krueger and those questions will be discussed at the Quarter Review Meeting.

**American Legion Change of Management:** Travis Vieira and Chuck Radtke were introduced. Vieira explained that they are closing the liquor license service O Street Lounge and taking Management responsibilities at the Legion Club. A Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Sekutera to approve the change in liquor license management. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Iske, Krueger, Sekutera, Smydra. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2026-1:** A Resolution approving annual banner application and authorizing Mayor to sign the Comprehensive Annual Banner Application with the Nebraska Department of Transportation. A Motion was made by Sekutera and seconded by Iske to approve Resolution 2026-1. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Krueger, Sekutera, Smydra, Iske. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2026-2:** Approving 2026 Maintenance Agreement No 20 QE2109-004 and 2026 Certificate of Compliance Maintenance No-2/QE2109-002 between the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the City of Loup City and authorizing the Mayor to sign both documents. A Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Iske to approve Maintenance Agreement, Certificate of Compliance Maintenance Agreement and Resolution 2026-2. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Sekutera, Krueger, Iske. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2026-3:** A Resolution stating the City of Loup City is beneficiary of a Deed of Trust dated September 12, 2005, recorded in Book 109, Page 86, Mortgage Records of Sherman County, Nebraska; and the City desires to substitute its City Attorney as Trustee and authorize reconveyance upon satisfaction. The City Council authorizes substitution of Jason S White as Trustee and authorizes him to execute and record a Deed of Reconveyance upon full satisfaction. Mayor Hart explained that this is a twenty-three-year-old CDBG contract that is still open. The City will be moving forward to close out this program. Resolution 2026-3 will be used to release a lien on a property so the house can be sold. A Motion was made by

Krueger and seconded by Iske to approve Resolution 2026-3. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Sekutera, Iske, Smydra, Krueger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

**Loup City Vision 2030:** The Mayor and Council discussed topics from the Organizational Worksheets.

**Clinic Building:** Discussion was made on the Clinic Building. There are three empty lots behind the Clinic Building. The Council would like to put bids out to sell these lots. Krueger would like to have a survey done. White recommended the City get a pin locate first, and then do the directional measurements. Krueger stated that he has an interested party to buy a lot, however the lot is zoned Commercial. This item will be discussed at the next Special Meeting.

**Schaupp's Disposal Claim:** A Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Sekutera to approve Schaupp's claim as submitted for payment. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Krueger, Smydra Sekutera. Nays: None. Absent: None, Abstain: Iske. Motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Smydra questioned the Whoa & Go Bill as the totals did not match. City Clerk questioned the Platte Valley Communications bill. The Fire Hall is getting new locks done, and the City had locks redone at Public Building. A Motion was made by Smydra and seconded by Iske to approve the payments of Claims presented. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Sekutera, Krueger, Iske. Nays: None. Absent: None Abstain: None. Motion carried.

**Mayor's 2026 Board/Committee Appointments:**

ACE Board: City Clerk, Council President Alt

SCED Board: Marc Krueger, Jodi Spotanski, Clayton Suckstorf

Board of Adjustments: Amy Kotas, Mike Kaminski, Jon Jascke, Jared Larchick, Jodi Spotanski

Cemetery Board: Mark Higgins, Ryan Durham, Nancy Murphy, Father Richard Piontkowski, Audrey Heil

Planning Commission: Jodi Spotanski, Ed Panowicz, Ed Yonkers, Allan Oseka, Laura Krueger

Pool & Park Commission: Deb Moeller, Gail Schwaderer, Janet Kosmicki, Greg Kotas  
CRA: Tabled

CARC: Mike Krolikowski, Jared Jaixen, John Obermiller, Dallas Lewandowski, Cale Harrington

Loan Review: Phillip Kowalski, Kirk Harrington, Doug Obermiller, Heather Janelwicz, Mike Kaminski

Health Board: Mayor Hart, Sheriff Bergman, Audrey Heil, Marc Krueger

Loup City Basin RC&D: Mayor Hart, Marc Krueger

FREC: Scott Mroczek, Doug Obermiller, Mike Dorsey, Tjade Rodocker, Mayor Hart

Central Nebraska Economic Development District: Melissa Dush

Loup Central Landfill: Representative: Alec Baillie, Alternative:

Nebraska Municipal Power Pool: Mayor Hart, Council President Krueger

A Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Sekutera to approve Mayor Hart's Appointments. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Sekutera, Iske, Smydra, Krueger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2026-4:** A Resolution to appoint a Representative and Alternative Representative to the Loup Central Landfill Association. Mayor Hart appointed Alec Baillie as Representative and Council President Marc Krueger as Alternative Representative. A Motion was made by Iske and seconded by Smydra to approve Resolution 2026-4. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Krueger, Iske, Sekutera. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:** Deputy Clerk Kuszak reported on the transition to Power Manager. Sekutera-No new report. Krueger- No new report. Clerk Reimers- Explained that the move to Power Manager has been stressful but moving forward with the help of the Auditor and Board Member Jennifer Smydra. Clerk School is March 2026. The next Heartland Clerk's Association meeting will be held next Thursday in Kearney. Lanette Doanes have been asked to come to the office and help the staff work with Power Manager. Smydra- The Non-Profit Ambulance Board meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2026, right after the Interlocal Meeting. Iske- Asked how many people have come in and registered their ATV's and dogs.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Hart reported that an ad has been in the paper for Holcomb's position. The ad will be stretched within a 50-mile radius. Update on NPPD- Mayor Hart met with Grant from NPPD- There will be a scheduled power outage that will last 4-6 hours while they hook up the transformer. Mayor Hart asked Attorney Jason White if Council Members can fill out conflict of interest form annually. If a conflict does occur, a form is required to be filled out, otherwise it is not mandatory, but recommended. A Special Meeting was set for January 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting was Adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

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AJ Reimers  
City Clerk, Treasurer

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Laura Hart

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Marc Krueger