

City of Loup City - Special Meeting
Municipal Building - Council Chambers
February 18, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Loup City convened in special session on February 18, 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 February 13, 2026; City Office, Post Office, Sherman County Courthouse. Notice was published in the Sherman County Times on February 11, 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 City Clerk, the following were present: Iske, Smydra. Sekutera entered the meeting at 7:07 pm. Absent: Krueger. Also present were Mayor Hart, City Clerk Reimers. Four 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: Kathy Bolich asked about getting some roads maintained. Mayor Hart has agreed to meet with Bolich next Tuesday at 8:00 am. Bolich is to contact the City Clerk with any conflicts in time.

District 41 Candidate for Legislature: Jacob Sikes introduced himself as District 41 Candidate for Legislature. Sikes went around the room and asked for concerns or questions. Concerns consisted of improving the State budget process and formulas, education for clerks, money for mandated projects, grants for street projects.

Nuisance Properties: 167 P Street: The owner contacted Mayor Hart. A Motion was made by Smydra and seconded by Iske to postpone this Agenda Item to the March 3rd Regular Meeting Agenda. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Iske, Smydra. Absent: Krueger. Abstain: Sekutera. Motion carried.

319 N 10th Street: The owner of the property was present. Kyle Kowalski presented a Four Phase Project Plan to the Council and Mayor. A Motion was made by Smydra and seconded by Iske to postpone this Agenda Item to the March 3rd Regular Meeting Agenda and have Kowalski give the Council an update. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Sekutera, Iske, Smydra. Nays: None. Absent: Krueger. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Hiring Pool Manager: Sekutera stated that Lifeguard Interviews will take place March 8th. Mayor Hart reported that Grace Greenland turned in an application for Pool Manager. A Motion was made by Sekutera and seconded by Smydra to hire Grace Greenland as Pool Manager. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Iske, Smydra, Sekutera. Nays: None. Absent: Krueger. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Presto-X Services at Clinic: Presto-X examined the possibility of termites located at the Clinic Building. Presto-X then called the City Office to report that the Clinic has ant swarmers, not termites. Presto-X will treat the Clinic for ant swarmers. No action was taken on this item.

Next Phase of Nuisance Properties: The Mayor and Council worked on the process for the next phase of nuisance properties. Smydra would like to have a procedure to follow through the process. The first priority would be the entrance corridors to the City with the second ranking as severe violations. The Board agreed that residents should be given resources to help, committees should be formed to help. Grants, Lottery, ACE and LB840 monies should be looked into for resources.

Explore CRA/CDA: No action was taken on this Agenda Item. Appointment of CRA Members will be placed on the March Agenda.

Strategic Planning: Mayor is looking into a change in the personnel policy regarding insurance at retirement age. Sekutera asked for an update on the mowing bids. Iske asked for updates on the lots for sale behind the Clinic.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

AJ Reimers, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

Mayor
Laura Hart

Council President
Marc Krueger