

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

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of Loup City convened in regular session on April 7, 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. Notice was published in the Sherman County Times on April 1, 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 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: Mark Krueger, Jennifer Smydra, Maggie Sekutera, and Andrew Iske. Absent: None. Also present were Mayor Hart, Deputy City Clerk Kuszak, Sheriff Joel Bergman, Sherman County Economic Development Director Melissa Dush, and six 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. A Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Smydra to approve Agenda Items 5a- Approve Minutes of March 3, 2026, Regular Meeting, 5b- Approve March 26, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes. 5c- Approve SDL- Son's of American Legion- Beer Garden for Polish Days June 5 and June 6, 2026. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Iske, Sekutera, Krueger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried. No Motion or Action on Agenda 5d-April 2026 Treasurer Report. Deputy City Clerk Kuszak had the bank statements available for review.

Police Update: Sheriff Bergman presented his report and answered all questions. Discussion regarding the interlocal agreement was postponed to the May 5, 2026 meeting. The Commissioners wanted to wait until meeting with Region 26.

SCED: Melissa Dush over her report. Topics include Rural Workforce Housing Fund, and it is open for applications. The CRA is going to have their first meeting with the new members on April 15, 2026. There is interest in purchasing Kolo Court Lot. There are 5 action committees for the Loup City 2030 Visioning. The ribbon cutting for Bowman Lake Hike and Bike Trail will be Sunday, May 17, 2026.

LB840: CARC will meet when accounts are ready for July-December 2025 review. All accounts are current. The balance in the LB840 account is \$41,916.81.

Public Works Director Report: Kevin was absent so the Mayor read his report. Kevin attended the NERWA spring conference in Kearney. Meters were read for the month of March. Reservoir tanks were cleaned and inspected by Finn Folk Diving from Elwood, NE. Spent time on maintenance jetting of the sanitary sewer system. We received 14 warranty toter lids and 7 complete toters. The bad lids on toters were replaced with the new lids. The street in front of 626+ N St., was cut, packed with new dirt and sand and concrete was poured back in the hole. Painted 2 crosswalks at the High School. The city had a power outage on March 8th.

NPPD put in two permanent poles so next time they have to put in a temporary sub the hookup will be much easier and less time consuming. Miller Painting from Hartington is now sandblasting the pool. Spent four days at Peterson Park repairing a water leak. Spent time at the Cemetery, seeding graves and filling gopher holes. Painted the speed bumps for Jenner's Park. Had two full burials this month at the cemetery. Water sample for the month of March was negative for coliform and E. coli. Kevin is chlorinating the water system for maintenance purposes for the next 10 days.

Maintenance Supervisor Position: No action was taken on this item. The finance committee needed to meet about this before it came to the council.

90 Day Past Due: None.

Mowing City Properties: The bids were received at the last meeting. Motion was made by Smydra and seconded by Krueger to award the bid for mowing city properties to King Pin. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Krueger, Iske. Nays: Sekutera. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-10; Krueger made motion and seconded by Iske to pass Resolution 2026-10. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Krueger, Iske. Nays: Sekutera. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Nuisance Properties:

347 N 4th Street: Paperwork is supposed to be to Mr. Nielsen on Thursday, April 9. Motion made by Krueger and seconded by Iske to have him come back to the council with an update on progress at the June 2nd regular meeting. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Sekutera, Krueger, Iske, Smydra. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

167 P Street There were 2 sealed bids for the demo of the houses on the property. Sealed Bids were received of \$25,000 from Randy Heil and \$9800 from John Ness. A Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Iske to accept the Bids from John Ness. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Iske, Smydra, Krueger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Sekutera. Motion carried.

Pool Season 2026: The wage was set for the Manager at \$20 an hour. Grace Greenwood will be the manager, and she will be taking care of the chemicals and pool business. B.- pool fees will be the same as last year and C- opening date will be May 23, 2026. If the pool stays open longer will be determined by how the season goes and the weather. Motion by Krueger and seconded by Sekutera to a. set the manager's wage at \$20 and b. set the pool fees the same as last year and c. setting opening date for May 23, 2026. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Sekutera, Krueger, Iske. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

ACE Grant: We had a total of 7 applications for the ACE money grant of \$3000 total. It will split up between each applicant at \$428.57 each. The 7 applicants are: Loup City Fire Department, Sons of American Legion, Sprouts, Teammates Mentoring, CNCAP Sixpence, Servicemen of the Heartland and the Historical Society. Motion was made by Iske and seconded by Krueger to split the money between each applicant. Upon roll call: Ayes: Sekutera, Iske, Smydra, Krueger. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Office Printer Lease: More information was needed. This item was postponed to the May meeting.

Schaupp's Disposal Claim: A Motion was made by Sekutera and seconded by Krueger 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. LARM did an audit of our vendors to see if they had Workman's comp. insurance. Schaupps did not have it and the City had to pay for their Workman's Comp. Schaupps has offered to make 12 monthly payments to reimburse the City. Motion was made by Sekutera and seconded by Krueger to accept the Claim and allow Schaupps to make 12 monthly payments to reimburse the City. Upon roll call: Ayes: Krueger, Smydra, Sekutera. Nays: None. Abstain: Iske. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims: A Motion was made by Sekutera and seconded by Iske to approve the payments of Claims presented. Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Iske, Sekutera, Krueger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Maggie has no report. Marc and Jennifer met for the Financial Committee.

Mayor's Report: The City building is going to get a new air conditioner.

The next regular meeting is planned for May 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was Adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

AJ Reimers
City Clerk, Treasurer

APPROVED:

_____ Mayor
Laura Hart

_____ Council President
Marc Krueger