REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 10, 2026
7:00 PM
City Hall

CITY OF MILLS
EST. 1921

Mayor:
Leah Juarez
Council President:
Brad Neumiller
Council Members:
Cherie Butcher
Sara McCarthy
Tim Sutherland

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Juarez
Council Butcher
Council Sutherland

Excused:

President Neumiller
Council McCarthy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Wyoming Classical Academy Local TEFRA Bond

Mayor Juarez closed the regular meeting and opened a public hearing for consideration of the Wyoming Classical Academy Local TEFRA Bond. The hearing was conducted in accordance with state statutes, Town Council procedures, and other applicable laws. Notice of the hearing was properly published.

City Attorney explained that the bond is similar to a previously approved TEFRA bond matter. The bond will be issued under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code for the benefit of the local school. Federal law requires the municipality in which the institution is located to hold a public hearing. The Town is not issuing the bond, financially responsible for it, or obligated to repay it. The purpose of the hearing is to allow the Town to indicate its support or non-support of the bond issuance. Staff noted that the proposed bond structure had only minor changes from the version previously approved by the Council.

Mayor Juarez invited public comment and called three times for comments in favor of the bond. No one spoke speak in favor. Mayor Juarez then called three times for comments in opposition to the bond. No one spoke in opposition. With no public comments received, Mayor Juarez closed the public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

2. Council Meeting Minutes from 10/27/2026

City Licenses

3. New / Renewal Business / Contractor Licenses and Home Occupation Permits

Financial Approvals

4. Financial Breakdown - Check Register & Future ACH/EFT Transactions
5. PAID ACH / EFT Transactions
6. Regular / Police Payroll
7. Fire Payroll
8. Treasurer's Report
9. Court Report

Motion made by Council Member Sutherland to approve Consent Agenda, Seconded by Council Member Butcher. Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member Sutherland

OPEN DISCUSSION

Scott Clamp asked about concerns regarding children operating e-bikes around town, particularly issues of safety, liability, and who would be responsible if an accident occurred. He noted seeing young riders using e-bikes on streets and expressed concern that unsafe behavior could lead to serious accidents and insurance disputes.

Council members responded that riders using public streets must follow the same rules of the road as other vehicles. In cases involving minors, parents or guardians may bear responsibility. It was noted that communities across Wyoming are facing similar concerns and that some municipalities have adopted regulations addressing e-bike operation, including helmet requirements and restrictions in certain areas.

Discussion followed regarding efforts at both the local and state levels to address e-bike regulation. The Wyoming Legislature is reportedly reviewing how e-bikes should be classified and regulated, particularly regarding speed capabilities. Other Wyoming municipalities, including Casper, are exploring consistent regulations across jurisdictions to avoid conflicting rules between neighboring communities.

Council members agreed the issue warrants continued attention and indicated they would follow up with Casper to monitor developments and explore potential policy options for Mills. Scott encouraged the town to take a leadership role in addressing the issue before a serious accident occurs.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-25 A RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTING A PUBLIC APPROVAL CERTIFICATE AS THE HOST CITY (SITUS) UNDER SECTION 147(f) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE IN ORDER THAT WYOMING CLASSICAL ACADEMY MAY SECURE A BOND WITH THE PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY**

Motion made by Council Member Butcher to approve Resolution No. 2026-25, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland. Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member Sutherland

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-26 A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMISSION OF THE CITY OF MILLS, WYOMING**

Motion made by Council Member Sutherland to approve Resolution No. 2026-26, Seconded by Council Member Butcher. Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member Sutherland

COUNCIL APPROVALS

12. Contract for Drax

City Attorney clarified that the contract is represented by the invoice. Approval of the invoice constitutes approval of the purchase due to difficulties contacting the current owner. Approval of the invoice will have the effect of transferring title of Drax to the City of Mills.

Motion made by Council Member Butcher to approve Contract for Drax, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland. Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member Sutherland

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Legal Matter

Motion made by Council Member Sutherland to go into an executive session for a legal matter at 7:14pm, Seconded by Council Member Butcher. Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member Sutherland

All of council returned from the executive session legal matter at 7:21pm, with 2 excused Council President Neumiller and Council Member McCarthy

Action: Motion made by Council Member Butcher to approve authority to proceed on certain distressed properties, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland. Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member Sutherland

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Sutherland to adjourn, Seconded by Council Member Butcher. Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council Member Sutherland

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

NEXT MEETING - November 24, 2026 at 7:00pm, December 8, 2026 at 7:00pm

NEXT WORK SESSION - November 24, 2026 at 6:00pm, December 8, 2026 at 6:00pm

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Mayor, Leah Juarez

City Clerk, Megan Smith