

HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00PM
Draft minutes

ROLL CALL: Serviss called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ferguson, Kramer, Matheny, Miller and Serviss. Interested citizens, Town Attorney James and Town Engineer Theodorou were also present. Pledge of Allegiance led by Serviss.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Joan Harris clarified previous statements from board member and informed the board that the sewer installation at her residence was done with proper permits and board recommendations at the time.

CALL FOR CHANGES: Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda as presented: vote: all aye, motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to approve July 27, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: All board members are responsible for refraining from discussion and voting on issues where they may have a conflict of interest. Roll call voting for any agenda item where a conflict of interest is formally identified.

LEGAL: Town Attorney James stated he had information to provide the board in Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to approve quote of \$3,900.00 from Buzz's Lawn Care & Snow Removal for mowing and weeding of town property; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Miller and seconded by Kramer to dismiss Item 7B Approve hiring of public works employee; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Miller to approve a budget not to exceed \$500 for the motor bearing repair at the wastewater treatment plant; vote: all aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to table Item 8A Tower Hill drainage upgrade plan discussion pending completion of outstanding work on Tower Hill; vote: all aye, motion carried. The second reading of Ordinance 51 – Sewer Regulations was held. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Miller to approve Ordinance 51 – Sewer Regulations as presented. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Ferguson to amend to include contingent upon town attorney review; vote on amendment: all aye, motion carried. Vote on original motion: three aye and two nays, motion carried. The Ordinance will be published after the attorney reviews. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to table Item 8C Discussion on pursuing contracted animal control services until quote received from Battle Mountain Humane Society; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Miller to appoint Matheny as Economic Development Liaison; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to table Item 8E Motion to approve job posting – Public Works Associate until Special Meeting scheduled to discuss; vote: all aye, motion carried. Discussion held on additional Wastewater Treatment Plant change orders. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to approve Heartland Electric LLC invoice in the amount of \$1,493.65; vote: two aye and three nays, motion failed. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to pay the Heartland Electric invoice on behalf of Conifer Construction and subtract amount from Final Pay Application for Conifer Construction; vote: one aye and four nays, motion failed. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to approve the Town Attorney to address the Heartland Electric invoice; vote: four aye and one abstain, motion carried. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to approve payment of sewer cleaning invoices for 430 Manning Street in the amount of \$563.07. Motion amended by Serviss and seconded by Miller to add upon receipt of camera footage; vote on amendment: four aye and one abstain, motion carried. Vote on original motion: all aye, motion carried.

BREAK: The board took a short break and reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

CLAIMS: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to approve payroll for July 31, 2026, and claims for August 4, 2026; vote: all aye, motion carried.

Vendor	Reference	Amount
ATAC	FEMA BRIC Grant Engineering	\$ 6,704.00
BANKWEST	Monthly payroll/ap ach fee	\$ 40.00
BANKWEST CREDIT CARD	FO lodging/stamps/adobes/sandbags	\$ 1,875.77
BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC	Electric utilities-general/water/sewer	\$ 3,799.94
CONIFER CONSTRUCTION	FINAL PAY APP #6-WWTP	\$ 14,921.20
GOLDENWEST TECHNOLOGIES	Update switch firmware	\$ 450.00
DIGGER CONSTRUCTION	Repair fire hydrant	\$ 240.66
HAWKINS	Water chemicals	\$ 652.64
KING BROWN WELDING	Pipe fabrication/water tank	\$ 918.37
MENARDS	Water tower leak parts	\$ 306.36
NELSON'S OIL & GAS	Propane city well	\$ 238.82
ONTERRIS	Media for water	\$ 24,400.00
QUINN CONSTRUCTION	PAY APP #4 North water tank	\$131,358.33
RURAL DEVELOPMENT	RD1, RD2 & RD3 loan payment	\$ 1,917.00
US BANK	Quarterly SRF payment	<u>\$ 1,493.23</u>
Accounts Payable Total		\$189,316.32
Utility Deposit Refunds	330 Ferguson	\$ 200.00
	194 Fairgrounds Place	<u>\$ 182.14</u>
	Deposit Refund Total	\$ 382.14
Payroll Related 7/31/26	Legislative/Finance/Gov't Bld	\$ 3,836.02
	Water	\$ 84.22
	Promoting City/BBB	\$ 11.65
South Dakota Retirement	SDRS	\$ 889.94
National Life Insurance	Life Insurance	\$ 10.00
South Dakota Health Pool	Single Health Plan	\$ 875.96
Health Equity	HSA	\$ 64.75
EFTPS	Payroll Taxes	<u>\$ 1,083.74</u>
Payroll Total		\$ 6,856.28
Report Total		\$ 196,554.74

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT: Engineer Theodorou stated Great Plains Structures are working on the larger tank and will have repairs completed by Friday. Serviss shared a diagram of possible re-design of piping and valves on Tower Hill. A public meeting will be scheduled to get the public's input on items to be included in the new resolution for the Drinking Water SRF loan.

SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORT: The weeds need to be addressed at the lagoon.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT: Discussion on possibility of using street department budget to repair Tower Hill Road.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Custer County log was provided for July, 2026.

ABATEMENTS/COMPLAINTS: Discussion held on verbal complaints received for campers parked in public right of way. One camper has been moved. This item will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The next Library meeting will be August 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the basement of the town hall.

FINANCE OFFICE: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to approve the new hire of Morgan Bissey as Part-time Administrative Assistant at \$20.00 per hour starting August 10, 2026, upon successful background check and three month

probation; vote: all aye, motion carried. The board set the following meeting dates: Budget Meetings August 12th and 13th at 5:30 p.m., Special Meeting August 17th at 6:00 p.m. to meet with Preston Family, Special Meeting August 24th at 6:00 p.m. for public works employee and Public Forum for DWSRF on September 2nd tentatively.

CLOSING COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Dan Holsworth asked about placing a temporary sign on private property. Jerry Styles thanked the board for a good meeting and the teamwork on the water issue.

TRUSTEE INPUT: Miller thanked everyone for attending, input and support. Matheny would like the topic of new water meters on the next agenda and is grateful the board approved the invoices for the sewer issues. Ferguson reminded all of parade on Sunday. Kramer thanked everyone for covering for her while she was on an enjoyable vacation. Serviss stated the water issue was a lot and there was a lot of help for the project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Miller to enter Executive Session allowable by SDCL 1-23-2.3 Legal at 8:52 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to exit Executive Session at 10:29 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Miller to exercise section 3.3.2 Termination without Cause of the following contracts with ATAC: Water System, Sewer System, Water and Sewer Operations, Building Official, On-call Planner and FEMA BRIC Grant; vote: Ferguson – aye, Miller – aye, Serviss – aye, Kramer – nay, and Matheny – nay; motion carried. Motion by Miller and seconded by Matheny to authorize town attorney to provide notice regarding the previous motion; vote: all aye, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to adjourn at 10:34 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried.

Terri Cornelison
Finance Officer

Aaron Serviss
Town Board President

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