

The Monitor Journal

Little River City Council Little River City Council

The Little River City Council met Thursday, September 17 at noon in City Hall. Mayor John Tietjens called the meeting to order. Council members present: Jason Crotinger, Randy Burdick, Barry Porter, and Colin January.

Minutes of the August session were approved as presented.

There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business:

KMGA Dues / Gas Contract: The council will seek more information on the dues. The gas contract was tabled to seek more information.

Water-Rate Review: A motion passed to approve adoption of Ordinance 710.

Sidewalk Estimate: A second quote for sidewalk work on two blocks on Main Street and 1/2 block on East Greenwood is needed to proceed.

Curb & Gutter Quote: A second quote is needed for this.

SAM Mapping: This would identify sewer, gas, and water lines in the city. It was discussed and approved in February, the city

will now move forward on this.

DC&B Supply AMR Quote: A motion passed to approve the purchase of 30 automatic read water meters.

New Business:

Council Seat: A motion passed to appoint Dan Stephenson to fill the vacant council position that was John Tietjens position.

Ordinance #708: Standard Traffic Ordinance was approved as presented.

Ordinance #709 - Public Offense Code was approved as presented.

Departments:

Maintenance, Bob Weis gave a report: Stripes in the middle of the 2 blocks in the business district of Main Street has begun. Will install the No J-Turn signs

Crosswalks will be painted white.

Backhoe hydraulics cylinder has been repaired.

He will get more quotes on the chlorine building door.

Police Chief:

Mark Frick presented a written report:

From August 10 through September 8

the following were: 5 calls for service which included 1 criminal, 1 vehicle citation, 8 traffic warnings, and 2 notices for pet/yard/ or home.

The next municipal court date is October 12 at 5 pm.

New bulletproof vest has arrived; teaching DUI/Drug class to LRHS Freshman class; Jake Brake signs hve arrived and will be put up.

City Clerk: Brooke Oakley was present and had nothing to report at this time.

Reports of City Officials:

There are three more lots that qualify for the MIH payment of \$8500.

A motion passed to pay the bills as presented.

The meeting was adjourned. The next session will be Monday, November 12 at Noon.

Ladyskins volleyball

The Ladyskins won 3 of 4 matches against Ellsworth in a non-league match on Thursday, September 17.

Set 1, 2, 3, 4, wins

LR	25, 23, 25, 25, 3
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by Brooke Oakley, City Clerk

Mayor Don Teeters called the August 10, 2026 city council to order. Council members present were John Tietjens, Barry Porter, Jason Crotinger and Colin January.

The minutes of the July 13 session were approved as written.

Budget Hearing:

The mayor declared the budget hearing open. The council reviewed the proposed budget. There were no public comments and Mayor Teeters declared the budget hearing closed.

A motion to adopt the 2027 budget as presented passed.

Public Comments:

Jared Jones, Public Works for the City of Lyons, was present and spoke to the council about their gas rates and supplier. He also offered to help paint double yellow lines down the two blocks of Main Street where J-turns are prohibited as well as the white lines for crosswalks and parking.

Departments:

Maintenance:

Bob Weis asked the council's permission to price 30 AMR's with DC&B Supply. Weis noted that the city had previously paid for installation, and he installed most of the meters that are in the ground. He will reach out to DC&B supply and get a quote for 30 more meters and ask

for the installation price to be waived, having DC&B install the meters for what was previously paid for.

Hydraulics are leaking on the backhoe. Will check with B&B Supply to get the cylinder rebuilt.

O2 Sensor on the City Truck needs repaired.

Police Chief:

Mark Frick was present via Zoom.

He is pricing No J-turn signs. He resolved one felony case and just picked up another.

City Clerk:

Brook Oakley reported the July 2026 Compensating Use Tax was \$3,980.32 and the Sales Tax was \$6,687.39.

She received credit references from Black Hills and City of Sterling on a new resident.

A motion passed to approve reimbursement to the resident.

Unfinished Business:

KMGA Dues: John Tietjens spoke to Dixie Reidel and she has made a request for the City of Little River to leave the Co-Op and not pay the dues.

Industrial Park Annexation: Tabled for further information.

Water Rate Review: KRWA recently performed a rate review for the City of LR following the audit findings. The city accountant suggested raising the water rate to meet

operation expenses. A motion passed to increase the minimum from the current \$12.00 to \$16.64, and leaving the after minimum rate at \$6.25/1,000 gallons, removing the \$3.15 after 100,000 gallons.

New Business:

Sidewalk Applications: The council discussed repairing sidewalks on Main Street with grant money received. Bids will be requested for the next meeting.

Fall Fest CMB: A motion passed to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage permit on the 2 blocks of Main Street in front of the Business District for the annual Fall Fest.

Building Permit 2026-5: A permit for a new house to be built in the Clutter Hill addition was submitted. The council reviewed the permit and building plans. A motion to approve the building permit passed.

Bills: A motion passed to pay the bills as presented.

Other Business: Mayor Don Teeters presented a letter of resignation to the council. After discussion a motion passed to accept the resignation. President of the council, John Tietjens presided over the meeting.

A motion passed to adjourn the meeting.

The next regular session is Monday, September 14 at noon.

WINDOM NEWS

By Anita Jost

Windom Sr. Center is open, all ages welcome, come in and enjoy coffee and fellowship with your neighbors. A variety of soft-drinks and snacks is also available.

Be sure to drop by the Windom Sr. Center and see the new additions made possible by the "Dream Grant" from MCCC. Several new options are available for purchase at the Center such as snacks, sodas and special coffees.

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Grandparents, gather up the grandkids and come to the annual celebration of Grandparent's Day at the Windom Sr. Center, Monday Sept. 28, 6:30 P.M. No need to make a covered dish, Pizza, dessert and drinks will be furnished. Please call the Windom Sr. Center and let us know how many plan to attend so we have enough pizza. Call or Text, leave name/ no. attending 620-242-6210 or 620-664-3801 before Tues. Sept. 21 and register number who plan to attend. Thanks,

hope to see you there.

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Tara Willard, St. Croix Hospice will be providing an informational program at the October 26th Covered dish. This is an opportunity to learn about available services before one suddenly needs them.

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October 15 is the beginning of Open Enrollment for 2027 Medicare plans including supplement and medication plans. Make an appointment with your county SHICK volunteer to review your 2027 coverage. In McPherson County contact Jill Berckefeldt, Senior Advisor, MCCA office, 620-241-4383 for an appointment. This service is free and very helpful when choosing plans. Plans and prices frequently change yearly so this service may save you a lot of money.

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Some simple ways to save from Everygy: "Install a smart thermostat to automatically adjust the temperature when no

one is home.

Close blinds, shades or curtains to block sunlight during the hottest part of the day.

Move lamps and TVs away from thermostats.

Turn ceiling fans counter clockwise".

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Sympathy is extended to the family of Thelma (Tam Crowdes) Nelson, San Antonio, in the passing of Tam Nelson Sept. 16.

Tam is the Aunt of Randall Crowdes, Little River and the sister-in-law of Anita Jost, Windom. Inurnment is planned for late June 2027 at the Marquette Cemetery.

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CALENDAR

- Sats. Breakfast, (Sats. only) Windom Sr. Center, 7:30-10:30 A.M.
- Tues.-Fri. Coffee, Windom Sr. Center, 7:30 A.M.-10:00 A.M.
- September National Senior Citizens Month
- Mon. Sept. 28 Grandparents Day Pizza Party, Windom Sr. Center, 6:30 P.M

Country Pals September Meeting

Country Pals held their final meeting of the 2025-2026 4-H year on September 20th at 5:30 at the MTC office. Roll call, "What is your favorite food at the State Fair?" was answered by 12 members, 2 leaders and 6 parents. Minutes from June and August were read and approved.

Report of Officers: Grayson Fleming presented the June, July and August treasure reports. Elijah Sigsbee reported he would turn in the report from today's meeting to the Monitor Journal.

Club leader, Shayla Grasser, encouraged

everyone to sign up for talks, club committees, county committee, project leaders and fair project supervisors for next year. She also distributed the forms to members in livestock projects regarding requirements to exhibit animals at the fair.

In new business, a motion was passed to donate funds to help offset the cost of 4-H camp and Discovery Days to our members who attended these events. Election of 2026-2027 officers was also held with results as follows: President – Kelltyn Grasser, Vice President – Hadley Flem-

ing, Secretary – Kolson Baumbach, Treasurer – Jonathan Sigsbee, Council Members – Kelltyn Grasser, Elijah Sigsbee & Brigham Hildebrand, Reporter – Adeline Bina, Safety – Dejah Bina, Parliamentary – Killian Hildebrand & Delanie Seachris, Recreation – Juli Barta & Isaac Sigsbee.

The October meeting will be the start of the new 4-H year and will be held in conjunction with 48 Hours of 4-H and officers training and the Rice County Extension Office starting at 1:00 on October 11th.

Reporter, Elijah Sigsbee

