

The Kemmerer City Council met in regular session this 26th day of January, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Kemmerer, Wyoming. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present on roll call were Mayor Robert Bowen, Councilmember Caleb Ellis, Councilmember David McConkie, Councilmember Brantley Popp, Councilmember Bill Price and Councilmember Mark Quinn. Councilmember Marlin Batista was absent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ellis to excuse the absence of Councilmember Batista; seconded by Councilmember Popp and unanimously approved by council present.

Motion was made by Councilmember Popp to approve the agenda as amended with adding New Business (k) Resolution No. 2026-871, Unmet Housing Grant Application; seconded by Councilmember Ellis and unanimously approved by council present.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Chad Nielson, Public Works Director; Lois Hicks, Recreation Manager; Kaylynn Williams, Community Events Coordinator; John Tibbetts, Director of Golf & Parks; Mike Kahre, Chief of Police; and Natasia Diers, City Clerk-Treasurer gave department reports to the council.

PRESENTATIONS:

Jason Sleight, auditor with Jones Simkins, presented the city’s fiscal year 2024-2025 audit to the council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilmember Quinn to approve the items on the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Councilmember McConkie and unanimously approved by council present. Those items were:

(a) Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2026, and Special Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2026, as presented;

(b) Approval of the payment of the bills, payroll, and ACH payments as presented;

18732 UMWA	\$198.60	18733 Auto Inn Repair, Inc.	\$387.10
18734 Bridger Valley Propane	619.51	18735 Enbridge Gas	6,126.95
18736 Fossil Basin Promo Board	5,065.19	18737 Golden Threads	7.00
18738 Gunter’s Service	4,557.68	18739 Intermountain Fire Protection	200.00
18740 Jackson Group Peterbilt, Inc.	87.63	18741 Lincoln Cty Sheriff Office	2,520.00
18742 Mountain West Business Solution	31.28	18743 One-Call of Wyoming	60.90
18744 QT Pod	2,475.00	18745 Shums Coda Associates	2,110.00
18746 Stout Law Center, LLC	5,697.50	18747 The Tire Den	698.08
18748 Tom’s HVAC	5,046.63	18749 UMB Card Center	30,407.63
18750 Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	619.47	18751 Wex Bank	1,821.49
18752 WYDOT-Financial Services	148.42	18753 Wyo – DEQ	400.00
18754 Wyo Geological Assoc.	600.00	18755 Wyo Machinery Company	107.61
1/14/26 Federal Tax Deposit-ACH	15,031.99	1/14/26 Net Payroll Deposit-ACH	50,926.06
1/14/26 AFLAC-ACH	12.24	1/14/26 Expert Pay-ACH	1,270.52

1/14/26 Orchard Trust-ACH

725.00

NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) Motion was made by Councilmember Quinn to Pass, Approve, and Adopt Resolution No. 2026-860, A Resolution Adopting the City of Kemmerer Recreation Advisory Board Bylaws as amended; seconded by Councilmember Ellis and unanimously approved by council present.
- (b) Motion was made by Councilmember Popp to approve the expenditure of \$30,000 to implement a Kemmerer Police Department K-9 program with the funding to be from the Kemmerer Power Unit 1 impact assistance funding; seconded by Councilmember Price. The mayor then called for the vote. Those voting "Yea" were Councilmember Ellis, Councilmember Popp, Councilmember Price, and Councilmember Quinn. Councilmember McConkie voted "Nay." Motion carried.
- (c) Motion was made by Councilmember Quinn to award R&D Sweeping and Asphalt Maintenance of Rock Springs, Wyoming the Elk Street Rehabilitation Project and authorize Mayor Robert Bowen to sign the Notice of Award for an amount not to exceed \$390,415.25; seconded by Councilmember Ellis and unanimously approved by council present.
- (d) Motion was made by Councilmember Quinn to Pass on 1st Reading Ordinance No. 2026-901, Amending City- and County-owned parcels from RA-Residential and A-Agricultural Zones to I-1, Light Industrial Zone; seconded by Councilmember Popp and unanimously approved by council present.
- (e) Motion was made by Councilmember Popp to release Guild Mortgage of the Old Town Hall lease for Suite 102 with the lease term to expire on September 30, 2026; seconded by Councilmember Quinn and unanimously approved by council present.
- (f) Motion was made by Councilmember Ellis to authorize the mayor to sign a one-year lease at Old Town Hall for Suite 102 to Shelby Thatcher dba Wyoming Roots Realty, LLC; seconded by Councilmember Popp and unanimously approved by council present.
- (g) Motion was made by Councilmember McConkie to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement between the Kemmerer Municipal Airport, with the City of Kemmerer as the managing member, and JUB Engineers with JUB providing General Engineering Services for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the calendar year 2026; seconded by Councilmember Ellis and unanimously approved by council present.
- (h) Motion was made by Councilmember McConkie to authorize the mayor to sign the letter to the FAA, with the City of Kemmerer as the managing member, regarding professional Engineering Services Agreement for the Replacement of the AWOS System at the airport; seconded by Councilmember Popp and unanimously approved by council present.
- (i) Motion was made by Councilmember McConkie to authorize the mayor to sign the grant agreement for the Replacement of the AWOS Equipment at the Kemmerer Municipal Airport, with the City of Kemmerer as the managing member of the airport; seconded by Councilmember Popp and unanimously approved by council present.
- (j) Motion was made by Councilmember Price to authorize the City, as the managing member of the Kemmerer Municipal Airport, to approve Sage Electric's Change Order

Field Ticket #4775 in the amount of \$2,783.79 for labor for damages Sage Electric performed to repair and replace the damaged power cables to the Kemmerer Airport Runway Lighting done by Allwest and their subcontractors; seconded by Councilmember Quinn and unanimously approved by council present.

- (k) Mary Crosby made comments to the council.
Motion was made by Councilmember Quinn to Pass, Approve, and Adopt Resolution No. 2026-871, A Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Unmet Housing Grant Application to the State Loan and Investment Board on behalf of the Governing Body for the City of Kemmerer and any other documentation pending attorney review; seconded by Councilmember Popp and unanimously approved by council present.

COMMENTS:

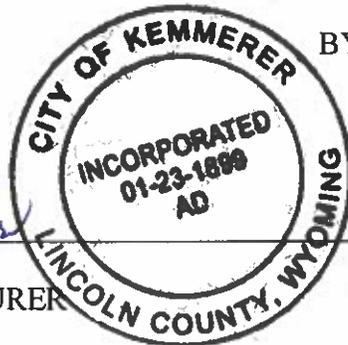
City Administrator, Brian Muir, made comments. Councilmember McConkie, Councilmember Quinn, and Councilmember Ellis made comments. Mayor Bowen made comments.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the council, Mayor adjourned the regular meeting; 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


NATASIA DIERS
CITY CLERK-TREASURER



BY: 
ROBERT BOWEN, MAYOR