

**Town of Century
Council Meeting Minutes
April 07, 2026, at 6:15 PM**

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Call Meeting to Order

1. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Ben Boutwell

President Dynette Lewis

Henry Cunningham

Shelisa Abraham

John Bass

Sparkie Harrison

2. Open Meeting with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Cunningham lead the prayer.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2026 and March 31, 2026

Motion made by Cunningham, Seconded by Bass.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

B. Approval of Bill List

Motion made by Bass, Seconded by Cunningham.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

4. Action Items

A. EMS Update by Eric Gilmore

Mr. Gilmore stated that there is currently not anyone posted in Century at Post 50, they are stationed at Station 9 in McDavid. This is due to staffing concerns and having Paramedics and EMTs located where they are most needed.

Hopefully at some point in October there will be an ambulance stationed in Century.

Councilmember Bass stated that the south end is growing so fast that because Century is not growing in he does not want the ambulance to be pulled.

Eddie Hammonds stated that Newman's Ambulance has been refusing to come into Century. Mr Gilmore stated that Newman's has been coming into Century as a backup for the Ambulance in McDavid.

Councilmember Bass stated that the council is trying to address this issue.

B. Monthly Meter Readings- Councilmember Abraham

Councilmember Abraham stated that she wanted a hard date for all the meters to be read. This will ensure that there is a more consistent date and time frames of the meter readings. The Town Clerk stated that the Town currently has this, the issue has been that the date could not be met due to the meter change outs and having billing issues. The Town should be in a position now that the date can now be met.

C. Resolution 2026-002 for the Change of the Towns Credit Card Company

Motion made by Harrison, Seconded by Bass.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Bass, Harrison

Voting Nay: Abraham

D. Century Meter and Water Service Replacement Change Order No. 1

Motion made by Harrison, Seconded by Bass.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

E. Freedom Road Bridge-Dale Long

1.6 million grant approval to replace the Freedom Bridge.

Motion made by Cunningham, Seconded by Harrison.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

F. Award of Cleaning Contract-Dave Murzin

Motion made by Cunningham, Seconded by Harrison.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

5. Public Forum #2

Tangela Ivey 421 East Pond Street stated

Emma Fletcher asked if that the longer the project takes to get started, isn't it going to cost more. Wanted to know if Well #2 is being supervised.

Charlene Spears wanted to address the council on a portable building or mobile home that is to be placed at 354 Hilltop for someone to live in. She is stating that they need a bigger structure for her Aunt.

6. Mayor's Report

STEM trail will be painted on Friday 04/10/2026 on the back side of Showalter park. Food will be provided.

7. Council Comments

Councilmember Bass said that we all need to have patience with the citizens because change is hard.

8. Staff Comments/ Report

The Town Clerk stated that the audit is done and that the Town is addressing the issues that were found.

9. Adjourn

Adjourn at 8:41pm.

Motion made by Harrison, Seconded by Cunningham.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

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