

On Monday, December 22, 2025 a Public Hearing was held to hear public comments on the Liquor License Renewal Applications for 2026-2027 which are held by the following Black Gold Hospitality LLC (Open Range Steakhouse); Pridgeon, Inc. (Hank's); Big D Oil Company dba (Big D) The Wright Place dba (The Rusty Nail), Swinging Sticks LLC (Hay Creek Golf Club) and Don's Supermarket Corp. (Don's). With no public comments the public hearing closed at 7:02 pm. On Monday, December 22, 2025, at 7:02 pm Mayor Ralph Kingan led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the regular Town Council meeting to order with the following being present; Mayor Ralph Kingan, Councilman Justin Robb, Councilman Jason Lembke, Councilman Michael Phipps and Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Craig. Absent Councilman Doug Schrader.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Councilman Phipps made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Items approved under the Consent Agenda include the regular meeting minutes conducted on December 8, 2025. Approval of the Consent Agenda for December 22, 2025, Approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$250,406.21 including payroll. Councilman Robb seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

**Approval of Vouchers including payroll is as follows:** American Legal Publishing-codification/ordinance 2025-03-867.00; Ayers Associates-strategic planning grant-3,527.42; Black Hills Energy-gas for town buildings-4,048.34; Campbell County Fire Dept-3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. Appropriations-52,354.98; Cinderella Services-cleaning contract-1,906.68; Fusion, LLC-visitor center phone-59.33; HDR Engineering-community center parking lot-84,383.90; Nate Schelling-golf pro contract-1,620.00; Powder River Energy Corp-town lights/street lights-7,709.73; Power River Heating-maintenance agreements for town buildings/fix boiler leak/5 gal glycol-7,122.64; R&B Tire-tire repair-17.14; Travelers-liability insurance 2<sup>nd</sup> half-40,778.00; WY Dept of Transportation-exempt plates-10.00. Payroll 12/1/2025-12/14/2025-14,938.65; Payroll Taxes 12/1/2025-12/14/2025-4,520.82; Empower Trust Co.(annuity)-1,660.60; Aflac-1,234.24; BC/BS-21,990.51; Delta Dental-1,269.65; OCSE Clearinghouse132.92.VSP(vision)125.14; Lincoln Financial(life)-128.52.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Town of Wright's Attorney Rick Erb held a discussion concerning Resolution 2025-03 A Resolution confirming the re-subdivision and the mayor's authority to sign and deliver quitclaim deed for 422 Sundance Circle. Mr. Erb discussed with the Council the Town of Wright being able to accept donations from groups and individuals for the use of town buildings if they so choose, the Town Council, Mayor and Town Employees cannot accept donations personally per State Statute. He also advised the Town Council that there is no legal issue with allowing religious groups to use the buildings for any reason. The Town Council discussed and agreed to install cameras at the Multi-Purpose Building and the Wright Community Center; these cameras will be installed on the inside of the buildings.

**REPORTS:** Jayden Vasquez from HDR updated the Council on the completion of the Community Center parking lot project. Chris Roemmich, Public Works Superintendent, presented the Maintenance. Robby Gallob presented the WPAC report.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

President Trump signed an executive order proclaiming Christmas Eve December 24, 2025, and December 26, 2025, as Federal Holidays for 2025.

**CONFLICT CLAIMS:**

None

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

None

**WRITTEN COMMENTS:**

None.

**CONTRACTS:**

None.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Robb made a motion to approve December 24, 2025, and December 26, 2025, as Town Holidays and allow employees to take those days as Holiday's, Councilman Lembke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Lembke made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03 A Resolution confirming the Re-subdivision and confirming the mayor's authority to sign and deliver Quitclaim Deed for 422 Sundance Circle, Councilman Phipps seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Robb made a motion to

approve the Retail Liquor License Renewal from February 7, 2026, to February 6, 2027, for the Wright Place, LLC, (The Rusty Nail), Councilman Lembke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Phipps made a motion to approve the Bar & Grill Liquor License Renewal from Feb 7, 2026, to Feb 6, 2027, for the Black Gold Hospitality LLC, (Open Range Steakhouse), Councilman Robb seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes

Councilman Robb made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License Renewal from Feb 7, 2026, to Feb 6, 2027, for Pridgeon Inc. (Hanks Bar & Grill). Councilman Lembke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Robb made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License Renewal from Feb 7, 2026, to Feb 6, 2027, For Big D Oil Company, (Big D). Councilman Phipps seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Lembke made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License from Feb 7, 2026, to Feb 6, 2027, for Swinging Sticks, LLC (Hay Creek Golf Club). Councilman Robb seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Lembke made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License from Feb 7, 2026, to Feb 6, 2027, for Don's Supermarket. Councilman Robb seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Lembke made a motion to approve advertising with Dirt Road Radion weekly every Thursday in the amount of \$50.00 a month, Councilman Robb seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Town Hall and all facilities will be closed for the Christmas Holiday December 24, 2025, December 25, 2025, and December 26, 2025. The Town Hall and all facilities will be closed January 1, 2026, for New Years Day. The next regular Town Council meeting will be held on January 12, 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business Mayor Kingan adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm

TOWN OF WRIGHT, a Municipal Corporation

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Mayor Ralph Kingan

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer, Barbara Craig