

AGENDA
Laramie Planning Commission
Monday, February 23, 2026 at 4:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall
406 Ivinson Avenue, Laramie, WY

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- 1. Call To Order/Roll Call**
- 2. Approval Of Agenda And Minutes**
 - 2.A. Changes And Approval Of Agenda**
 - 2.B. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**
 - 2.B.i. LPC Minutes 2.9.2026**
- 3. Citizen Comments - Non-Agenda Related Topics – No Action Can Be Taken**
- 4. Planning Commission And Staff Reports And Comments**
- 5. Disclosures – Ex-Parte Communications; Potential Conflicts Of Interest**
- 6. Current Planning Projects**
 - 6.A. Old Business:**
 - 6.B. New Business:**
 - 6.B.i. Planning Commission Request For Fencing As Permitted By LMC
15.14.100.D.1.H**

Documents:

[LPC Minutes 2-9-26.Pdf](#)

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REQUEST: Per LMC 15.14.100.D.1.h the Planning Commission may allow “other materials as approved by the planning commission” for fencing. The City is requesting 8 foot security fencing with barbed wire on the top for securing the municipal water supply in two locations.

LOCATION: 1278 Colorado Avenue and near Joanna Bruner Street (Tanks)

APPLICANT: City of Laramie

OWNER(s): City of Laramie

ZONING: O (Open) – Tanks R3 (Multi-Family Residential) – Pump Station

PURPOSE: The City is requesting 8 foot security fencing with barbed wire on the top for securing the municipal water supply in two locations; Grant Street Pump Station and Zone 2 Storage Facility.

PREPARED BY: Derek T. Teini, AICP, Community and Economic Development Director, Jay Smith, Water Treatment and Production Administrator

Documents:

[Planning Commission Staff Report - Fence Request PC 2.23.26.Pdf](#)
[Attachment 1 Grant Street Pump Station Fence Plan.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2 Zone 2 Tank Fence Plan.pdf](#)

7. Long Range Planning Projects

8. Variances (Sitting As Board Of Adjustment) (Swearing in of witnesses)

9. Adjourn

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
LARAMIE PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 406 IVINSON AVE, LARAMIE, WY 82070**

FEBRUARY 9, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mattimore at 4:30 p.m.

Members present: Kendra Bull, Jana Heisler-White, Chris Moody, Donal O'Toole, Jake Schneider (joined at 4:31 pm), and Tom Mattimore.

Members absent: Sharon Buccino.

Council Liaison: Matt Lockhart (absent)

Staff Present: Philip Gabathuler, Planning Manager; Joseph Shahidi, Planner II; Emma Dixon, Planner I; Todd Feezer, City Manager; and Ryan Shoefelt, Deputy City Clerk.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

2.A. Changes and Approval of Agenda

2.B. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

2.B.i. LPC Minutes 1.26.2026

MOTION BY O'TOOLE, seconded by Heisler-White, to approve the agenda and the minutes from January 26, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Non-Agenda Related Topics – No Action Can Be Taken

No public comment received.

4. PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Philipp Gabathuler- Forge Laramie Update presentation for City Council on February 10, 2026. Would like to do a group photo of Planning Commission at the first meeting in March. Welcomed new member Kendra Bull to the Commission.

Member Kendra Bull introduced herself to the rest of the commission.

5. DISCLOSURES - Ex-parte communications; potential conflicts of interest

None.

6. CURRENT PLANNING PROJECTS

6.A. OLD BUSINESS: No items.

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6.B. NEW BUSINESS:

6.B.i. TA-26-02: An amendment to multiple Sections within Title 8 & 15 of the City of Laramie Municipal Code

FILE: TA-26-02: 2026 UDC Text Amendment Update

REQUEST: An amendment to multiple Sections within Titles 8 and 15 of the City of Laramie Municipal Code

APPLICANT: City of Laramie

PURPOSE: To update Laramie Municipal Code as a necessary, regular practice

PREPARED BY: Philipp Gabathuler, Planning Manager, AICP

Main motion:

MOTION BY O'TOOLE, seconded by Heisler-White, to recommend that the City Council approve amendments to LMC Titles 8 and 15 for the purpose of updating definitions, uses, costs, dimensions, and design standards in the city code as recommended by staff.

Amendment 1:

MOTION BY MOODY, seconded by O'Toole, to amend to substantive changes number 2, to strike number 2 and renumber accordingly.

No public comment received on amendment 1.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote on amendment 1.

Amendment 2:

MOTION BY MATTIMORE, seconded by Moody, to amend to strike proposed definition 15.14.050.i.2.c.v.

No public comment received on amendment 2.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote on amendment 2.

No public comment received the main motion.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote on the main motion as amended.

7. LONG RANGE PLANNING PROJECTS

No items.

8. VARIANCES (sitting as Board of Adjustment)

No items.

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9. ADJOURN

MOTION BY SCHNEIDER, seconded by Moody, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

APPROVED:

Tom Mattimore, Planning Commission Chair

Date

Derek Teini, Community and Economic Development Director

Date



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LARAMIE PLANNING COMMISSION February 23, 2026 STAFF REPORT

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RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to **approve** a request by the City of Laramie to allow for 8-foot security fencing with barbed wire on the top, to allow for securing our water supply in two locations; Grant Street Pump Station and Zone 2 Storage Facility.

APPLICABLE CITY CODE SECTION(S):

LMC 15.14.100.D.1.h – Wall and Fence Materials

Laramie Municipal Code allows Planning Commission to approve fencing or walls, per this section of code under the provision of “other materials as approved by the Planning Commission.” This provision allows Planning Commission to consider unique materials, sizes or other requirements just for the fence and materials allowed.

All regulations found within the Laramie Municipal Code (including the Unified Development Code) were approved and adopted through Ordinance by the City Council. It is the professional obligation and responsibility of staff to follow and enforce adopted codes.

BACKGROUND & REQUEST:

This is a request for two projects which are identified as the Grant Street Pump Station and the Zone 2 Storage Facility. These facilities are critical to providing safe drinking water to large portions of the community. These facilities are considered soft targets and vulnerable to acts of terrorism because of the ease of entrance at the current time. By installing physical barriers, we greatly minimize the vulnerability and diminish the risk associated with potential terroristic attacks. This project will build the capabilities necessary to prevent and protect against acts of terrorism by providing a physical barrier, constricting access, deterring bad actors, and hardening critical water infrastructure.

The Grant Street Pump Station is located on the west side of Laramie, at 1278 Colorado Avenue, Laramie Wyoming, 82070 (Attachment 1). The Grant Street Pump Station is a vital element to our clean and safe drinking water system. This station pumps water from Zone 1 transmission lines to the Airport Water Storage Tank. This tank provides water for the demand and necessary pressure required in Zone 6, which encompasses a large portion of West Laramie. In turn, this provides for the demand of Zone 7, through the Airport Pump Station. The location is isolated and is not protected by a security fence currently. In the past year it has been vandalized. This station provides a potential incursion point for intruders into the water distribution system.

The Zone 2 Storage Facility is located on the east side of Laramie, near Joanna Brunner Street at 41.312247, -105.552912, in Laramie Wyoming, 82070 (Attachment 2). This facility includes a 2-million-gallon steel tank and a 1.5-million-gallon steel tank. This facility provides roughly 30% of all storage within the city and an attack would not only severely limit the ability to deliver water but also decrease the city's ability to provide fire flow. The fence will be constructed out of ~1025' of 8' tall security chain link fence, with 3 strands of barbed wire on top.

These projects will assist the City of Laramie in building, sustaining, and delivering the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism perpetrated against our critical water infrastructure. By installing security fencing at these soft targets, the city would enhance the protection of these potential targets. Staff notes that similar security provisions being recommended here are found with the Casper Aquifer Protection Plan, for wellhead locations and other vulnerable infrastructure within the APOZ. Additionally, these recommendations come directly from the Department of Homeland Security. In fact, both "Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense UFC 4-022-03 Security Fences and Gates" and "American Society of Civil Engineers Guidelines for the Physical Security of Water Utilities. ANSI/ASCE/EWRI 56-10" recommend that these types of improvements be installed, thus this request to the Planning Commission.

Both sites, if allowed by Planning Commission will be required to submit for Site Plans and Building Permits, as would any fence on a non-residential site such as these, and for fencing that is 8 feet tall.

City staff recommends approval of the proposed fencing projects at the Grant Street Pump Station and Zone 2 Storage Facility locations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public process or notice is specified in code related to a fencing request to the planning commission. Public comment will be taken at the meeting. Staff received no inquiries related to the request prior to the meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the project as submitted by the applicant. **(Staff Recommendation)**
2. Approve the project subject to Planning Commission's recommended conditions.
3. Deny the project based. As part of the motion a reason must be stated.
4. Postpone the project until issues identified during the meeting can be resolved.

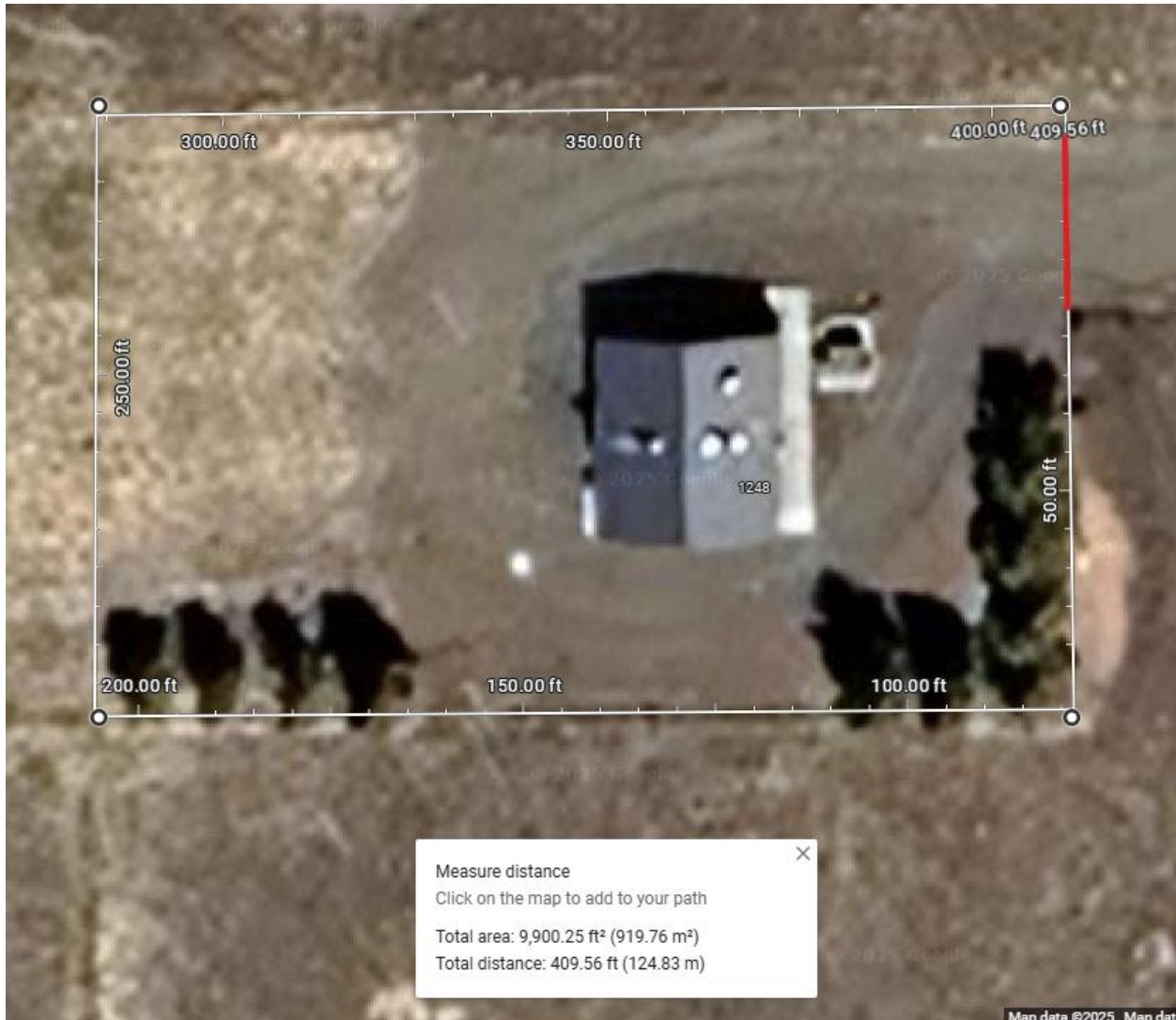
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Grant Street Fence Plan
2. Zone 2 Storage Facility Plan

Grant Street Pump Station Fence Plan



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Zone 2 Tank Fence Plan



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