

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD February 11th, 2026

THOSE PRESENT– Leo Tarplee–Mayor

Levi Johnson, Nikki Rife, Tom Tiarks, Pam Bevis- Council
Jake Kramlich – Director of Public Works
Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer
Butch Arthur – Urban Supervisor
Denise Manley & Sig Pugrud– Guest

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** Leo called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Review and Adopt Agenda – Move Sheriff and Carrell Grants to top of agenda
- II. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes:
 - Tom made a motion to approve the January’s minutes, Levi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Claims:
 - Tom made a motion to approve the February claims, Pam seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Public Comment**
 - a. Welcome Visitors – Opportunity to allow public comment on any public matter not otherwise on the agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency. MCA-2-3-103.
 - Denise asked that Base Rates on Vacant Meter Pits be postponed until next month so she can do more research.
- IV. **Communications**
 - a. Charsi Shear of Aces invites the council to a committee meeting February 18th at 1:30.
- V. **Reports**
 - a. Pool
 - b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee
 - Pam made a motion to appoint Denise, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors – nothing to report.
 - d. Sheriff Department – Sig
 - Discussion is had on increasing costs to protective services; at this time the County is advertising for a new sheriff, they are also in discussion with Garfield County on sharing personnel.
 - e. Fire Department – Absent, nothing to report.
 - f. Public Works – Jake Kramlich
 - Levi made a motion to send Jake to pesticide training, Nikki second and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Street Sweeper has been picked up.
 - g. Clerk – Savannah Moore
 - The council received the revenue to actual budget report, expenditure to actual budget report, and cash reports in their packets, as well as bank statements for 1st Bank & STIP for previous month.
 - Federal audit for FY25 has been scheduled for June with Strohm, it is due end of March so it will be late

- The ending checking account balance for January was \$158,835.76.

h. Council:

- Levi:
 - Hell Creek Electric recommends doing a buried propane tank for the generator project.
- Tom: Nothing to report.
- Pam:
 - Pam made a motion to pursue the Carrell Committee's offer to pay for a Capital Improvement Plan through Stahly, Tom seconded, discussion is had, motion passed unanimously.
- Nikki:
 - Discussion on public safety, water, and sewer costs.

i. Mayor – Leo Tarplee – nothing to report.

VI. Old Business

- a. Chlorinator Shed Project
- Discussion is had on remaining items; backup power source can still be purchased to complete project.
- b. MT Main St Program
- Council signed a letter requesting the County to be the Fiscal Agent of the grant received for the courthouse project.
- c. Park Improvement Project – no updates.
- d. Courthouse Meter Pit – will no longer be upgrading meter pit, can be removed from agenda.

VII. New Business

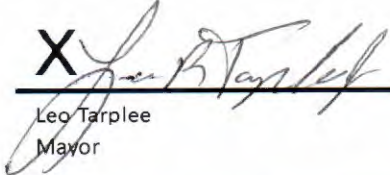
- a. Morrison-Maierle
- Levi made a motion to approve amendment 9 increasing the original engineering cost for a generator from \$11,962 to \$19,500, Pam seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Stahly Engineering – no updates.
- c. Carrell Grants – Sig Pugrud
- Discussion is had on more grant funding potentially being available.
 - Carrell Committee has offered to pay \$10,000 for the Town and Winnett School to have a Capital Improvement Plan designed by Stahly.
 - The pool (along with some other small entities) will receive \$2,000 per year to put towards general operation and maintenance, no application needed.
- d. Base Rates on Vacant Meter Pits – nothing to report, will stay on for next agenda
- e. Worker's Comp Insurance
- Insurance Agent Piper Johnson ran quotes for the Town (MMIA work comp coverage ends June 30th, 2026)The state fund was the best quote at \$3,449.12 for the year. This will be the same or even slightly cheaper than the current insurance.
 - Tom made a motion to accept the quote and move forward with the State Fund for work comp, Pam seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- f. Surplus Equipment Bid Opening – Savannah opened sealed bids and read aloud
- Ray Hale bid \$400 for the JCB backhoe and \$600 for the 1978 dump truck

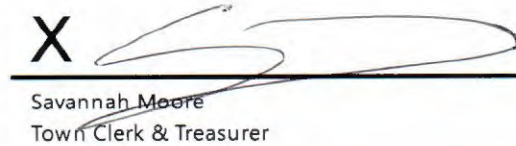
- Dave Harris bid \$500 for the backhoe and \$500 for the dump truck and attachments
- Zack Lewis bid \$1,501 for the dump truck
- Levi made a motion to accept Dave Harris' bid on the backhoe and Zack Lewis' bid on the dump truck Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

IX. Adjourn Meeting 6:45 PM.

- a. Levi made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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 Leo Tarplee
 Mayor

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 Savannah Moore
 Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#3182	Rural Development	\$845.00
#3183	Wharton Asphalt LLC	\$13,500.00
#3184	First Bank of MT	\$10.00
#3185	Mid Rivers	\$231.90
#3186	Hawkins	\$170.00
#3187	Aqua Tech	\$50.00
#3188	FNBO	\$400.46
#3189	Fabian's	\$221.25
#3190	John Deere Financial	\$324.90
#3191	Fergus Electric	\$1,645.39
#3192	Stahly	\$316.00
#3193	Kois Brothers	\$2,209.60
#3194	Petroleum County	\$10,500.00