

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD April 8th, 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
Paul McKenna & Craig Iverson – Guest / Sheriff

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** Leo called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Review and Adopt Agenda – No revisions.
- II. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes:
 - Tom made a motion to approve the March minutes, Nikki seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Claims:
 - Tom made a motion to approve the April claims, Levi 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.
- IV. **Communications**
- V. **Reports**
 - a. Pool
 - b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee – Absent, nothing to report.
 - c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors – Absent, nothing to report.
 - d. Sheriff Department – Paul McKenna & Craig Iverson
 - County commissioners Paul & Craig had discussion on hiring a new sheriff (none hired yet), housing options, and the cost of protection services; they thought \$15,000 may be a good amount for the Town/County agreement at this time – nothing official voted on.
 - e. Fire Department – Absent, nothing to report.
 - f. MT Main St Program - Savannah
 - Savannah and Leo are now on the advisory committee for MT Main St
 - Aces has been awarded a large tourism grant; they have allocated funds to new sidewalks on main street and to the old city hall building.
 - The funds will go directly to Aces and they will hire/pay contractors directly while working with entities to coordinate projects.
 - g. Public Works – Jake Kramlich
 - Discussion is had on wells.
 - Discussion is had on using the velocity patcher and possibly purchasing materials from the state during a project they will have this summer to repair the hotel's road.
 - Took wastewater and pesticide tests; he passed the main pesticide test, will be retaking right of way and mosquito, has not heard back on wastewater yet.
 - h. 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.
- The ending checking account balance for March was \$159,713.97.

i. Council:

- Levi:
 - Discussion on park, pool and pool staff – flyers have been put out for hiring pool staff; Barb, Megan, Zurry, Aliyah and Virgil are believed to all be returning.
- Tom: Nothing to report.
- Pam: Nothing to report.
- Nikki: Discussion on Capital Improvement Plan

j. Mayor – Leo Tarplee

- Discussion on council president and responsibilities.
- Levi made a motion to appoint Pam as the council president, Nikki seconded and the motion passed 4-0.
- Savannah will contact the bank to add Pam as a signer.

VI. Old Business

- Chlorinator Shed Project – no updates.
- Park Improvement Project – no updates.
- Base Rates on Vacant Meter Pits
 - Discussion is had on charging vacant meter pits, how this would be implemented, rates, mapping that will locate all meter pits, etc. Savannah will contact the Town attorney for further information. This item is tabled until the next meeting.
- Main Street Sidewalks
 - Savannah applied for a sidewalk grant but does not know if it was awarded yet – will be working together with Aces on this project.

VII. New Business

- Morrison-Maierle – no updates.
- Stahly Engineering – no updates.
- Rife Sewer Tap In
 - Rife's no longer want to tap in to the sewer.
- Equipment Use Agreement
 - The council has no objections to the equipment use agreement with the County drafted by the Town's attorney.
- Lean-to at City Shop
 - Leo has received a verbal bid from the Amish for a 24 ft X 50 ft lean to at \$20,160, discussion is had on placement of lean to and Stockgrowers are fine with this project – Savannah will put in a Carrell Grant application once official estimates are received

VIII. Items for Next Agenda

IX. Adjourn Meeting 6:53 PM.

- Levi made a motion to adjourn at 6:53 PM, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Leo Taplee
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#3211	Rural Development	\$845.00
#3212	DEQ WWOC	\$140.00
#3213	Jones Law Firm	\$615.00
#3214	Utilities Underground Locate	\$3.56
#3215	Black Mountain Software	\$11,166.63
#3216	Mid Rivers	\$232.05
#3217	Petroleum County	\$312.50
#3218	Fisher's Technology	\$132.86
#3219	Breaks General Store	\$215.47
#3220	Stahly Associates	\$395.00
#3221	Morrison Maierle	\$3,202.50
#3222	Hawkins	\$30.00
#3223	Northwest Pipe	\$395.73
#3224	FNBO	\$1,373.30
#3225	John Deere Financial	\$571.20
#3226	Fergus Electric	\$1,546.37