

## REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD May 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 – Conservation District Appointee  
Tony Miller – 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 – No revisions; Savannah and Tom will be leaving around 6:15 for school concert.
- II. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Minutes:
    - Tom made a motion to approve the April minutes, Nikki seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Claims:
    - Tom made a motion to approve the May 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
    - Pool Staff Returning: Barb Solf, Megan Flint, Zurry Moore, Aliyah Lopez, Virgil Tholt, Charlie Johnson. New Staff: Laynee Elness, Aubrey Grant, Ridge Martinez.
    - Council unanimously agrees to give a .25 raise to all returning staff (.25 above minimum wage for attendants) and for Zurry to be the new co manager with Barb and Megan’s recommendation.
    - Jake reported that the fire department and the county both agreed to allow Jake use their pumps to pump out the pool.
  - b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee – Absent, nothing to report.
  - c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors – Absent, nothing to report.
  - d. Sheriff Department – Absent, nothing to report.
  - e. Fire Department – Absent, nothing to report.
  - f. MT Main St Program - nothing to report.
  - g. Public Works – Jake Kramlich
    - Northwest Pipe quoted \$78,063.99 for an entire new meter system; Savannah & Jake met with Robie from Stahly and she believes this will qualify for an RRG grant, possibility for fully funded due to no match requirement.
    - Northwest Pipe quoted \$31,558.29 for all the valves that need replaced; Savannah will work on a Carrell grant to replace a handful of these everywhere. Dygert Construction estimated \$5,500 (parts included) per valve.

- City pickup has a mechanical issue – mobile mechanic from Lewistown is going to look at it and bring parts;
    - Nikki made a motion to repair the city pickup if it is the actuator or blower, if it is a more expensive repair bring it back to council for reconsideration and new approval, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
  - Jake will retake his sewer certification test at the end of July or beginning of August in Billings
  - Has been filling potholes all around Town and down to the last 10 bags of asphalt.
    - Levi made a motion to buy a pallet, Pam seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
  - Discussion was had on velocity patching this summer
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> Bank & STIP for previous month.
  - Discussion is had on a stipend for a back up operator on top of hourly for when they do fill in
    - Tom made a motion to offer \$150 monthly stipend for a backup operator to maintain their certifications, Pam seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
    - Levi will talk to Josh, the current back up operator, prior to advertising to see if he will continue maintaining his certifications and being the backup operator instead of letting them expire in June.
  - Adjusted the late fee on Linda Jones' bill, check was put in the wrong folder and didn't get put on to her account before billing.
  - Vaccine clinic is tentatively scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 with Crazy Mountain Vet – waiting for price list and then will post flyers around town.
  - Council unanimously approves applying for two Carrell Grants (Lean – To and partial valve replacement) and working with Stahly on RRG grant for a new meter system when it opens again.
  - The ending checking account balance for April was \$145,906.20.
- i. Council:
- Levi:
    - Discussion on alley behind courthouse; Jake will visit with the county to discuss repairing this after their construction.
  - Tom: Nothing to report.
  - Pam: Nothing to report.
  - Nikki:
    - Nikki will be gone for the regularly scheduled June meeting.
- j. Mayor – Leo Tarplee
- Jake had a positive 6 month evaluation and is eligible for a raise
    - Levi made a motion to give Jake a \$1.00/hour raise, Nikki seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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**VI. Old Business**

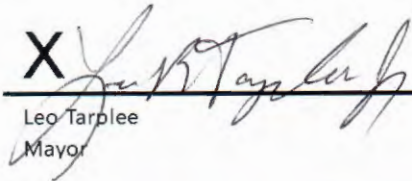
- a. Chlorinator Shed Project
  - Levi made a motion to purchase an electric start generator, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Park Improvement Project
  - Leo is in contact with another contractor to replace concrete after pool closes.
- c. Base Rates on Vacant Meter Pits
  - Tony Miller expressed that he is against charging turned off meters; he does not plan to turn water on at his cabin and is used as a storage shed; he cannot afford to pay an additional bill or repair water lines – council is discussing all options including people in this situation.
  - Further discussion is had on charging vacant meter pits/turned off services; no action is taken at this time.
- d. Main Street Sidewalks
- e. Lean-to at City Shop
  - Amish bid this job at \$20,160; Savannah will apply for \$25,000 Carrell Grant to cover build and electrical.


**VII. New Business**

- a. Morrison-Maierle – no updates.
- b. Stahly Engineering – no updates.

**VIII. Items for Next Agenda**

**IX. Adjourn Meeting 7:00 PM.**

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Leo Tarplee  
Mayor

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Savannah Moore  
Town Clerk & Treasurer

**Claims Paid:**

#3227	Rural Development	\$845.00
#3228	Mid Rivers	\$235.59
#3229	Jons Law Firm	\$1,110.00
#3230	Utilities Underground Locate	\$21.36
#3231	Fisher's Technology	\$39.25
#3232	Aqua Tech Lab	\$60.00
#3233	Northwest Pipe	\$2,836.27
#3234	Hawkins	\$1,821.47
#3235	FNBO	\$1,068.06
#3236	Stahly	\$316.00
#3237	Republic Services	\$66.92
#3238	John Deere Financial	\$468.00
#3239	Fergus Electric	\$1,434.10
#3240	Foreman Cop & Services	\$818.00
#3241	DEQ	\$70.00