

## Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 @ 7:01 pm

**Council Present:** Mayor Loreen M Felstet, Marvin Garding, Sharon Briggs, Tim Fox, Kyle Cirincione

**Minutes:** Minutes were read by the Clerk. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Kyle, Tim 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

**Claims:** Motion to approve the claims was made by Kyle, Marvin 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

**Maintenance** – Marvin Garding. He has made two trash enclosures for the park. He is refinishing the picnic tables located in the park and is looking at buying more picnic tables.

Kim Garding asked Marvin about what they are doing about the trash left behind from the Farmer's Market. Marvin said it has improved but he will have to look into it further.

**Water/Sewer-** Charlei Jenkins. It took a couple of weeks for us to find the curb stop for Valley Grocery. It has been located and we are looking for a solution. The new Blower, which has not been working since December, has been installed and is working great. John from Rural Water came out to help us with the sewer/stormwater issue. A lot of engineers are showing interest in the procurement request. We sent out a leak list to people showing a leak on the new meters and have talked with several homeowners about their leaks. We are keeping up plowing the roads.

Sharon Briggs had a lot to say about the letters and that Council should have received a heads up that these letters were going out. Kyle Cirincione thought the letters were motivational and matter of fact in the content. Charlie Jenkins replied that we sent letters to most of these people in October regarding their leak and only a few fixed it, so the next letter was tougher. Tim Fox asked about the curb stops at Valley Grocery. Charlei said they were struggling to find them but that the Clerk found some old maps in the basement and they used these maps to finally locate the curb stops.

**Water Project-** Paul Montgomery. Paul was not present. Charlei Jenkins read Paul's report.

Charlei mentioned the \$1million grant from Zinke's office from the Appropriations Committee in the Federal Government.

## **Quarterly Reports**

Sheriff Office – Sheriff Ryan Funke. 86.5 patrol hours logged. Sheriff went over a ‘2025 State of the County’ report for the council, detailing items that the Sheriff Office has accomplished. Included was a \$2.8 million shared grant awarded from Zinke’s office.

County Planner- Andy Short present.

Fire District- Chief Frisby. Pretty quiet lately. Marvin had a small fire they assisted on. The Chief suggested that people keep fire extinguishers, fire alarms in their house. Many are reasonably priced. We are starting to come into fire season so consider ‘burning safely’.

County Attorney – Not in attendance

**Old Business-** Les Roat vacate street request. Kyle spoke with the sheriff about this. Walter Congdon suggested a Conditional Use Permit option to Mayor Felstet. Mayor Felstet read a legal statement to the public, submitted by the lawyer representing Les Roat’s neighbor, Jim Pelger. Clerk stated that the Pelgers could not attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Kyle motioned against the vacate request, Marvin 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Mayor Felstet then publicly presented a Conditional Use Permit, recommended by Walter Congdon, to Les Roat as an option. Andy Short commented to Mayor Felstet that this permit cannot be addressed tonight to because it is not on the agenda for this meeting. Tim motioned to ‘table’ the Conditional Use Permit option, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved to table the permit until a later time.

**New Business-** George Wheeler. Request for his seat on the Mineral County Planning Board be renewed since his term had recently expired. Kyle motioned to approve the renewal, Sharon 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. George Wheeler has been reappointed, and his Oath of Office will be signed with the Clerk and filed with the County Recorder’s Office.

Resolution to temporarily change the start time of Council meeting from 7pm to 6pm for a 3 month trial period (March, April, May). Kyle motioned to approve the change, Sharon 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tim approved. Marvin voted Nay on this issue.

**Clerk Notes:** Clerk told the Council that they will be receiving info on an upcoming Executive Conference for Mayors and Council members to learn more about their positions.

**Mayor Notes:** The Mayor mentioned meetings she attended in Dec, Jan (zoom), and future meetings scheduled for March and May to learn more. She has an office in the Town Office, so the public is welcome to meet with the mayor there. The Mayor is scheduling a Town Clean Up/Earth Day event in April. More info to come.

**Public Comment:** Bob Summerfield. The bear can manufacturer is having trouble filling our order. Republic Services has not been communicating with the group very well recently. The next Town Council Meeting Bear Smart will have a more formal annual update with a longer presentation.

Bear Smart is interested in more participation by the area community. Their meetings are the last Thursday of each month at 6pm.

Kyle Motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sharon 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Meeting ended @ 8:37pm.

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