

Council Meeting

December 2, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

Council Present: Mayor- Anna LeDuc, Council – Marvin Garding, Sharon Briggs, Betsy Huegelman, Kyle Cirincione.

Mayor LeDuc read the Council Rules of Conduct.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Sharon, Marvin 2nd, All approved.

Claims: Claims discussed in the amount of \$33,147.80. Motion to approve the claims made by Kyle. Betsy 2nd. All approved.

Maintenance Reports: Marvin Garding. He is painting the garage. He says he will hopefully be done in a week or two

Water/Sewer: Charlei Jenkins. We put down road base and rolled it all down. Going to use the roller on roads again in the future, as well as adding dust abatement in the summer. We haven't sprayed the roads since 2018. One of the aerators started making noise. We will need a new blower soon. We started turning the blowers off for a few hours – dissolved oxygen is still good and may be a cost savings aspect as well. We moved the antenna at the tank site and well house, replaced some fuses and now the bridge is communicating. Replaced a hydraulic line and the plow blade is put on the skid steer – working pretty good.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Water Project: Paul Montgomery was not present but sent a report. It was a similar report to last month AMCE invoice - we have \$39,145 remaining in the contract with them. The town purchased 400 cubic yards of road base from RLC for a cost of \$16,400. Fencing structures are up and completed. Still working on as built drawings, manuals and project photos for the town. Change order #4 will be submitted for \$-26,134.59.

There is a 1 year warranty with RLC so let the town know if you see anything from the project that might need repaired.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Quarterly Reports

County Attorney – Not in attendance

Sheriff – Officer Lindauer – 80.5 hours. There were 60 total calls for the town. Mostly general patrols. There is a big problem with kids getting a hold of nicotine and vaping devices. Let the sheriff department know if you hear who is giving them out to the kids. They are investigating these and other drug-related activities. They hired a new officer who is riding around with Sgt Allard named Toby Sutton.

Fire Dept- Frenchtown Fire Captain Frisby – Fires are low. Accidents are picking up due to the weather. Mitigation program is still available for next year. There may still be a few spots left.

County Planner – Not in attendance.

Old Business:

New Business: Resolution 350 – Read by Mayor Anna, for new customer portal “My Water Advisor”. Motion to approve made by Kyle, Betsy 2nd, all approved.

Clerk Notes: The clerk swore in the new Mayor Loreen M Felstet, Newly elected Council member Tim Fox and re-elected Council member Sharon Briggs. The Oath of Office was given to the new members and will be effective Jan 1, 2026.

Public Comment: Kim Garding asked about Ordinance Book. Clerk says it has been started.

Shannon Cunio asked about the delay in the Senior's Group rental contract for the Community Center. Clerk replied she is waiting on Wally to finish it as has personally requested it several times and said she should contact him as well.

Bob Summerfield talked about Bear Smart. Republic Services, in cooperation with Bear Smart Alberton, currently has 87 bear resistant garbage cans on order. They are expected to arrive around the middle of December, and they will be distributed by Republic in the part of Alberton north of Railroad Avenue.

Bear Smart Alberton received additional grant funding to purchase an additional 150 cans. These will be ordered early in 2026, and once they arrive, they will be distributed in other parts of Alberton still to be determined.

If we are successful in getting the first 87 cans distributed and the next 150 cans ordered before the end of May 2026, our grantor has promised funding to buy a final 150 cans to finish off the Alberton town limits and place cans in the nearby areas outside the town limits.

Funding for this project is through National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's America the Beautiful Challenge in partnership with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Heart of the Rockies Initiative.

Marvin Garding Congratulated Tim Fox, Sharon Briggs and Loreen Felstet on their election wins.

Charlei Jenkins said thank you to Betsy Huegelmann and Anna LeDuc for their service to the Town.

Kyle motioned to adjourn the meeting, Marvin 2nd, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:44.



Clerk



Mayor

Town