

Colstrip Local Government Review Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2026

- 1. Call the meeting to order.**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Chairman Todd Olmstead
- 2. Roll Call**
 - a. Present-Study Commissioners Todd Olmstead and Garrick Goodheart
 - b. Present via telephone – Study Commissioner Dan Batie
 - c. Present-Ex-officio Member Michelle Richards
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
 - a. Garrick moved and Todd seconded to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 5. Correspondence or Study Commission Update - None**
- 6. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Review Schedule of Timeline for Commission – Need to finish the draft report in April so that the public hearing can be held in May and the ballot language submitted in June.
- 7. New Business**
 - a. Meeting with MSU Local Government Center – Michelle has contacted the LGC and is waiting for their available dates/times for a meeting with them. Todd would like to have a draft report ready so that the Local Government Center can review and comment on it.
 - b. Recommendation for City Manager/Mayor form of government has been approved
 - c. Develop a list of next actions to be taken by the Government Review Commission – The next step is to start developing the report. Todd would like to develop a comparison of the current form of government vs. the proposed form of government. Garrick has started working on revisions to the city's charter: Mayor will have no voting power, will be the presiding officer at council meetings and can participate in discussion but not vote; 5 council members instead of 4; duties and responsibilities of the manager. Will need ideas/suggestions for informing the public of the commission's recommendation and draft report.
 - d. Drafting of Proposal on recommended form of government – Commission reviewed the required components of the report and related certifications.
 - e. Set a date for the public hearing to present the Commission's Recommendation

Todd moved to have a work session on March 18 at 6:30. Garrick seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

8. Other scheduled matters

9. Public Comment

10. Announcements

- a. The next regular meeting of the commission will be April 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

11. Adjournment

- a. Garrick moved to adjourn the meeting. Todd seconded the motion. Chairman Olmstead adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm.

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