

City Council Meeting
April 14, 2026

Present: Mayor John Williams, Councilmembers Zane Longacre, Wayne Dudley, Jack Rosander and Corrie Hadaller

Also Present: Police Chief Cory Hert, City Attorney Michelle Millhollin, Public Works Director Pat Zent and City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7: 00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Williams offered the invocation. City Clerk/Treasurer Richards completed Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Rosander moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilmember Rosander asked about the claim to KLJ Engineering Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 3/24/26 Regular Meeting
- Claims #32618-32682 \$336,406.13
- Payroll Summary 3/27/26 \$126,470.71

Department Reports:

Reports were presented by Police Chief Hert, City Attorney Millhollin, Public Works Director Zent and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

Mayor's Communications:

Jennifer Olson has been appointed Interim Executive Director of the Montana League of Cities and Towns.

The Cemetery Board met last week. The board is working on the selection of the pavilion building.

Two Coal Board Grants have been closed out and funds received for the cemetery paving and water main replacement projects. The two ARPA Minimum Allocation Grants for the North End Water Loop and Water Clarifier & Filter Buildings projects have also been completed and we are awaiting receipt of the funds.

House Bill 368 Amendments is on the agenda of the Energy and Technology Interim Committee meeting on May 14th.

The Mayor and City Department Heads will be meeting on May 7th in preparation for union contract negotiations starting on May 11th.

Public Comment & Participation:

Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation, reported the flag poles were installed today at the Business Innovation Center (BIC). The Governor's Energy Task Force meeting is being held tomorrow at the BIC. The BIC has been chosen by the Montana Economic Developers Association as one of eight projects to videotape and share with legislators at the 2027 session of the Montana Legislature. The ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening will be April 22 at 2:30 pm at the BIC.

Samantha Beyl, candidate for Rosebud County Clerk & Recorder, addressed the City Council. She is currently serving Rosebud County in an unpaid role as the county director of the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority since 2024.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilmember Longacre moved to waive the reading in its entirety on Ordinance 2026-01/Sidewalk and Curb Responsibility and approve first reading.

Councilmember Dudley seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Dudley moved to award the bid for the 2026 Pavement Improvements Project to Hardrives Construction in the amount of \$2,443,642.25.

Councilmember Rosander seconded the motion.

Discussion: Ryan Welsh, engineer with KLJ Engineering, addressed the City Council regarding the bids. Six contractors submitted bids. One bidder did have some mathematical errors but it wasn't enough to change the order of lowest to highest bids.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer