

Stevensville Town Council Meeting Minutes

for THURSDAY, JANUARY 09, 2025, 6:30 PM 206 Buck Street, Town Hall

CONDENSED MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Michalson called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Barker, Brown, Nelson and Smith were all present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comments (Public comment from citizens on items that are not on the agenda)

Peter Lethenstrom: I no longer own property or a business in Stevensville, I just need clarification from the Mayor for what was in the newspaper responding to parking which you are going to address later on in front of the coffee place. The comment was

Mayor Michalson: sir, these are comments on anything not on the agenda so, that is an agenda item so you will have time to speak.

Peter Lethenstrom: I will go onto another one. Lange Park is that not part of the city park. I go back to that history, what has been going on with the "S" curve. I have taken the time periodically to stop on either side of the road and just observe. People coming out of the coffee place, and they come down the ramp let their dog out and the dog does its business in Lange Park. So, what is going to happen when the snow goes away and the green grass grows and people want to sit in the park. Is there an ordinance about no pets or dogs doing their business on city property, the park. I have no complaints if the customer coming out of the coffee shop wants to take their dog to the coffee grounds facility and do their business, fine.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting Minutes for 12/12/2024

Mayor Michalson: introduced approval of minutes for town council meeting 12/12/2024.

Councilmember Barker: I make a motion to approve town council meeting minutes for 12/12/2024.

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council?

Councilmember Barker: typos that need to be fixed page 6 very bottom we did not capital. Page 7 admin reports, courtesy car is spelt wrong. Page 9 public comment is spelt incorrectly.

Mayor Michalson: any further discussion from the council? Public comment?

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vicki Motley: page 7 spelling of Ed's last name of Sutherlin.

Mayor Michalson: any further comments? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 4-0

5. Approval of Bi-Weekly Claims

a. Out of Cycle Claims for December, #19415-#19440

Mayor Michalson: introduced approval of bi-weekly claims out of cycle for December #19415-#19440

Councilmember Smith: can we do all of these at once?

Mayor Michalson: if you want to blanket, go ahead.

Councilmember Smith: I move that we approve out of cycle claims #19415-#19440, out of cycle claims #19441 & #19443 and claims #19422, #19444-#19450, #19452-#19462.

Councilmember Barker: actually, out of cycle claims # 19422 is not out of cycle.

Mayor Michalson: okay.

Councilmember Smith: I will retract and start over. Out of cycle claims for December #19415-#19440.

Councilmember Barker: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council? Public comment? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 4-0

b. Out of Cycle Claims for December #19441 & #19443

Mayor Michalson: introduced approval of bi-weekly claims out of cycle claims for December #19441 & #19443.

Councilmember Smith: I move that we approve Out of Cycle Claims for December #19441 and #19443.

Councilmember Nelson: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council?

Councilmember Brown: #19443, S&S Auto body, I assume that we turned this into MMIA.

Mayor Michalson: yes, we did. Public comments? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 4-0

c. Claims #19422, #19444-#19450, #19452-#19462

Mayor Michalson: introduced approval of bi-weekly claims #19422, #19444-#19450, #19452-#19462.

Councilmember Smith: I move that we approve claims #19422, #19444-#19450, #19452-#19462.

Councilmember Nelson: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council?

Councilmember Nelson: there are some negative charges from T- Mobile page 32.

Gina Crowe: that is a credit, so when I enter that into the system it gives me a negative.

Councilmember Nelson: is that the same for Verizon.

Gina Crowe: yes.

Councilmember Barker: when did we switch to T-Mobile, I just noticed it.

Gina Crowe: in November/December. It is cheaper.

Councilmember Barker: what is the service are they going to be as reliable as what Verizon is. I am not familiar with T-Mobile; I do not have it I do not know what towers.

Gina Crowe: basically, it is the hot spots for the police department, the police officers have phones, and the public works supervisor has a phone and the on-call phone.

Chief John Boe: the Ravalli County Sheriffs office went to this same program, just prior to us. Some of the benefits are that we do not get dropped calls our contacts get precedence over the area in the Bitterroot.

Gina Crowe: everyone is changing over, Hamilton. It is just a huge savings.

Councilmember Nelson: #19453, Rail Link, what are these charges actually for.

Mayor Michalson: easement for water and sewer going over the tracks.

Councilmember Nelson: so, we are charged to go over the tracks.

Mayor Michalson: yes. Any other comments from the council? Public comment? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 4-0

6. Administrative Reports

a. Airport

Brian Germane, Airport Manager: report in the packet. Snow did fall after I wrote this. There was a good group of us up there Saturday, looking good by lunch time. We have our CIP project, and we have our state aeronautics meeting in Helena on February 5th and 6th. Short term fuel solution is still, the outfit that was interested has backed out. Hawthorn has no interest in servicing it. Two new board members coming to the council tonight, we still need one more. With Gina we got the lease invoices out.

Councilmember Nelson: how is this job been treating you?

Brian Germane: really good, the support that I have had from the town, the board and the users is fantastic.

Councilmember Nelson: speaking personally, thank you for your work.

Brain Germane: thank you.

b. Building Department

In the packet.

c. Finance

None.

d. Fire Department

Chief Jeff Motley: report in the packet. Ended the year with an all time high. 2024 was a big year for us. Issues with the ladder truck to still get fixed. End of the year report to you next

month. On another note, we have lost our physical provider, Storybrook Medicine, has ended so we will look out for another provider.

Councilmember Nelson: on that note, how has it been in looking into grants for the fire department.

Chief Motley: we did turn in the grant for the radios, probably won't hear back on that until spring, there are other grants out there and we just keep putting in for them.

Councilmember Nelson: any way that you can be helped in those situations?

Chief Motley: not really it comes down to what we need and what grant opportunities are out there, many of them are pretty specific about what they will fund. Jessica is doing a good job for us upstairs; she has Winchester up there with her so if you run into issues with Winchester let her and I know so we can get that taken care of.

Councilmember Smith: I have a question. How are we set up here for reserves and are you set up for catastrophic fires.

Chief Motley: that is a great question for Steve.

Stephen Lassiter: it comes right out of the town reserve.

Chief Motley: we are okay, if we had full Main Street on fire we will run out of water, but typical structure fire on Main Street, not a problem for us with our water supply.

e. Police Department

Chief John Boe: report provided to the council at the meeting this evening. Thank you, Chief Motley, for letting us use a fire bay to work on our patrol vehicles. Chief Boe went through the December and end of the year report. What I decided to do for the monthly stats was to give you the year end totals for 2024. Since I came on in February these stats start March 1st. Going to change up this report a bit, smoother to look at.

f. Public Works

Stephen Lassiter, Public Works Supervisor: report provided in the packet. Matthew got his physical taken care of for his CDL so he can take his test. Driving around town I noticed that we are missing about 15 street signs. We found some, but we are going to have to order some. We are on a mission to get the right ones, and Jenelle is helping me find the right price. Working on River Park Trail, pretty close to the river so we are diverting the trail into the woods a bit and get it off the riverbank. Spring run off is probably going to take the bank. We are working on scheduling water and wastewater classes for March and May.

Councilmember Nelson: curious about the pump situation.

Stephen Lassiter: the one that you found was too big, so it lead me down a path to find the right one. I can not go over 36 gallons per minute. I did find a gas-powered pump that might work.

7. Public Hearings

a. 1st Reading: Ordinance No. 172, Amending Chapter 24, Establishing a No Parking Zone at and Around 515 Main Street, Stevensville MT

Mayor Michalson: introduced Public Hearing item a. Ordinance No. 172, Amending Chapter 24, Establishing a No Parking Zone at and Around 515 Main Street, Stevensville MT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Lethenstrom: what did the Bitterroot Star mean about the comment that people could park across the street and in the pizza parking lot, I can't believe Cody would let them park there. I responded to the opinion page and to a comment that the coffee place has a legal access off of Main Street, you are going to discuss the dangers of that curve, and I am glad that you are. They have access to the old lang house and there are a couple of parking spaces at Lange Park. My suggestion is that they have space on the south side to add parking. People come in and out and maybe in your suggestions and discussion with the owners they could maybe put parking on the south side.

b. 1st Reading: Ordinance No. 173, Repealing Town Code Sections 10-117 - 10-125 and Adopting New Town Code Sections 10-126 - 10-131 Regarding Land Use Variances

Mayor Michalson: introduced Public Hearing item b. Ordinance No. 173, Repealing Town Code Sections 10-117 - 10-125 and Adopting New Town Code Sections 10-126 - 10-131 Regarding Land Use Variances. I asked our town attorney on some variance issues, and he did some research and then hit us with this, we have been in non-compliance since 2023, so he wrote this ordinance and we are bringing it forth.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

8. New Business

a. Discussion/Decision: Ordinance No. 172, Amending Chapter 24, Establishing a No Parking Zone at and Around 515 Main Street, Stevensville MT

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item a. Ordinance No. 172, Amending Chapter 24, Establishing a No Parking Zone at and Around 515 Main Street, Stevensville MT. As you know we have been back and forth with out to keep that business there and keep people safe on that curve. I took it to the park board and the park board made a recommendation to open up the north end by the trees for parking. I also reached out to Lana the owner of the property (Mayor Michalson read the email into the record). As of today, I have not gotten a response back. This is the first reading, and it has to go through two readings.

Councilmember Barker: I make a motion to approve Ordinance No. 172, Amending Chapter 24, Establishing a No Parking Zone at and Around 515 Main Street, Stevensville MT.

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council?

Councilmember Barker: looking at where the parking starts and ends are we talking about is at the entrance to the park to the cross walk.

Mayor Michalson: yes. I did some back and forth with MDOT. You need to have some identification markers. I sent them pictures and they suggested the entrance to the park.

Councilmember Barker: I know that this has been a very hot topic I know that corner is dangerous. I am a patron to that business I love that business. It is a long time coming, how the state came through and made one side of the street more than the other side of the street.

Mayor Michalson: to address his question earlier, the parking on Kodiak Jax's side, when he built that in 2016, he came to the town and went through planning and zoning and went to the state and got permission to park in front of Kodiak Jax's. The problem with Ahava's side you do not have the line of site when going south. If you look at Kodiak Jax's side, it is 2 feet wider then the Ahava side. Jenelle has been doing some research, and we were told that we own Lange Park, Cindy has done research on it, the only thing that we can all find is the paperwork showing the state going through. All we have is word of mouth that a former councilperson did a resolution to take over Lange Park to water it and take care of it. We can not find anything on it. we are going to go ahead I don't think that the state is going to mind.

Councilmember Barker: what happens in that situation if nothing is found, does it go to the building of Ahava coffee, is it there's?

Councilmember Brown: actually, it would go to the state of Montana and some of it designated to the town as a roadway. The difference is length between the two sides has to do with the inside of a curve and the outside of a curve. In surveying the roadway that is why it is different.

Mayor Michalson: you brought in that old paperwork to us from the state.

Councilmember Brown: I did bring that paperwork into the mayor, and it shows the triangular piece is owned by the state, Stevensville still has an open dedicated roadway as the subdivision plat coming into the old Lange House. So, it is part owned by both entities, what we could not find was the thing from the state of Montana from the town on that triangular piece on the roadway.

Councilmember Barker: we have the museum that sits right next to it, in conversation was told that you or Chief Boe was going to work or try to find a way with the museum for parking. Have we gotten anywhere on that?

Mayor Michalson: she has not gotten back to me, sent her an email.

Councilmember Barker: that too, where I have patroned that particular area and them saying that area is a very used area for their parking at the museum, just in observation, maybe one or two in the hours, peak hours, there is not one there that even patronizes and then they are gone. Maybe it would be a little extra money in their pocket.

Mayor Michalson: we are trying, it is a good business, it is popular, but safety is a concern. We will look at anything that we can.

Councilmember Barker: I agree that there is a safety issue, and we are seeing it downtown as well. So, if we were to put this ordinance into play what other business is it going to affect, is this the only one.

Mayor Michalson: yes, it is the only one on that curve.

Councilmember Brown: it could affect Kodiak Jax's in the evening when they park there.

Chief Boe: weekends they will often park on the south bound lane.

Councilmember Smith: maybe folks could park in front of Jax's and then cross the street and then they are not going to go to the cross walk so there is another issue, the "J" walking issue.

Councilmember Barker: Burning Sage that is just down the street too with parking, do they have designated parking in front of their business, it is on the corner.

Jenelle Berthoud: they are using Central as well.

Councilmember Barker: just making sure that I have all of the basis covered.

Mayor Michalson: any other comments from the council? Public comment?

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eric Wilson, 624 Hill Top Drive: I am the owner, and my wife is the owner of Ahava Coffee. I don't think that I have seen anything on this prior to this, as far as a 1st reading, I am confused on what the old ordinance was.

Mayor Michalson: this is the 1st reading of the ordinance, by law I have to do two readings, publish in the paper and then we have to do a 2nd reading.

Eric Wilson: I understand the process there, but what changed here. The opening from Lange Park to the cross walk, I thought that was the original.

Mayor Michalson: yes, the original talked about had changed, and after getting a hold of the state department and our attorney, who helped us write this, he thought in the best interest to have lines, the benches up around the curve. At first, we thought we could move it up. And then after meeting with the state you really can't put that in an ordinance, so we fixed it and they agreed.

Eric Wilson: that was my whole question beyond that if we took out three parking places a semi could almost get through that curve.

Chief Boe: I was going to say traveling south bound on Main there are three places just past Lange Park that would meet that 500-foot line of site.

Eric Wilson: that is what I was questioning.

Mayor Michalson: I agree, but the state and the town attorney said this way.

Eric Wilson: so, we are taking the three spots out?

Mayor Michalson: the sign will be at the bench. Any other questions from the public on the 1st reading? Any other questions from the council? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 4-0

b. Discussion/Decision: Ordinance No. 173 Repealing Town Code Sections 10-117 - 10-125 and Adopting New Town Code Sections 10-126 - 10-131 Regarding Land Use Variances

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item b. Ordinance No. 173 Repealing Town Code Sections 10-117 - 10-125 and Adopting New Town Code Sections 10-126 - 10-131 Regarding Land Use Variances. As I stated before Greg came to me and said we are getting rid of a lot of this. 2023 the legislature appealed a lot of this. Before, you would come into town hall, pay your fee, zoning administrator, the mayor or Jenelle would take it to the Planning and Zoning committee, the Planning and Zoning would make a recommendation to the council and then that would be the way that it was, or the board of adjustment, that no longer applies. Now it just comes down to if someone brings it in and they give it to the zoning administrator and if all the checks apply then we grant it or not. If that member does not agree with it, they bring it to the planning and zoning board, then they take it and then makes a recommendation to the council. It does cut out a lot of the steps, it cuts out the hearing and notices.

Mayor Michalson read the ordinance changes to the council and the public.

Councilmember Barker: make a motion for approval of Ordinance No. 173 Repealing Town Code Sections 10-117 - 10-125 and Adopting New Town Code Sections 10-126 - 10-131 Regarding Land Use Variances

Councilmember Nelson: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council? It is pretty cut and dry. They cut a lot out because of everything that goes on with development and variances. Public comment? Seeing none, Jenelle, would you please take the vote.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 4-0

c. Discussion/Decision: Consent to the Mayors Appointment of Alex Athens to the Airport Board

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item c. Consent to the Mayors Appointment of Alex Athens to the Airport Board. Jenelle reached out.

Jenelle Berthoud: I reached out to both of them I did not hear back from Alex.

Councilmember Nelson: I make a motion to consent to the mayor appointment of Alex Athens to the airport board.

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council? Public comment?

PUBLIC COMMENT

Craig Thomas: Athens has been a resident of the airport for many years, he is a hanger owner, certified flight instructor.

Mayor Michalson: any other comments from the public. Seeing none, Jenelle, would you please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 4-0

d. Discussion/Decision: Consent to the Mayors Appointment of Brad Condra to the Airport Board

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item d. Consent to the Mayors Appointment of Brad Condra to the Airport Board.

Councilmember Smith: I move that we approve Mayors Appointment of Brad Condra to the Airport Board.

Councilmember Nelson: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council? Public comment?

PUBLIC COMMENT

Craig Thomas: Brad has also been a long-time resident of the airport. He designed an aircraft and is very knowledgeable.

Mayor Michalson: any further comments? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 4-0

e. Discussion/Decision: Installation of Stop Sign located at the Corner of Buck Street, South Bound, and West 2nd Street

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item e. Installation of Stop Sign located at the Corner of Buck Street, South Bound, and West 2nd Street. With the council's permission I would like to have Chief Boe speak about this area.

Chief Boe: like many other locations, based on my experience and this being located at this location, 2nd Street is a highly traveled roadway. We have seen on numerous occasions, it is also a bus route, I have seen drivers moving right through that intersection. The problem that we have, is most people are conditioned to Yield signs and move through them, and at times these are unsafe acts.

Councilmember Nelson: is there a possibility to have a flashing yellow light.

Chief Boe: there is a cost to that, what we have done just like on Railroad and 3rd Street, we give drivers enough time to get used to stopping at an intersection, if we have violators in that area, we stop them and warn them. We want to give people the opportunity to condition themselves into stopping.

Councilmember Smith: the state when they changed the speed limit out at Bell Crossing used orange flags, that may be a thing to do.

Chief Boe: good idea, there are all kinds of options it just comes down to expense.

Mayor Michalson: any other questions for Chief Boe, with the council's permission I would like to have Jenelle speak about this.

Jenelle Berthoud, Town Clerk: I agree with Chief Boe, it is a crazy and busy street, Buck Street has become busier over the past year and the amount of larger trucks that leave

Cenex and use Buck. Just today I heard a diesel truck, never stopped once and went through the yield. With our employee parking, it is a blind spot with people walking down to the park, it is very much needed.

Councilmember Barker: I make a motion for the installation of Stop Sign located at the Corner of Buck Street, South Bound, and West 2nd Street

Councilmember Nelson: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council? Public comment? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 4-0

f. Discussion/Decision: Installation of Stop Sign located at the Corner of Buck Street, North Bound, and West 2nd Street

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item f. : Installation of Stop Sign located at the Corner of Buck Street, North Bound, and West 2nd Street.

Councilmember Nelson: I make a motion that we put a north bound stop sign at the intersection of Buck Street and West 2nd Street.

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council? Public comment? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 4-0

g. Discussion/Decision: RFP for Reservoir Leak Detection (water storage for the town)

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item g. RFP for Reservoir Leak Detection (water storage for the town). We have been on a role here is with leaks and meters. Andrena found

the 2019 leak study that had been done, with this study we are losing 4 million gallons a month. What we would like to do is to put out an RFP for storage tank leak detection. Lets get on this and get it started.

Councilmember Smith: I move that we issue an RFP for Reservoir leak detection. Water storage for the town.

Councilmember Nelson: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council?

Councilmember Smith: I recall at the meeting that we had in August, the lady said that they could help with leak detection.

Mayor Michalson: that is Bobbi, and we have reached out to her. Any other comments from the council.

Councilmember Nelson: I like this.

Mayor Michalson: public comment?

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Schauff, 1417 Creekside: 4 million gallons is a lot, that is a lot of money. Electrical, duration of the pumps running and chemicals.

Mayor Michalson: any other comments from the public and the council? Jenelle, please take the vote.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye

Mayor Michalson: passes 4-0

h. Discussion/Decision: Appointment of Councilperson to Serve on Planning & Zoning Board

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item h. Appointment of Councilperson to Serve on Planning & Zoning Board.

Councilmember Smith: I move to appoint council lady Cindy to stay on the planning board.

Mayor Michalson: she is not on it, Stacie is.

Councilmember Smith: I nominate you any way.

Councilmember Cindy: I will have to decline that nomination due to a possible conflict of interest due to my job that I do.

Councilmember Nelson: I make a motion to appoint Councilmember Barker to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council?

Councilmember Nelson: is that too much?

Councilmember Barker: is it too much.

Councilmember Nelson: I know that you are busy.

Mayor Michalson: Public comment? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: abstain.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 3-0 1 abstain.

I. Discussion/Decision: Appointment of Councilperson to Serve on TIFID/TEDD Board /TEDD Board.

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item i. Appointment of Councilperson to Serve on TIFID/TEDD Board.

Councilmember Barker: I make a motion to appoint Cindy Brown to the TIFID/TEDD Board.

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council? Public comment? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: abstain.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 3-0 1 abstain.

j. Discussion/Decision: Appointment of Councilperson to serve on Park Board

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item j. Appointment of Councilperson to serve on Park Board.

Councilmember Barker: I make a motion to appoint Councilmember Nelson to serve on the Park Board.

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council? Public comment? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: abstain.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 3-0 1 abstain

k. Discussion/Decision: Appointment of Councilperson to Serve on the Airport Board

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item k. Appointment of Councilperson to Serve on the Airport Board.

Councilmember Nelson: I make a motion that we appoint Wally Smith to the airport board.

Councilmember Barker: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council? Public comment? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Smith: abstain.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 3-0 1 abstain.

l. Discussion/Decision: Reschedule C.O.W. Meeting to Discuss Council Rules, Procedures and Code of Conduct

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item l. Reschedule C.O.W. Meeting to Discuss Council Rules, Procedures and Code of Conduct. Councilmember Barker sent us an email

that she would not be able to attend so I think that it is right that all councilmembers attend.
How about the 21st.

Councilmember Nelson: I make a motion that we move the C.O.W. meeting to January 21st
at 6:00 pm.

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council? We put the Code of
Conduct on there, but we could not find when that was repealed.

Councilmember Brown: it was repealed under Mayor Gibson.

Mayor Michalson: Public comment? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 4-0

9. Board Reports

NONE

10. Town Council Comments

NONE

11. Executive Report

Mayor Michalson: on December 18, 2024, Councilmember Brown and I attended a court
hearing regarding Berta's Farm, end game is that we are still required to clean up the
property. January 2, 2025, Jenelle and I had a Zoom meeting with Dani at the commerce
department about the steps and the growth policy. Moving into 2025 my goal is to prioritize
our infrastructure our leaks, our street and alleys. C. O. W. meetings, not as many this year
because we did some much with policies already. C.O.W. meetings for the budget. January
22-24 I will be at an MMIA meeting in Helena, Council president Brown has agreed to run the
next council meeting, good experience for you.

12. Adjournment

Councilmember Smith: make a motion.

Councilmember Barker: 2nd.

APPROVE:

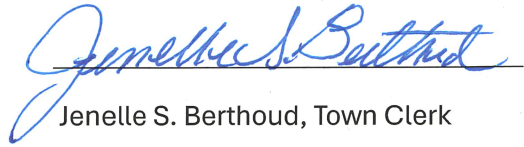
Cindy Brown



Council President

Bob Michalson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk