

Stevensville Special Town Council Meeting Minutes

for TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026, 5:00 PM 206 Buck Street, Town Hall

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Crews called the meeting to order, Councilmembers Bailey, Wandler, Smith.
Meeting started at 5:06 pm. Councilmember Ross has an excused absence.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

NONE

4. New Business

a. Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 519B, a Resolution Establishing User Fees and a Memorandum for the Stevensville Swimming Pool

Mayor Crews: introduced new business item a, Resolution No. 519B, a Resolution Establishing User Fees and a Memorandum for the Stevensville Swimming Pool.

Gina Crowe: when the council approved the special rate for the pool there was some confusion on the cost. Because it did not say \$65.00 per person she felt that it was for the group. We did not understand the rates on our end; at the pool they understand that. We met and discussed the rates. She ended up paying for three groups at \$195.00 for 30 days instead it should have been \$2925.00 for group lessons. I put this exhibit together to make sure that it was clear what our charges are. It lines out everything, what the lessons are and costs.

Councilmember Smith: whoever put this together, kudos did a fine job on it, a little bit of a fixit, maybe. Looking at these rates, youth, military and seniors. Good rates, but we have a lot of outlanders that use the pool. They do not pay a dime to the pool. You can have a rate of \$5.00, but the outlander rate another dollar.

Gina Crowe: I understand that, but this is not to discuss the rates, this is basically to outline what we provide. If you want to raise the rates that will have to be brought forth by the council.

Mayor Crews: this is basically just an explanation of what we have, if you want to adjust the rates you are going to have to bring that forward as a separate agenda item to change the rates and then change the budget.

Jenelle Berthoud: you have resolution 519B and 519A is the rates that the council approved. We now have 519B with explanation.

Gina Crowe: we have talked to our Ravalli County residents about that, but this is just about what you get for the costs. This is explaining what we have, they are already doing this at the pool.

Councilmember Bailey: I thought that we were changing the rates tonight also. Here are the amounts that are off.

Gina Crowe: the sheet that I had did not have those rates.

Mayor Crews: so, there are some minor rate adjustments.

Councilmember Bailey: Gina is saying that these are cheaper. Church groups. Update to the public rates. What is the limit on the group lessons?

Gina Crowe: 18 kids I believe.

Councilmember Bailey: what if I want all of my kids in for one group rate.

Mayor Crews: so, what you are asking is to modify this to say 15 kids at a time.

Councilmember Bailey: I would say a capacity, but I don't know if it is appropriate to do that tonight.

Mayor Crews: yes it is, you can make a motion to amend this resolution and put that in there, get a second, vote on it and then vote on the whole thing.

Councilmember Bailey: I am just confused; I thought that we could not make changes to this.

Mayor Crews: you can make changes, is there a motion that you would like to make.

Gina Crowe: I would have to ask the pool kids, it depends on the lifeguards, so if we only have eight lifeguards and they only have three that day they can only have so many kids in the pool. They base there lessons on how many lifeguards you are going to have that day.

Councilmember Bailey: I am just thinking if I was a group I could cheat the system and have all of my kids in that group and there is nothing to stop me.

Gina Crowe: I am not sure what you are talking about, the groups have to be signed up they just can't come in any time that they want. When you sign up for group lesson you have to get with the pool manager, the manager puts on the list how many kids can be in that based on how many lifeguards they have.

Councilmember Bailey: then why would that be up to the pool manager to decide. Page two of your packet, group lessons and private lessons. Why are we not charging per person and letting the pool manager decide. I am confused why some lessons restrict the number of students and others don't.

Gina Crowe: it just depends on how their schedules are set up. If it is a private lesson and the person says that they want 30 minutes for four days, then they know to set up a lifeguard for that.

Mayor Crews: what is our max number of swimmers per lifeguard.

Gina Crowe: I do not really know.

Mayor Crews: I think that is what Melissa is asking.

Councilmember Bailey: no, I will talk to the pool manager, it is fine, it does not change the rates.

Mayor Crews: so, I guess I am confused on what you are asking.

Councilmember Bailey: I am not articulating very well, so I am just going to leave it.

Gina Crowe: this is basically to outline the lessons.

Mayor Crews: public comment?

Councilmember Smith: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 519B, a Resolution Establishing User Fees and a Memorandum for the Stevensville Swimming Pool.

Councilmember Wandler: 2nd.

Mayor Crews: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council? Jenelle, please call for the vote.

Jenelle Berthoud: this is with corrections to be made.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Crews: motion passes 3-0

Councilmember Smith: what about town council comments?

Mayor Crews: there are no town council comments, not on the agenda.

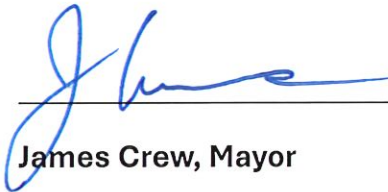
Jenelle Berthoud: this is a special town council meeting, no town council comments tonight.

5. Adjournment

Councilmember Smith: motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Bailey: 2nd.

APPROVE:


James Crew, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk