

Stevensville Special Town Council Meeting Minutes

for WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026, 6:30 PM 206 Buck Street, Town Hall

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Crews: called the meeting to order. Councilmember Bailey, Wandler and Smith were all present. 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)

Gerry Gaylord, Parks Manager: I got a couple of things that I want to ask I know that you can't respond to them. First off I would like to know if there is an internal investigation planned to look into the very public comments that Mayor Crews made prior to the election regarding getting rid of public works employees in light of the fact four of the five employees that worked for public works when the mayor took office are gone eight months into his term. These people are not only critical to the operation of this town but also volunteered their time off hours to contribute to our community events. I understand the public works director resigned yesterday due to a hostile work environment and pay inequities. The mayor was fully aware of the consequence if he was expected to supervise a new hire who is receiving a higher wage than he is. Secondly are OSHA and our insurance company aware that two public works employees were directed to remove trees from live wires, which is a direct violation of safety standards. Thankfully they refused. What training or policies have been implemented to assure that such negligent and dangerous orders are never given to town employees again. Lastly why do we offer higher salaries to entice new public works employees when we do nothing to retain current employees by offering equitable pay increases.

4. Public Hearings

Mayor Crews: called the public hearing portion of the meeting to order.

a. Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Mayor Crews: read Resolution No. 595 into the record. Public comments? Jenelle what is our time limits on this public hearing section?

Jenelle Berthoud, Town Clerk: until it is completed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

b. Preliminary Budget and Wages & Salaries for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Mayor Crews: I will turn this over to the finance department.

Citizen in the audience: is this time for public comment?

Mayor Crews: if you would like to have public comment right now that would be fine.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Powell: I am a tax paying property owner that lives at 235 Valley View Street. I am here today because I have concerns about some of the details in this proposed budget. Being shared with you is a single page and this is only one of forty-six total pages. (provided the council with her comments). A distinction needs to be made about this report, on the left side you will see a history portion with the subsections which I reviewed to create an understanding of the allocations and costs.

Meanwhile the proposed budgets on the right columns, it is these four columns that I am going to discuss. I believe that is the area that is being proposed for council to approve tonight. Which I have many concerns, move to the headings it is those headings that lead me to believe that the percentage of change from the preliminary budget to the proposed budget per the council agenda packet. In the upper most right corner, the changes are noted. I went to the left side of the page. (referred to percentages that were at 100%) my conclusion is the concerns that I have raised tonight are legitimate and should be raising concerns for all of you prior to council vote to approve this 2026-2027 proposed budget. Numbers tell a story I am very concerned what these numbers tell a citizen of Stevensville. Thank you very much for your time and liberation. (comments will be included in the minutes of this meeting).

Mayor Crews: thank you mam. Any further public comment? Hearing no further comment, lets move to new business item a.

5. New Business

a. Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 595 a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Stevensville, Montana, Providing for the Amendments of the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Mayor Crews: introduced new business item a, Resolution No. 595 a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Stevensville, Montana, Providing for the Amendments of the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Council discussion

Councilmember Bailey: I am not familiar with the expenditure increase for the \$4,100.00 building code enforcement.

Robert Underwood: the increase is basically, it kind of goes with our revenue. The more Construct Montana does building permits the more revenue we get. We estimate at the beginning of the year, and he went over or he did more building permits than we thought so we had to pay him more.

Councilmember Bailey: an expense that is attached to our revenue and it is more.

Mayor Crews: council comments or public comments?

Councilmember Smith: I move that we Resolution No. 595 a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Stevensville, Montana, Providing for the Amendments of the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Councilmember Wandler: 2nd.

Mayor Crews: motion and a 2nd. Council discussion, public comment? Jenelle call for the vote.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Crews: carries 3-0

b. Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 547B a Resolution Establishing Lighting District Taxes for the Town of Stevensville, Montana FY 26-27

Mayor Crews: introduced new business item b, Resolution No. 547B a Resolution Establishing Lighting District Taxes for the Town of Stevensville, Montana FY 26-27. (read the resolution into the record)

Councilmember Bailey: for the finance department, Creekside lighting district is going down it was \$5,425.00 proposed is \$4,980.00 can you speak to that please.

Robert Underwood: the two lighting districts that go up and down all of the time, Creekside and Twin Creeks, it is the amount that the taxpayer pays, if the taxpayer does not pay their taxes on time they shift it to the other year and gets picked up that year. So, that is the county this formula that we use is basically cash at the end of the year, out total expense for the electric bill for the lighting district and we do a 5% increase because it goes up every year and then we have a 30% reserve that

gives us what we need and we give that number to the county and they put that on the taxes. Two of the lighting districts are by lot sizes versus some are done by lot. When it goes up and down like this, if the taxpayer does not pay their taxes on time it goes to the next year.

Councilmember Bailey: so, FY24/25 we had people that did not pay their taxes so 25/26 we had a higher tax. This year it could go back down.

Robert Underwood: and the cost of electricity goes up.

Mayor Crews: public comment?

Councilmember Smith: I move that we accept Resolution No. 547B a Resolution Establishing Lighting District Taxes for the Town of Stevensville, Montana FY 26-27.

Councilmember Bailey: 2nd.

Mayor Crews: motion and a 2nd. further council discussion? Jenelle call for the vote.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Crews: thank you.

c. Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 572A a Resolution Establishing Mill Levies for the Town of Stevensville, Montana Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Mayor Crews: introduced new business item c, Resolution No. 572A a Resolution Establishing Mill Levies for the Town of Stevensville, Montana Fiscal Year 2026-2027. (read the resolution into the record)

Councilmember Bailey: Robert can you walk us through this.

Robert Underwood: this is the form that they send us, they also send us our property tax appropriation form, we plugged in the numbers and that gives us the number of mills and value. Then we decide how many mills we want to take, if we took less mills we would have some left for later on. Our general fund is so depleted we cannot go less than the max mills. The form that we turn into the state, I just fill in two numbers, and it gives me the number. The state knows what we are getting they just make us do this. We just plug in all of the numbers; we got this after we posted the public hearing for this meeting. They told us to take what we got last year and

put it in and now we can add in the correct amount, we actually got more than what we thought.

Councilmember Smith: so, the number \$394,000.00 is the same as last year.

Robert Underwood: no.

Councilmember Smith: what was last year?

Robert Underwood: last year we got \$360,000.00, this year they are saying that we are going to get \$394,000.00. we are always off by one month based on when we get our check from the county. We talk with the auditors about this all of the time and what month should we put it in, so we are always one month off, over the years it smooths itself out.

Councilmember Smith: hypothetically on a \$100,000.00 this would be an increase of.

Robert Underwood: I would have to do the calculation on it.

Mayor Crews: what was it last year?

Robert Underwood: it is not on this computer; I can get that number to you.

Mayor Crews: council comment, public comment?

Councilmember Smith: I move that we accept Resolution No. 572A a Resolution Establishing Mill Levies for the Town of Stevensville, Montana Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Councilmember Wandler: 2nd.

Mayor Crews: motion and a 2nd. council discussion? Jenelle call for the vote.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Crews: carries 3-0

d. Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 574A a Resolution for Adopting a Budget and Adopting Wages and Salaries for the Town of Stevensville, MT FY26-27

Mayor Crews: introduced new business item d, Resolution No. 574A a Resolution for Adopting a Budget and Adopting Wages and Salaries for the Town of Stevensville, MT FY26-27. (read the resolution into the record)

Councilmember Wandler: in the budget there is a proposal to move money from water and sewer to the police department.

Robert Underwood: last year we had the \$600,000 sewer and \$400,000 water. We did not do this. So sorry the police truck. This is a part to give a loan to the general fund portion, a loan of \$80,000.00 4% interest for five years.

Councilmember Wandler: I have some questions from local citizens within my district there is a concern about borrowing from a trust fund. That is not legal to borrow from a trust fund, if we have access we should be paying down what we owe for that.

Robert Underwood: that is a process, it is legal and you can borrow from the trust fund, and the reason it is 4% is because that is the same as we are getting at the bank, it is not a trust fund it is an asset account. We are borrowing from the asset account; the asset account is not going to lose any money because we are going to pay it back at 4%. It is a loan between funds.

Gina Crowe: the sewer fund will make that interest.

Councilmember Wandler: I understand that. three different people have contacted me and said that it is not a fund that you could borrow from. Do you know about that.

Robert Underwood: are they here, I don't know what they are talking about. We have done this in the past.

Councilmember Wandler: what percentage are we receiving or we are paying on our water and sewer bonds at this time.

Robert Underwood: we have a breakdown.

Gina Crowe: for the bond one that is 4.5% and one at 1.85%, so they are a little bit less then the, it is less than 4.5%.

Councilmember Wandler: so, we will be making more money.

Gina Crowe: we are acting as the bank instead of giving the bank money. the chief with the chili cookoff he raised \$20,000 last year so this would be paid over a five year, but when he does the chili cookoff that money is going to pay for that truck. In essence it is not going to cost the general fund anything because he is all of over it, right chief. I think that it is a win-win situation, I would rather borrow from myself then from the bank.

Councilmember Wandler: are you are sure that it is legal.

Gina Crowe: it is not like all \$80,000 will be spent.

Mayor Crews: in either 2016 or 2017 we borrowed \$79,000.00 from one fund to help pay for the project at the airport; they had a big fire season and paid the loan back.

Councilmember Wandler: I understand the intention to pay it back and everything, but I was under the impression it was like federal, and you couldn't borrow from a trust fund.

Robert Underwood: it is not a trust fund it is an asset fund.

✓ Councilmember Wandler: it is the same.

Robert Underwood: if it was a trust fund it would be a little bit different. We have talked about this before with the auditors, we borrowed from the planning fund. We will document this in the budget for the auditor.

Councilmember Wandler: I was also questioned about the cost of the vehicle for the police department, is there an estimate why is that so high.

Gina Crowe: the \$80,000.00 because we cant find anything less than that and with the police vehicles you have to have a bucket seat in the front so the police can fit their console where the console goes. The chief can probably speak to this a little better than I can. We are looking at either a Ford or a Chevy, but they are not coming with the bucket seats that are less than, but we are looking for used one we just have not come up with one yet, they are still looking.

Councilmember Bailey: I think logistically borrowing the money makes sense I get were you are coming from is there a way that you can double check that we can legally do this.

Robert Underwood: we can call our auditors again. They are our check for everything, we have asked them before, and we will ask them again if they come back and say that we can't we wont do it. Then we can make those adjustments.

Councilmember Bailey: can you speak to the percentages that Linda brought up.

Robert Underwood: this is the software that 90% of the government agencies in MT use, this number here is the current budget now we are asking.

Gina Crowe: in order for me to post and pay claims we had to role the budget from 25/26 to 26/27, or I would not have been able to pay any claims. So, when I was talking to black mountain after talking to Linda the other day these headers we

cannot change those, so those numbers or percentages are not based off of the change,

Robert Underwood: the percentages are simple, the new budget the old budget (referred to the budget worksheet) hearing that I just did these, this is 40% of last year, when you have a zero here you cant divide into zero. A percentage of the old budget.

Gina Crowe: it is not a percentage of the change.

Robert Underwood: it is a percentage of the old budget; we can't change their numbers and believe me it is not user friendly.

Councilmember Wandler: there are a lot of typos in there.

Robert Underwood: the new document has no spelling errors in it.

Councilmember Bailey: I just need a reminder on the town hall/annex building 210. We have gone from zero to a thousand dollars. What do we plan to purchase with that.

Mayor Crews: annex building. Hopefully to buy new chairs.

Councilmember Bailey: that is on another sheet.

Robert Underwood: this is kind of the maintance between here and the annex. We have not spent a lot on this building. Last year we spent \$6,000.00.

Councilmember Bailey: nothing specific, just normal wear and tear.

Mayor Crews: Jenelle and Andrena have been working over there every Wednesday so they might even need shelving.

Robert Underwood: the changes that we talked about, what we are talking about tonight is the budget as it stands. Here are some changes that we are going to talk about, the fireman relief association, we said that we were going to give them \$24,000.00 they had to give us the paperwork and a reason for the need. After getting that paperwork and us publishing this we came up with what they have and where they are at. What that works out to, we talked about a special levy for fireman retirement we cant do that this year because they have to much money in the account. You cant do a special levy. If you look through last year they started with \$100,000 got the insurance money, interest on the money, their payouts, their expenses and ended with \$82,000.00. you have to be under that for the special levy. I projected this out for the next couple of years, of course things will change if

somebody dies or retires, but there is no real projections on that. there are two people that are close to retirement I think Jeff Motley. This is what they have now, we give them \$5,000.00 this year. That money here will go up a little bit this year because the mills are worth more. We pay \$5,000.00 into the account for the next few years instead of all of that money. The town voted a while back to allow rural to be on our retirement roster and for us to be on theirs. That costs the town \$6,000.00 a year right now. Bringing out the facts, as we pay for the \$5,000.00 and then do the special levy we are paying for the rural firefighters. I talked to Mr. Motley about it and he understood it. We could look at \$5,000.00 a year until it changes. I calculated since our mills came in, this is how much they are going to get this year, one and a half mills. They just recently changed that MCA code to list it in there as to how many mills we get. We had the \$22,000 and special mill levy and then we looked at what the county sent us; they did not so they resent it. there is a \$65,000.00 back into the budget. Bings this number up (referred to the screen). In turn it brings this number up to where our cash is at end of the year. That is the revenue change. Other proposed changes that I have talked to the mayor about. Forestry money is budgeted at \$9,000.00 ideally we would put in another \$4,000.00. making that \$13,000.00 the other one was the mayor and public works came up with getting a dump trailer, right now our big dump truck, everyone needs a CDL to drive it. The dump trailer is about \$12,000.00 and we will divide it into the 1000 fund, water and sewer funds. You don't need a CDL to drive the trailer. The other thing that we do not have is a trailer to move the mowers, right now they move the mowers from public works and drive them through the streets to the parks and to the cemeteries all that does is wear out our equipment for about \$1,500.00 you can get a utility trailer to put all of your stuff in it and go to the park with it. This is just an option, if this council wanted to put another \$20,000.00 in capital improvement savings. That would move it from \$20,000 to \$40,000.00 for the general fund, this last \$2,411.00 into the engine account for the asset account for a new engine. The last one you just approved this is the amount for the airport and already approved it. You can do anything that you want to do with the budget at this time. Here are the adds and I will throw it back to you. The what if and if you did all of that this is the bottom line. (showed it on the screen)

Mayor Crews: questions from the council, public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Powell: regarding the repayment on the planned vehicle purchase, Chief Boe has been awesome he gives of his time and his own personal assets, but what if it

doesn't happen how is that loan payment between funds going to be resolved. I don't know, do you.

Robert Underwood: we do have the asset account right here with \$40,000.00 that would be our backup. That would make two years of payments, we still have general fund money to pay for it. If we pass this with the increase we will have \$40,000.00 in the asset fund to pay for capital assets, we are planning on the chili cookoff, if that doesn't work out we would still have to pay for it out of the general fund.

Councilmember Smith: the only thing I can see on this that you have talked about is the two trailers, the dump trailer good luck finding it for that amount I think that is a bit light.

Robert Underwood: the dump trailer is \$12,000.00. it is \$4,000.00 out of general and \$4,000.00 out of sewer and \$4,000.00 out of water. the utility trailer is \$1,500.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizen in the audience: the rural fire department is separate from the city fire department. The city of Stevensville is paying for rural fire department is that correct.

Mayor Crews: back in 2015.

Citizen: I was just curious because I was on the fire department in Great Falls the town paid for us but rural was paid by the county. Is that affecting the budget, because we are paying for two fire departments.

Robert Underwood: yes.

Citizen: my concern is. Another community like Great Falls was paid by the city and then the county would take care of rural.

Robert Underwood: when you pay your city taxes you are paying for rural retirement and city retirement, when you pay your county taxes you are paying for rural and city. It is a touchy subject; these guys do a lot of work and only retire for \$300.00 per month. I guess they were audited a few years ago I guess they have to do whatever hours you do lets say thirty hours you have to do at this fire station and then you have to do the same at the other fire station. You cant double dip and say that these hours count for those hours, I don't know what it going on.

Gina Crowe: that is what is happening.

Citizen: just a question, thank you.

Councilmember Smith: I move that we accept Resolution No. 574A a Resolution for Adopting a Budget and Adopting Wages and Salaries for the Town of Stevensville, MT FY26-27.

Mayor Crews: is there a 2nd.

Jenelle Berthoud: is that motion with additions?

Councilmember Smith: with the additions.

Mayor Crews: no 2nd. motion dies on the floor. What is councils pleasure?

Councilmember Bailey: I think I would feel more comfortable knowing for sure that the auditor approves us borrowing money from one fund to give to another. I also feel that we should have a full council.

Mayor Crews: we are already a month and a half into the new budget. I trust our finance department, I believe that our finance department would not do anything incorrect.

Robert Underwood: if that is a concerns lets put a cavoite with the loan approval, with the auditors, we are going to go back and ask them to provide it in writing.

Mayor Crews: so, you can approve the budget with the cavoite that the auditors agree with the decision. If they don't agree with the decision we won't do that part.

Councilmember Wandler: if you question them will you be specific to what the accounts are?

Robert Underwood: totally. The know exactly.

Mayor Crews: what is your pleasure.

Councilmember Wandler: I wish Talon was here.

Mayor Crews: I appreciate that, but the agreement to the council and the council understood that he may be called out on fires and that you would have to work without him. It is not unusual not to have a full council to approve anything including the budget. We could be doing this with only three members of the council if we did not have a full council.

Councilmember Bailey: I understand that we have a quorum, I would just feel better having all four of us here because this is such a huge part of our work once a year. I would also like to see the changes, I know small, but I would like to see the changes that were finalized for the spelling. I also have a couple of amendments that I would like to make as well.

Mayor Crews: make a motion, right now the motion is dead.

Councilmember Bailey: I make a motion that we table Resolution No. 574A a Resolution for Adopting a Budget and Adopting Wages and Salaries for the Town of Stevensville, MT FY26-27. Until the next meeting when we can have a full council present.

Mayor Crews: we cannot guarantee that. The next regular council meeting is next Thursday night.

Councilmember Bailey: and we are anticipating that he will be gone, is that right.

Mayor Crews: Gina, what is the deadline for getting the budget approved?

Gina Crowe: September 1st.

Councilmember Wandler: he should be back next Friday.

Mayor Crews: maybe, but no guarantees.

Jenelle Berthoud: please keep in mind that if this is continued for another meeting then we have to do two more times in the newspaper because you now have a new budget in front of you, things have changed. I cannot give that to the newspaper until Friday and that would have to run for two weeks, we would not be looking at a budget meeting such as this until the week of the 7th of September.

Councilmember Smith: past the due date.

Councilmember Bailey: right, six days past the due date.

Mayor Crews: repeat your motion.

Councilmember Bailey: I make a motion to table Resolution No. 574A a Resolution for Adopting a Budget and Adopting Wages and Salaries for the Town of Stevensville, MT FY26-27 until September 7th.

Mayor Crews: we have a motion do we have a 2nd.

Councilmember Wandler: can I ask a question first?

Mayor Crews: we have a motion on the floor. No 2nd. Motion dies.

Councilmember Wandler: my question is, is there a penalty if we are a week late.

Robert Underwood: we will get an audit finding; the state is on us.

Councilmember Bailey: we are talking with approving with a stipulation that the auditor clears us borrowing from one fund to give to another.

Robert Underwood: specific, the sewer fund.

Councilmember Bailey: okay, thank you.

Councilmember Smith: and these new additions.

Councilmember Bailey: I guess my comment on the new additions that five vehicles, a trailer and another trailer is a bit aggressive for one fiscal year.

Mayor Crews: my comment is, we have a \$36,000.00 lawn mower that we are driving one to two miles down to cut an acre of grass and then driving it back and we are wearing it out. It is a lot cheaper to get a \$1,500.00 trailer to carry the lawn mower down there then it is to drive it down the town streets.

Councilmember Bailey: thank you I am not against the trailers I am against the four trucks; I think maybe one truck, I mean one for the chief one for grounds and then the two trailers. How would you feel about that?

Mayor Crews: the mayor is responsible that the town has adequate equipment to perform the job. Right now, I have one truck in the shop, one truck dead on arrival out in the field and another truck with a fly wheel about to fall off. I have one working truck that I can depend on. We are approaching wintertime; we have to plow snow and put down sand we have the fall clean up to do. I don't have any idea how much it is going to cost to get the truck fixed that is in the shop right now. I am about ready to call them and tell them to not do anything, I think that it is a waste of money to keep on patching these old trucks. I think that we need to get the trucks and it will save us money in the long run.

Councilmember Bailey: do you think we can taper the purchase of the trucks, like I said five trucks is aggressive for one fiscal year. Could we do potentially, obviously the chiefs truck and two for public works and then one next year and one the year after that so that we are not putting all four on one year and then ten years from now all four are going to keel over.

Mayor Crews: the idea is to get some decent trucks and start actually doing the maintenance, I am sorry the town has not been doing maintenance on these vehicles for a long time. We need vehicles that we can rely on and right now I don't think we have one vehicle if we had to send somebody out of town for training I think the one vehicle that is the most decent is the public works supervisors truck, that is the only one that can leave town I won't let, and it is missing a lug nut on the left front wheel. The other trucks are just not safe; I have got to stand my ground. You are the ones with the purse strings; you are the ones that have to make that decision.

Councilmember Wandler: it looks like we have to pay the price of prior mayors, purchase of vehicles should have been done sequential, one every year and we would not be in this fix. I don't think anyone in the town would want somebody stranded some place or a vehicle accident.

Mayor Crews: to top this off we have a police car that is going into the shop, I can't even read the codes because the ports are disabled. The police officers can't expect to be down. Got to have them, it is in the shop right now, his truck is flat wore out. I would not trust that truck in a high-speed pursuit.

Councilmember Wandler: it might be part of the issue, we need inspections daily on every vehicle, they sign in and out for it.

Mayor Crews: agree. We are trying to put it in place. You heard earlier a comment about hostile work environment. I put an email out about the conditions of the vehicles, taking care of the vehicles, cleaning the vehicles, making sure that they are okay for a person to get into and also the condition of some of the workspaces. I put that out and you heard about it tonight. It is up to you folks.

Councilmember Smith: the trucks that we are talking about are the trucks that come with the plows and how much are they each.

Gina Crowe: \$45,000.00 that is a special deal because we are getting four, you have to remember that the cost of those are going up every year and these trucks are already coming with a plow and a sander on the back and they are big, if we don't need all of those we could sell two of them, make money off of those. This is such a good deal, oh my gosh.

Mayor Crews: the floor is yours.

Councilmember Bailey: I am failing here, I am still against the four trucks, but I am not going to make a motion for that. How about we talk about our city court,

professional fees 350. We pulled it down to that is for our judge not our town attorney. That is the judge fee, \$36,000.00.

Mayor Crews: that is her salary and you can reduce her salary or modify it while she is in office.

Councilmember Bailey: I am not looking to do that; I am looking to see why we downgraded it \$3,500.00.

Robert Underwood: it is \$36,000.00 when I pulled up last year her expenses, her travel expenses were in there and that was a mistake on my part, her contract is for \$36,000.00. I pulled up the big picture what we paid her for last year and that was the number that I had, and I had not corrected it.

Councilmember Bailey: her contract is for \$36,000.00 a year.

Robert Underwood: yes.

Mayor Crews: it is not a contract it is an appointment; the judge does not have a contract.

Councilmember Smith: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 574A a Resolution for Adopting a Budget and Adopting Wages and Salaries for the Town of Stevensville, MT FY26-27 with the additions and the caveat of moving money through the auditor.

Councilmember Wandler: 2nd.

Mayor Crews: motion and a 2nd. public comment any further council discussion or not. I will call for the vote.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

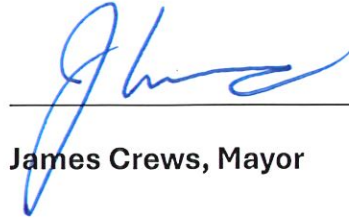
Mayor Crews: thank you very much I appreciate that, I think that everyone is going to appreciate the new vehicles.

6. Adjournment

Councilmember Smith: motion to adjourn.

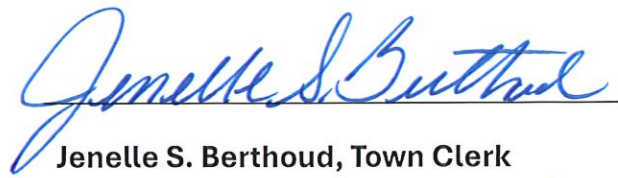
Councilmember Wandler: 2nd.

APPROVE:



James Crews, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk

1000 GENERAL

Account	Object	22-23	23-24	Actuals	24-25	25-26	Current Budget	% Exp.	Prelim. Budget	Budget Changes	Final Budget	% Old
410100	Legislative Services											
110	Salaries and Wages	13,326	12,925		10,200	12,788	13,200	97%	5,300		5,300	40%
	4 Council members 275/month = \$13,200											
	Gen Fund 40% \$5,200											
	Water Fund 30% \$3,960											
	Sewer Fund 30% \$3,960											
140	Employer Contributions	1,130	1,082		916	1,064	1,200	89%	480		480	40%
	Total = \$1,179.96											
	Gen Fund 40% \$472											
	Water Fund 30% \$354											
	Sewer Fund 30% \$354											
212	Small Non-capitalized Equ	4,939										
320	Printing, Duplicating, Ty		33		80	80	80	100%	85		85	106%
330	Publicity		34			66		***	0		0	0%
331	Computer Software / Websi		845		2,088	1,367	1,548	88%	580		692	45%
	.GOV and MS											
333	Payroll Service/Website					966	870	111%	410		410	47%
	Netchex \$405.14											
334	Black Mountain Software /					1,042	0	***			0	0%
350	Professional Services		710		1,365		0	0%			0	0%
356	Information Technology Se	4,962	519		2,942	2,354	2,650	89%	4,800		5,374	203%
	First Call \$4,800											
370	Travel		185		110		560	0%	1,120		0	0%
376	Lodging	544	694		257		1,920	0%	3,120		0	0%
	\$195 per night 4 people * 4 nights = \$3120											
	Last year budget \$1920											
377	Meals		16				536	0%	540		0	0%
	\$536.00 4 people * 4 nights (134) 33.5 per person per day											
380	Training Services	450	675		225	1,170	900	130%	900		700	78%
	Governance Training \$700.00											
510	Insurance	1,427	1,342		1,340	1,459	1,455	100%	1,880		1,645	113%
	Account:	26,778	19,060		19,523	22,356	24,919	90%	19,215		14,686	59%
410200	Executive Services											
110	Salaries and Wages	2,245	3,333		3,450	3,600	3,600	100%	3,600		3,600	100%
140	Employer Contributions	197	302		320	299	330	91%	330		330	100%
210	Office Supplies & Materia		51		9	46	0	***	25		25	***
226	Clothing and Uniforms		281				0	0%			0	0%
320	Printing, Duplicating, Ty		33		80	80	50	160%	75		75	150%
330	Publicity		63				0	0%			0	0%
331	Computer Software / Websi		269		290	373	390	96%	75		87	22%
	.GOV and MS											
333	Payroll Service/Website					238	217	110%	60		60	28%
	Netchex \$60.00											
340	Utility Services	373					0	0%			0	0%
345	Telephone & Internet	139	313			401	420	95%	600		600	143%
	Switch back to Verizon at \$50/month											
350	Professional Services		177		227		0	0%			0	0%