

BELT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 5, 2025

7:00 PM

The first regularly scheduled meeting of November 2025 was called to order beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Mayor James M. Olson, Clerk-Treasurer Kellen Kirby, Council members included Paul Heikkila, Sally Miller, April Wells, Corbin Keaster, Michelle Stinson, and Beck Gorton; Public Works Codi Heikkila, and Republic Services Representative Ryan Coffmann.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The minutes from the October 1st meeting were moved to approval by Sally Miller and second by Becky Gorton. The minutes from the 15th meeting were moved to approval by Corbin Keaster and second by Paul Heikkila. The minutes from meetings on October 1st and 15th were both approved by unanimous vote.

The Complaint Log was reviewed with no actions taken. Zero complaints were reported.

NEW BUSINESS: Ryan Coffmann of Republic Services was in attendance this evening, he listened to concerns from the council and spoke that services are doing much better with a shuffling around from the top of the company down. The council agreed that the services have gotten much better over the past month and look forward to continued success. The council released the check that was being held. Ryan accepted the check. Ryan also stated that any concerns with the service to please communicate through an email tree that goes through Ryan, and he will make sure the concerns are being taken care of.

The next topic of discussion was considering sander options for Public Works dump truck. Public Works Codi Heikkila stated that the sander does work correctly with the setup he has now. While doing research a new set up would cost around \$12,000 and a new hookup to have the older sander work with the set up now will cost around \$8,000. Council Member Heikkila brought up another option to look into which included a spreader that replaces the tailgate of the existing truck. This option is through Normont, but no price was given. Codi Heikkila stated that he will look more into it and get ahold of Normont and see about price. Council Member Becky Gorton also mentioned looking into the town of Bozeman for more options as well as they upgraded and may be selling some of their older equipment. Mayor James M. Olson stated he wanted to table this discussion and put it back on the agenda for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Water project updates and concerns was discussed. Mayor James Olson stated that all of Castner Street will be chip sealed this coming Spring. Council members Corbin Keaster and Michelle Stinson brought up concerns with excavator teeth marks on Church Street and Anaconda Street. Both will be looked into more and relayed to construction company to repair the damages. Mayor James Olson also stated that Josh Sommer will be here on the 19th of November to give a full update and talk about the milling of the asphalt chunks that are piled up down at the burn pile.

PUBLIC WORKS INPUT: Codi Heikkila reported that he did not pass his Wastewater test this time around but will be retaking it soon in Helena. He also stated that he tagged all the illegally parked campers,

trailers, RVs, and equipment. Codi was also able to get the light in the front entry of City Hall working stating it was just a loose wire.

COUCIL REPORTS: Council member Beck Gorton reported that the new lights at the jail museum looked good. Council member Paul Heikkila talked more about the milling of the asphalt chunks that are piled up at the edge of the burn pile. He discussed some ideas as to what to do with the millings once that is completed.

CLERK/TREASURER INPUT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor James Olson welcomed the new clerk/treasurer Kellen Kirby. He also threw out some ideas for the first meeting in December to welcome the incoming personnel and say goodbye to the ones leaving. Will discuss more at next meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

There being no further business to attend to, council member Paul Heikkila motioned to adjourn the meeting, Corbin Keaster second it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Approved by Mayor James M. Olson

Attested to and submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Kellen Kirby