

TOWN OF DRUMMOND  
 REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
 Drummond Town Hall, 114 A Street, Drummond, MT 59832  
**FEBRUARY 17, 2026 - 7:00PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Gail Leeper called the February Regular Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Mayor Leeper & Council Members McLure, Clute, O’Dell and Speer; Town Clerk-Treasurer Wight and Public Works Director Harrington.

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** Trish Schreiber, Legislative Candidate HD76.

**GUEST COMMENT:**

**Trish Schreiber, Legislative Candidate HD76**

Ms. Schreiber introduced herself to the Drummond Town Council informing the council of her interest in running for House District 76 and attending local government meetings, learning the needs within the community.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Law Enforcement Report was provided to Drummond Town Council, for the January Town Council Meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MINUTES:**

**January 20, 2026 Regular Town Council Meeting**

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve the January Regular Town Council Meeting minutes. Council Member McLure made a motion to approve the January Regular Town Council Meeting minutes. Council Member Clute seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Roll Call Vote:

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE MINUTES	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Gail Leeper	NA		
Council President McLure	YEA		
Council Member Clute	YEA		
Council Member O’Dell	YEA		
Council Member Speer	YEA		

**CLAIMS:**

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve the claims. Council Member Clute made a motion to approve the claims. Council Member O’Dell seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Roll Call Vote:

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CLAIMS	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Gail Leeper	NA		
Council President McLure	YEA		
Council Member Clute	YEA		
Council Member O’Dell	YEA		
Council Member Speer	YEA		

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve Jackson Contractor Group Pay Application Number 4 and Pay Application 6 within the claims. Council Member McLure made a motion to approve Jackson Contractor Group Pay Application Number 4 and Pay Application 6 within the claims. Council Member Speer seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Roll Call Vote:

JACKSON CONTR. GROUP PAY APP 4 AND 5	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Gail Leeper	NA		
Council President McLure	YEA		
Council Member Clute	YEA		
Council Member O'Dell	YEA		
Council Member Speer	YEA		

**INVESTMENTS:** Investment sheet provided to the Town Council.

**FINANCIALS:** Financial sheet provided to the Town Council.

**Semi-Annual Delinquent Tax Letters**

Semi-Annual Delinquent Tax Letters sent to the delinquent properties within the Town of Drummond jurisdiction; six properties are currently delinquent.

**Local Government Services Volunteer Technical Program**

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve continuation in the Local Government Services Volunteer Technical Program with quarterly bank reconciliation submissions. Council Member Clute made a motion to approve the continuation in the Local Government Services Volunteer Technical Program with quarterly bank reconciliation submissions. Council Member McLure seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Roll Call Vote:

QUARTERLY SUBMISSION LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Gail Leeper	NA		
Council President McLure	YEA		
Council Member Clute	YEA		
Council Member O'Dell	YEA		
Council Member Speer	YEA		

**Worker's Compensation Coverage**

Clerk-Treasurer Wight reported to the council the top five insurance brokerage companies reviewed, discussing the pros and cons of each entity. Hub International-Missoula provided the most accommodating features of customer service and resources for the Town to purchase Worker's Compensation coverage, through the State Fund.

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve moving forward with Hub International-Missoula as the brokerage firm to handle the Town of Drummond's Workers' Compensation Program. Council Member

McLure made a motion to approve moving forward with Hub International–Missoula as the brokerage firm to handle the Town of Drummond’s Workers’ Compensation Program authorizing Mayor Leeper to sign Hub International–Missoula’s Client Service Agreement. Council Member O’Dell seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

**Roll Call Vote:**

HUB INTERNATIONAL – MISSOULA CLIENT SERVICE AGREEMENT	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Gail Leeper	NA		
Council President McLure	YEA		
Council Member Clute	YEA		
Council Member O’Dell	YEA		
Council Member Speer	YEA		

**ACTION ITEMS:** None

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

**Action Inc.**

One out of seven counties are helped by Action Inc which assists with public health and energy bills costs assistance applications; working closely with Jackie Bolster, Granite County DES Coordinator and Mayor Leeper; reaching out to both Drummond and Philipsburg communities to inform the citizens of available assistance.

**Granite County Planning Board**

Mayor Leeper provided update on a pre application that’s been submitted for a subdivision, redefining one lot into two lots. The property owner will be utilizing a short form, which is in their right to do so.

The Planning Board is also looking into revising the growth policy which reassesses the environment every five years. The last growth policy was completed in 2012; It is currently outdated and being worked on.

Phillipsburg currently has their own growth plan policy which was adopted by resolution However that resolution was never signed.

Drummond does not have unique growth policy to the township; however, Drummond does complete its growth policy in conjunction with Granite County’s Growth Policy. Growth policies can be a financial burden costing up to \$35,000 to \$40,000, the Department of Commerce does have funds for these endeavors.

**CWPP ( )**

The CWPP meetings possibly will be conducted by Zoom; as we are having difficulty with attendance, including those from our fire department community not being able to attend. The local fire departments throughout the valley have valuable insight to add to updating group policy and protection of the citizens.

**Attorney on Retainer Consulted Regarding Parks**

Attorney Jana McGill was contacted by Mayor Leeper regarding a current issue at the Drummond City Park. Law enforcement has been informed of these issues as well, which pose a liability concern to the taxpayers of Drummond.

There is an individual storing firewood at the Drummond City Park, which has not been authorized by the Town of Drummond. Mayor Leeper and Law enforcement's discussion and conclusion is to install cameras in that area of concern to receive the data of what this individual is doing at the City Park, which would then be followed up with a certified letter said individual.

### **Granite County Commissioners**

Discussion was had amongst the Council regarding Granite County, the municipalities, as well as non-profit organizations in regards to equipment share, ownership, liability and upkeep.

This was presented from Mayor Leeper reaching out to a County Attorney Bradshaw, for the purpose of a discussion relating to Granite County's loader that has been utilized by Town of Drummond for the last five to six years. The Town of Drummond does have an interlocal agreement with Granite County for equipment share.

**ATTORNEY:** None

### **PARKS:**

#### **Fish, Wildlife and Parks – Vaulted latrine**

It was determined February of 2026 not to renew Fish Wildlife and Parks Fishing Boat Access Agreement with that non-renewal Fish Wildlife and Parks agreed to the terms of removal of the vaulted latrine, signage and promotion the Drummond City Park.

Fish Wildlife and Parks contracted with Reno Ward, of Ward Industries, for the removal of the vaulted latrine. There was concern of when the work was completed, as it was completed in the late evening hours. Therefore, the Town of Drummond will be requesting a report from Fish Wildlife and Parks, as to the details of this removal to ensure that all standards were met in this removal process; and there would be no future liability to the town.

#### **Seasonal Closure of Drummond City Park Campground**

Discussion was had amongst the Council regarding the possibility of seasonal closure of the Drummond City Park for numerous reasons during the offseason. Especially during the winter months, there are individuals that spin brodies at the park, illicit behavior and concern of non-payment during this time. No decision has been made, and further discussions will be had at future town council meetings.

#### **Campground Payment Envelopes**

Discussion was had regarding the type of envelope used for collection purposes at the Drummond City Park to ensure payment has been collected, and help public works and law enforcement track number of night stays, as well as enforcing the local laws.

The type of collection envelopes discussed was a tear off portion, which visitor/camper would place in their front window showing details of their stay, which simplify the monitoring process.

## **ROADS:**

### **Truck – Ford F350**

Councilperson O’Dell provided an update regarding the new truck purchased for the Town of Drummond snow plowing purposes. The previous owner of this vehicle was very helpful in the transfer transaction, even providing the town his cell number should we have any concerns or need any further information.

This truck has been stored in a heated garage for the last five years, so it is not weathered; and in very good condition. The truck also has a heavy-duty dump bed that works well, and will be beneficial in public work duties.

### **Northwestern Energy**

Northwestern Energy did provide two-inch stone for the alleys in Drummond; alleys will need further work after winter.

### **Loader**

Granite County Loader utilized by the Town of Drummond, is in need of having the brakes worked on. Public Works will be receiving bid estimate for this work, as it does pose a safety issue. Once the bid estimate is received and approved by Mayor Leeper the town will move forward completing this work.

### **Patch**

Mayor Leeper will reach out to Granite County Road Supervisor, Paul Ault, regarding patch and what is available for work in the Town of Drummond.

## **FLOODPLAINS:**

### **Community Service Clean-up**

The town of Drummond has been assisted by an individual completing community service; cleaning out the ditch behind the Catholic Church, with weed eating and collection dead branches.

Though this ditch is dry it is a live creek bed.

## **SEWER:**

### **Wastewater Treatment Facility Project**

Ultraviolet Disinfection Buildings (UV) slab was poured today.

PH samples are being taken weekly for discharge, which is a requirement by DEQ Department of Environmental Quality per discharge requirements.

During the recent power outage, the generator was stuck in the ON position; which resulted in diesel on the side of the engine. CAT will be coming tomorrow to evaluate and repair. The last repair was completed last year.

The town needs to look into getting a transfer switch installed, which are approximately \$2000; discussion of which entity could place was discussed, from a local licensed electrician verses a certified CAT representative. These costs would be covered under O&M (operations and maintenance) expenses.

As discussed in earlier town council meetings regarding the lift station, improvements to the lift station will be addressed at the end of the wastewater treatment facility upgrade project.

Reimbursement request sent for items purchased for project, being processed with draw request. Aaron Peters, RPR of Triple Tree Engineering continuing to assist Public Works with collection, sampling, and delivery of samples.

**CITY COURT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Property Inquiry.**

Vacant real property without sewer hook-up being considered by property owner to be sold.

Discussion was had amongst council regarding the consideration of the Town of Drummond purchasing said piece of property for storage, it was determined that the town does not have adequate funding at this time to make such a purchase.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mayor Leeper will be in attendance at the following:

**Executive Forum.**

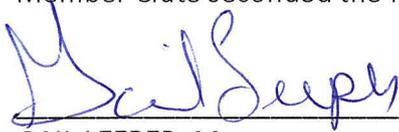
Executive Forum Livingston, MT, March 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Congressional Convention.**

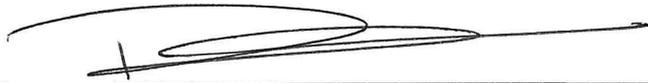
Congressional Convention Washington, D.C., March 16<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Next Town Council Meeting: Scheduled Tuesday, March 24, 2026 (Fourth Tuesday).

**ADJOURNMENT:** Council Member McLure made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm. Council Member Clute seconded the motion. All yeas. None opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.



GAIL LEEPER, Mayor



ROBIN WIGHT, Town Clerk/Treasurer/Paralegal