

**TOWN OF DRUMMOND  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Drummond Town Hall, 114 A Street, Drummond, MT 59832

February 18, 2025 - 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 and Clute; Town Clerk-Treasurer Wight and Public Works Director Harrington. Council Member O'Dell and Attorney McGill were absent. One council seat remains vacant.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Leeper led the Pledge of Allegiance during the Public Meeting.

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** Calvin Wight

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

**MINUTES:**

January 21, 2025 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.

**CLAIMS:**

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

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

Sewer Investment Certificate of Deposit matures February 28, 2025.

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve closing existing Certificate of Deposit; then re-open with accumulated interest into a 4-mo Certificate of Deposit at the higher APY. Council Member Clute made a motion to close existing Certificate of Deposit; then re-open with accumulated interest into a 4-mo Certificate of Deposit at the higher APY. Council Member McLure seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

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

- Granite County - Delinquent Tax Letters/ Lien Placement to be addressed on the April Agenda, need to research legalities of lien placement, then request Granite County to begin placing liens on delinquent properties, as funding agents are questioning delinquent accounts in the agency's ability to provide grant funding for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Project.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 2024-20 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROBERT LUND AND SHERILEE LUND, 100 LANNEN ROAD, HALL MT 59837, HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE LUNDS, AND THE TOWN OF DRUMMOND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION STAGING AREA DURING THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to rescind Resolutions 2024-20 due to changes addressed in the exchange agreement with the Lunds's. Council Member Clute made motion to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-20. Council Member McLure seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

**WWTF Construction Staging Area Exchange Agreement: Lund Signature** Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to authorize Engineer Koon to provide the updated Construction Staging Area Exchange Agreement to the Lund's for signature. Council Member Clute made motion authorizing Engineer Koon to present the Construction Staging Area Exchange agreement to the Lund's for signature. Council Member McLure seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

**WWTF Construction Staging Area Exchange Agreement: Town Signature** Mayor Leeper asked for a motion authorizing the mayor position to sign the Construction Staging Area Exchange Agreement after Lund's have signed the agreement. Council Member McLure made motion authorizing Mayor Leeper to sign the Construction Staging Area Exchange Agreement after Lund's have signed. Council Member Clute seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

**WWTF Construction Staging Area Exchange Agreement: Release of Funds** Mayor Leeper asked for a motion authorizing the Town to release \$1,000.00 agreed upon funds once agreement is fully executed. Council Member Clute made motion authorizing Town to release \$1,000.00 agreed upon funds once agreement is fully executed. Council Member McLure seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

**Xylem Maintenance Agreement: Draft Agreement** Mayor Leeper asked for a motion authorizing Attorney McGill to draft a Service Maintenance Agreement with Xylem. Council Member Clute made motion authorizing Attorney McGill to draft a Service Maintenance Agreement with Xylem. Council Member McLure seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

**Xylem Maintenance Agreement: Forward Draft Agreement to Xylem** Mayor Leeper asked for a motion authorizing Attorney McGill to send draft Service Maintenance Agreement to Xylem for their review once draft completed. Council Member Clute made motion authorizing Attorney McGill to send draft Service Maintenance Agreement to Xylem for their review once draft completed. Council Member McLure seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- **Executive Forum:** Mayor Leeper will be attending Executive Forum in Helena, February 26-28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Planning Board Update:** Twin Willow Subdivision presented to the commissioners for discussion and approval.
- **WWTF Funding Conference Call:** Sewer Project Funding call update; Town will reapply for CBDG Grant in the next funding cycle.

Planning to advertise for bids March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>; Construction anticipated April 21<sup>st</sup>; ARPA Funds anticipated to be expended by November 1, 2025; and Project completion set currently for October 2026.

**ATTORNEY:** None

**PARKS:** Public Works unable to snowplow at park. Two vehicles noted at Drummond City Park taking photographs.

**ROADS:**

- **Snow Plowing:** Public Works Snow plowing, recent repair on snowplow has provided the ability to better stack the snow. Public Works has been working with Christian Pfendler in removing truck loads of stacked snow from the Town and placing at the Drummond City Park to alleviate flooding within the Town.

Currently unable to snowplow to the lagoon, as the snow is currently too deep.

Public works has been able to maintain the roads really well with the amount of snow received.

**FLOODPLAINS:**

- **Dike – Livestock Weed Removal** – Council Member McLure has been conversing with Glen and Deb Kolbeck, regarding weed control at the dyke, with their livestock; utilizing fencing tape in the livestock control and placement locations.

Possibly could utilize livestock in weed control at Edward’s Gulch, depending on the success at the dyke.

There was an incident last fall with the Kolbeck’s losing livestock by beheading. Law Enforcement was called, and this is currently under investigation.

- **Update Floodplain Mapping Ordinance** – Floodplain Maps were approved February 19<sup>th</sup>; we are now in the six-month window, for completion and adoption of the updated Ordinance.

**SEWER:**

- **Xylem** – Per the February Agenda, the use of a MOU Memorandum of Understanding was considered for the Xylem Service Maintenance Agreement. However, as noted in action Items, this is instead being addressed by Attorney McGill with drafting an actual Service Agreement between Xylem and the Town.

MOUs are better utilized with in-kind agreements; such as, the agreement the Town has with Great Divide Septic.

**CITY COURT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**



- **Open Council Seat** – The Town currently has a vacant Council Seat (Parks).
- **Fireworks** – Mayor Leeper plans to present the Firework issue, while attending Executive Session; hoping to get better direction for the Town in relation to fireworks, with regards to blowing off fireworks within a municipality.

Council Member McLure expressed; she is not a fan of permits for fireworks. Possibly looking at time restrictions on the Fourth of July and New Years, only on personal property.

Mayor Leeper added, specific language needs to be clarified in protecting the Town, for liability.

The Town does not want to take away individuals rights or freedoms; however, people need to be more responsible and respectful of others property.

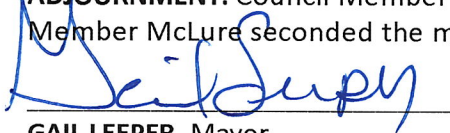
If there are firework violations; Mayor Leeper strictly stated, violations must be called into law enforcement. The Town cannot address violations; not the mayor, council or employees.

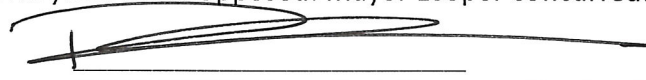
Discussion was had regarding the recent Town Hall meeting, the Council felt it went well. Many valid points were addressed, especially the need for individuals with disabilities, and animals. Those individuals need time to be prepare in dealing with fireworks.

We will be visiting this item again; when a decision is close to being made, it was suggested citizens should be notified by mail, with representatives from the Sheriff’s Office and Fire Department in attendance at the meeting.

**Next Town Council Meeting: Scheduled Tuesday, March 18, 2025.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Council Member Clute made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. Council Member McLure seconded the motion. All yeas. None opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

  
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 GAIL LEEPER, Mayor

  
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 ROBIN WIGHT, Town Clerk/Treasurer/Paralegal

