

TOWN OF DRUMMOND
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Drummond Town Hall, 114 A Street, Drummond, MT 59832
NOVEMBER 18, 2025 - 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gail Leeper called the November Regular Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Mayor Leeper & Council Members Clute and O'Dell; Town Attorney Tim Dick; Town Clerk-Treasurer Wight and Public Works Director Harrington. Council Member McLure was absent.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: None

GUEST COMMENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES:

October 21, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting

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

CLAIMS:

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve the claims. Council Member O'Dell 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.

FINANCIALS: Financial sheet provided to the Town Council.

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve Jackson Contracting Pay Application 2. Council Member Clute made a motion to approve Jackson Contracting Pay Application 2. Council Member Speer seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Roll Call Vote:

Jackson Contracting Pay Application 2	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Gail Leeper	NA		
Council President McLure			ABSENT
Council Member Clute	YEA		
Council Member O'Dell	YEA		
Council Member Speer	YEA		

ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21

RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$1,550,000 SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS (DNRC WATER POLLUTION CONTROL STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM), CONSISTING OF \$750,000 SUBORDINATE LIEN TAXABLE SERIES 2025A BOND AND \$800,000 SERIES 2025B BOND; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND FIXING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 192.

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to waive the reading of Resolution 2025-21 Council Member O'Dell made motion to waive the reading of Resolution 2025-21. Council Member Speer seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Mayor Leeper asked, if the Council had any further questions or discussions in regards to Resolution 2025-21 RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$1,550,000 SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS (DNRC WATER POLLUTION CONTROL STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM), CONSISTING OF \$750,000 SUBORDINATE LIEN TAXABLE SERIES 2025A BOND AND \$800,000 SERIES 2025B BOND; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND FIXING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 192, which there were not.

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve of Resolution No. 2025-21 A RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$1,550,000 SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS (DNRC WATER POLLUTION CONTROL STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM), CONSISTING OF \$750,000 SUBORDINATE LIEN TAXABLE SERIES 2025A BOND AND \$800,000 SERIES 2025B BOND; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND FIXING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 192. Council Member Clute made motion to approve Resolution 2025-21. Council Member O'Dell seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Roll Call Vote:

Resolution 2025-21 Waive Reading	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Leeper	NA		
Council President McLure			ABSENT
Council Member Clute	YEA		
Council Member O'Dell	YEA		
Council Member Speer	YEA		

Resolution 2025-21 Decision	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Leeper	NA		
Council President McLure			ABSENT
Council Member Clute	YEA		
Council Member O'Dell	YEA		
Council Member Speer	YEA		

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-22

RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES RELATING TO TAX-EXEMPT BONDS.

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to waive the reading of Resolution 2025-22 Council Member Clute made motion to waive the reading of Resolution 2025-22. Council Member O'Dell seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Mayor Leeper asked, if the Council had any further questions or discussions in regards to Resolution 2025-22 RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES RELATING TO TAX-EXEMPT BONDS, which there were not.

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve of Resolution No. 2025-22 A RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES RELATING TO TAX-EXEMPT BONDS. Council Member Clute made motion to approve Resolution 2025-22. Council Member Speer seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Roll Call Vote:

Resolution 2025-22 Waive Reading	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Leeper	NA		
Council President McLure			ABSENT
Council Member Clute	YEA		
Council Member O'Dell	YEA		
Council Member Speer	YEA		

Resolution 2025-22 Decision	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Leeper	NA		
Council President McLure			ABSENT
Council Member Clute	YEA		
Council Member O'Dell	YEA		
Council Member Speer	YEA		

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Action Inc

Mayor Leeper is on the Action Inc Board; providing an update on the last meeting held regarding the Granite County Food Bank. Mayor Leeper stated, there was a need for meat in the community, which was met by the generous hunting season donation.

The \$1,000 donation from Action Inc, to Food Bank would be spent locally and kept in Granite County, helping the local establishments, by purchasing local.

Drummond Kawanis contributes to local dinners, with their generous annual donation of \$700.

DES

Mayor Leeper and DES Coordinator, Jackie Bolster; attended the DES Workshop held in Butte. This workshop presented an opportunity for mitigation planning towards the most important projects currently in Granite County. As well as, updating the plan for current projects.

Mayor Leeper provided an update on Drummond's Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade project; including grant funding, contingency and Lagoon fencing structure.

Granite County Commissioners

Mayor Leeper discussed with Council, plans for both Philipsburg Mayor and Drummond Mayor to attend the Commissioner Meeting in December, regarding request for PILT Funding to assist with both Towns Safety Funding.

Discussion led to where entitlement funding in most Montana communities; which, is utilized to cover law enforcement, leaving limited funding to address other safety issues.

Mayor Leeper reported to Council funds expended by Granite County; from the County PILT Fund into the Counties Road Fund; discussing, further research Drummond is competing to assist in Drummond's request to meet the safety needs of our constituents.

METAP Department of Commerce

Mayor Leeper reported on recent training, at the National League of Cities Summit held in Salt Lake City; how Department of Commerce will have available METAP Grant Funding opportunity. Currently, this grant opportunity has been pushed back to January 2026 for application submission. Drummond will apply for these funds in assisting to fund a snowplow/truck.

ATTORNEY: None

PARKS:

FWP Fishing Boat Access Agreement

Discussion was had amongst the Council, as to the options presented from Fish Wild Life and Parks proposal for the Fishing Boat Access Agreement.

Further discussion led to options, should the Council choose not to move forward with Fish Wild Life and Parks; how to produce more revenue from the park, in assisting with upkeep and overhead to maintain the park.

ROADS:

Patch

Clarification was made in regard to the October meeting minutes. Drummond was not in receipt of more patch, only gravel was received.

Parking

Discussion was had amongst the Council, regarding congestion in main access roadways throughout Drummond; providing options how to best move forward in alleviating the congestion.

These discussions included, possible ordinance and restrictions on allowable parking in public roadways. However, such ordinances would lead to enforcement coverage limitation issues.

Front Street Christmas Lights

Council discussed the importance in keeping youth engaged in their community; helping with the Christmas decorations provides for that opportunity. The FFA, Future Farmers of America students were to help restring lighting on the Christmas decorations; which, now needs to be completed in the Spring, as it's too late in the season this year, to be finished in time to hang the decorations.

Discussion led to, the benefits of finally having an engaged Chamber that can step into completing the tasks that have previously been handled by the municipality. Previously, there was not enough engagement in the community with the Drummond Chamber.

FLOODPLAINS:

Plate at the Dike

Public Works Director pulled the Plate at the Dike.

SEWER:

Wastewater Treatment Facility Project

Update was provided to the progress at the lagoon; access roadwork is being completed, sludge is anticipated to start being addressed in the next two weeks.

Proposed fencing structure surrounding the lagoon was discussed; again, addressing the absolute need of cattle not encroaching around or into the lagoon.

Manhole Maintenance

Council Member Clute provided an update, to maintenance work completed in flushing out manholes in Drummond; working with Great Divide Sewer and Septic, utilizing Wash House water to flush the lines throughout Town. There are a few areas remaining for manholes to be flushed out, once completed, the manhole maintenance will be complete for this season.

Discussion amongst the Council led to, establishments serving food and what they do with grease remnants; Council Person Speer was able to share how some establishments correctly dispose of remnant grease.

It was further discussed and advised, to follow up with the school in verifying how grease from that location is discarded.

The concluding discussion, led to removal of obstructions over and around access manholes; preventing emergency access should the need arise. For those areas where manhole access is encroached, posing interference to manhole access and public safety. The Town may request the service of Law Enforcement to engage with the residents to alleviate the access obstruction.

CITY COURT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Joint Session

Town of Philipsburg, Town of Drummond and Granite County Joint Session will be postponed until the first of the year.

Joint Session is a time, that the municipalities and the county come together to discuss the needs within all jurisdictions of Granite County. As well as, an opportunity for organizations such as Headwaters and Action Inc, to come and share opportunities which could meet and benefit the needs of the county and citizens.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Blackfoot Communications

The Council discussed, extending invitation to Blackfoot Communication November 18th Drummond Town Council meeting, having them provide update.

Fiscal Year 2025 AFR

This is the first time, since June Bows was Clerk Treasurer for the Town of Drummond; the Annual Financial Report was submitted to Local Government Services well in advance of the December 31st due date, being completed and submitted October 22, 2025.

Next Town Council Meeting: Scheduled Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Clute made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. Council Member O'Dell seconded the motion. All yeas. None opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.



GAIL LEEPER, Mayor



ROBIN WIGHT, Town Clerk/Treasurer/Paralegal