TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 21st, 2026
Town Hall
6:00 PM

1) **Meeting Call to Order:** Mayor Dakota Mitchem called the meeting to order. In attendance were Council members Doug Reed, Lynn Coughlin, Shelly Turk, Bonnie Gray; Public Works Director Charlie Buechler; Code Enforcement Gary Foechterle; Clerk/Treasurer Amber Foechterle; Town Attorney Ray Kuntz.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance:**

3) **Consent Agenda:**
   a) Regular Meeting Council Agenda
   b) August 24th, 2026 Public Meeting Minutes
   c) August 24th, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
   d) August 26th, 2026 Budget Hearing Minutes
   e) September 2026 Disbursements (Claims 19734 through 19782). Shelly Turk entered a motion to approve all items. Bonnie Gray second. All in favor.

4) **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

5) **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None

6) **Mayor/Council Reports:**
   a. **Councilperson Lynn Coughlin:** Brought up the dump site and what our plans are with it. Ray Kuntz is looking into the legality.
   b. **Councilperson Doug Reed:** Nothing to report.
   c. **Councilperson Bonnie Gray:** Nothing to report
   d. **Councilperson Shelly Turk:** Asked if we wanted to do another open house for Candy Palooza. It was approved.
   e. **Mayor Dakota Mitchem:** Nothing to report

7) **Carbon County Sheriff's Office Reports:** Deputy Bob Reed gave a report of calls in the Town for August/September 2026. Lynn Coughlin asked that more patrolling happen on Front Street.

8) **Employee Reports:**
   a. **Public Works:** Water usage for August 2026: 5,778,720 gallons for the month
      419.8 GPM for two wells
      186,410.3 gallons a day

      i. Dale and Gary have been replacing the remaining water meters with radio reads that we had in stock.
      ii. There have been issues with water leaks which have been identified as misuse since they knew they had a leak and didn't get it fixed. Homeowners were told that they had to get them fixed or their water would be shut off.
      iii. There is a recurring water leak at 408 W Front, and it has the capability of ruining neighbors' property. Dixie Kober spoke out about her basement being in

danger. Much discussion and the homeowner with the leak will be given 72 hours to fix the leak and if not, their water will be shut off until it is fixed.

iv. If the weather holds, fall hydrant flushing will occur at the end of October.
v. TCT has started requesting locates to do their fiber project.
vi. Sewer is doing well and the auger has been discharging very little waste.

b. Clerk/Treasurer Amber Foechterle:

i. Audits are still ongoing.
ii. Town Hall will be closed from October 1st until October 19th.
iii. Requested a meeting with the Library. Will be scheduled after October 19th.
iv. The State Budget Document will be completed by next week.
v. Received an emailed copy of the deed for the boulevard but still waiting for the original.
vi. Fall Clean-up has been scheduled for October 24th.
vii. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26th, 2026 at 6pm.

c. Code Enforcement/I.T. Gary Foechterle:

i. Sent out six bulk water reminders to delinquent customers.
ii. The weed letters that were sent out last month have all been resolved.
iii. 51% of the residents turned in their income survey and there are 112 left to go. Packets were given to the council so they can go door to door.
iv. Will be cleaning up old Joliet PD files that were found in the basement.
v. We are now one of the towns in the county where people can work 8-hour shifts of public service in lieu of a day in jail. We had our first worker and it went well

d. Town Attorney Ray Kuntz:

i. Gave an update on court cases and work performed for the city. Would like to set up an ordinance meeting to discuss businesses on the boulevard as well as the library MOU.

e. Fire Chief Melvin Hoferer: Not in attendance.

9) Committee Reports:

a) Beartooth RC&D: Nothing to report.
b) Beautification Committee: Flo McMasters gave an update on the JCC Turkey Bingo Frolic in November.
c) Lions Club: Flo McMasters gave an update on events and fund raisers happening.
d) Ordinance Committee: Nothing to report.
e) Planning Board: Nothing to report
f) JCDA: Nothing to report.
g) Zoning: Nothing to report.

10) Zoning Requests:

a) 110 N Park: Fence Application – Bonnie Gray entered a motion to approve the application. Shelly Turk seconded. All in favor. Application approved.
b) 305 Cottonwood: Fence Application – Lynn Coughlin entered a motion to approve the application. Doug Reed seconded. All in favor. Application approved.

11) Riverstone Health:

12) Triple Tree Reports:

13) Old Business:

a) RRFB Update: Still a hold up in Helena. Mayor Mitchem offered to have the town pay for at least one of them. Still waiting on answers.
b) Veteran Memorial Update: Jeremy Dewell gave an update to the council. A go fund me account has been set up for donations as well as a bank account.
c) Income Survey Update:
d) DeBruycker Update: Appraisal came back and a work session meeting is scheduled for 4 pm on October 1st.

14) New Business:

a) Refuge Church: Candy Palooza – Request for Main Street to be closed off October 31 from 5 pm to 8 pm. Shelly Turk entered a motion to approve the request. Lynn Coughlin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.
b) Business License Application: Energized Relaxation PEMF & Wellness -
c) Town of Joliet/Library MOU: Attorney Ray Kuntz advised council not to sign the MOU and table it until next meeting. Lynn Coughlin entered a motion to table the MOU. Shelly Turk second. All in favor. Bonnie Gray entered a motion to approve the license. Shelly Turk seconded the motion. All in favor. Application approved.

15) Correspondence:

16) Meeting Adjourned: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Joliet Town Hall. Shelly Turk entered a motion to adjourn. Bonnie Gray seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Approved and accepted on this 26th day of October 2026.

Dakota Mitchem, Mayor

Amber Foechterle, Clerk/Treasurer