

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

June 23rd, 2025

Town Hall

6:00 PM

6:00 P.M. Regularly Scheduled Meeting:

- 1) **Meeting Call to Order:** Mayor Dakota Mitchem called the meeting to order. In attendance were Council members Sherry Munoz, Lynn Coughlin, Bonnie Gray (via Phone), Shelly Turk; Public Works Director Charlie Buechler; Code Enforcement Gary Foechterle; Fire Chief Melvin Hoferer Clerk/Treasurer Amber Foechterle.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance:**
- 3) **Consent Agenda:** Changes to the agenda; Add zoning request for 201 E Front to Zoning and Add Frontier Bar Request to New Business.
 - a) Regular Meeting Council Agenda
 - b) May 19th, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - c) May 28th, 2025 Work Session Minutes
 - d) June 2025 Disbursements (Claims 18611 through 18684). Shelly Turk entered a motion to approve all items. Sherry Munoz second. All in favor.
- 4) **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None
- 5) **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** John Francis expressed that S Main Street should be a county road and that the county should pay for any and all repairs.
- 6) **Triple Tree Reports:** None
- 7) **Mayor/Council Reports:**
 - a. **Councilperson Lynn Coughlin:**
 - i. Repeated her request from last meeting that there be no more money spent until the next budget. Voiced concerns over the cost of the law enforcement contract and new attorney fees.
 - b. **Councilperson Sherry Munoz:** Wants to move forward with ordinance meetings.
 - c. **Councilperson Bonnie Gray:** Nothing to report.
 - d. **Councilperson Shelly Turk:** Nothing to report.
 - e. **Mayor Dakota Mitchem:** Thanked Julianne Lore for the work that she has done for the Town as the town attorney. Ms. Lore resigned effective July 1, 2025.
- 8) **Carbon County Sheriff's Office Reports:** Deputy Bob Reed gave a report of calls in the Town for June 2025. He stated that Jammin Out in Joliet went well. The only incident was a hit and run that occurred in front of the Joliet Country Market.
- 9) **Employee Reports:**
 - a. **Public Works:** Water usage for April 2025:

1,836,500 gallons for the month
225.7 GPM for two wells
59,241.9 gallons a day average
 - i. The Park well has been offline for all of May and we were able to put it back online on June 9th, 2025.

- ii. We received a bid from O'Keefe Drilling for a new pump at the State Street well. Triple Tree has put in for an emergency grant to cover some of the expenses. Sherry Munoz entered a motion to approve the bid. Shelly Turk second. All in favor.
- iii. Hydrants will be flushed this week.
- iv. Received the quote for the backhoe and would like to get the work done at the beginning of the new fiscal year. Sherry Munoz entered a motion to approve the quote. Shelly Turk second. All in favor.
- v. Sewer had a relapse in the ammonia nitrogen but everything else is doing well.
- vi. The Carbon County Sheriff's Office donated two AED's to the town. Replacement batteries are around \$1200 for both of them. Shelly Turk entered a motion to approve the purchase of the batteries at the new fiscal year. Sherry Munoz second. All in favor.

b. Clerk/Treasurer Amber Foechterle:

- i. Next regular meeting will be Monday, July 21st, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Town Hall.
- ii. Town Hall will be closed June 26th and July 2nd through the 4th of July for Memorial Day.
- iii. Attorney RFQ's were advertised in the Carbon County News with a deadline of June 30, 2025. A public meeting needs to be held after that. Public meeting scheduled for Monday, July 7th, 2025 at 1pm at Town Hall.

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

- i. All town employees and officials have been issued ID cards.
- ii. Town of Joliet has a new website at www.townofjolietmt.net and is still a work in progress.
- iii. Robin Franzen with Montana Rural Water to assist public works with GPS to mark curb stops and valves in Joliet.

d. Fire Chief Melvin Hoferer: Gave a report of fire calls in the area.

10) Committee Reports:

- a) Beartooth RC&D: Nothing to report
- b) Lion's Club: Nothing to report
- c) Beautification Committee: Kathie Riley updated council on Jammin Out in Joliet.
- d) Ordinance Committee: A meeting date was set for July 2nd, 2025 at 1pm at Town Hall.
- e) Planning Board: Nothing to report

11) Zoning Requests:

- a) 111 E Central – Shed Request: Shelly Turk entered a motion to approve the shed request. Lynn Coughlin second. All in favor. Application approved.
- b) 111 E Central – Change of Use Request: Sherry Munoz entered a motion to deny the change of use request. Shelly Turk second. All in favor. Application denied.
- c) 111 E Carbon – Variance Request: Even though the variance request had all required signatures it was decided that there would have to be a public hearing because the original project was not completed like the plans that were turned in. Public meeting set for July 7th, 2025 at 6pm at Town hall.
- d) 201 E Front – Fence Request: Shelly Turk entered a motion to approve the fence request. Lynn Coughlin second. All in favor. Application approved.

12) Old Business:

- a) Tony Kenyon – VFW Memorial Request: Item tabled until next meeting.

13) New Business:

- a) Zoning Commission Discussion: Shelly Turk discussed some suggestions that the zoning commission discussed and would like to have a procedure in writing. Much discussion about educating the public on zoning ordinances, etc. Zoning Commission SOP will be added to the next agenda.
- b) JCDA Request: Gina Schaible and Sarah Bailey requested to have several Farmers Markets with live music on the Boulevard throughout the summer. Much discussion about parking and logistics. Shelly Turk entered a motion to approve the request. Sherry Munoz second. All in favor. Request approved.
- c) JCDA also requested a one-day Flea Market on South Main on August 9th, 2025 and requested that the town shut down the street from 8am to 3pm from Town Hall to the highway. Discussion on whether main street should be shut down. JCDA will be at the next meeting to finalize their plan.
- d) Frontier Bar Request: There will be a raise the roof fundraiser held Saturday, June 28th, 2025 and a request was made to close off the parking in front of the bar for a cornhole tournament. Another request was for permission to allow open containers from noon to 4pm. Shelly Turk entered a motion to approve the shed request. Sherry Munoz second. All in favor. Requests approved.
- e) Strom & Associates Contract: Sherry Munoz entered a motion to approve the contract. Shelly Turk second. All in favor. Contract approved.

14) Correspondence: None

15) Council Roll Call: Mayor Mitchem conducted a rollcall for council members that will be at the next meeting. All will be in attendance.

16) Meeting Adjourned: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 21st, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Joliet Town Hall. Shelly Turk entered a motion to adjourn. Sherry Munoz second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Approved and accepted on this 21st day of July, 2025.



Dakota Mitchem, Mayor



Amber Foechterle, Clerk/Treasurer