

Regular City Council Meeting

City Hall

October 20, 2025

Mayor DeBoer opened the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:00pm and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Attending are:

Council: Kerri Baird, Jeff Davis, Justin Ferguson, and Leonard Woehler.

City Staff: Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer, Jim Lippert, City Attorney

Public: Mark Curry, Christine Bakke, Dick Christ, AJ Lorenzen, Michael Chulyak, Kirk Stephens, Colter Todd, Lauren Dillon, Brian Williams and Brian Engle.

Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on October 6th, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Hope Mosness presented the 1st quarter FY26 budget report for the Council to review.

Sam Hensler from Dynamic Engineering gave an assessment on the City Hall Building. He needs a building official to categorize the building and what level of project it will be. Councilman Woehler will contact Greg Bunton to do an overlay of the city hall remodel plan and highlight the areas of city hall that are part of the ADA compliancy portion of the project. Sam will reach out to the building official to have a discussion with her to see what category the building is (Level 1,2 or 3). Councilman Ferguson would like to have a written report from the engineer on file with the city.

Sam Hensler also stated that the Norem Building is in good shape. He did not have any concerns about any ongoing issues. Mayor DeBoer stated we should wait until we hear back from the engineer and state inspector before we hold a public hearing. Mike Chulyak asked for clarification on the funding on whether it is a level 1 or a level 3. Colter Todd would like to see the city reach out to the public to see where they would like a new city hall. He stated that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Christine Bakke asked permission to close a street for the Winter Market on December 5, 2025. She explained that if Shepherder Square is under construction they will need either East 2nd or E 3rd Avenue for the Winter Market. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the street closure of the lighted parade on E 2nd and E 3rd Avenue, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Brian Williams from Vitality Partners asked the City Council for approval to install decorative solar lighting. There would be 66 lights installed on McLeod Street from 1st to 4th Avenue and then two blocks along 1st Avenue. Mayor DeBoer explained that the state is asking for a municipal entity to submit the encroachment permit but then the city would have a maintenance agreement with Vitality Partners for them to do the maintenance on the solar lights. They plan to install one light in front of Little Timber Quilts to make sure that the lights will work during the winter months. Kirk Stephens asked how many lights per block. Lauren Dillon explained that it would be about ten per block with the purpose to draw a visual line to lead people to downtown. Brian Engle stated that they do not want to replace the street lights on McLeod but to add atmosphere. Councilman Woehler made a motion to approve the solar

decorative lighting agreement for McLeod Street and 1st Avenue, seconded by Councilman Davis.
Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

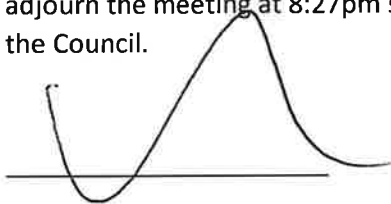
Mayor DeBoer shared the different investment rates and options from the four banks in Big Timber. Councilman Ferguson would like to see the \$1.5 million split equally among all four banks. Councilwoman Baird stated that we need to move the money where we will get the best rate. Mike Chulyak stated that we should take the highest rate and then go to the other banks and see if they would match it. AJ Lorenzen stated that he would like to see the council pay down debt rather than lock up the money. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to create 3 CDs at 3.75% for 9 months at Citizens and 3 CDs at 3.5% at 13 months at Citizens at \$250,000 per CD, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve the claims for the second half of September, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Public Comment: Christine Bakke stated that the Sweet Grass County Chamber of Commerce needs to apply for renewal each year for the Montana Main Street program. There are new requirements for the program. She added that once the board meets, she will come back to the council with an update.

Council Concerns: None

There being no further business to go before the Council, Councilman Woehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

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Greg DeBoer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer