

January 12, 2026

The Culbertson Town Council met at Townhall in regular session on Monday January 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Todd Gabriel, Dave Solem, Mark Nelson, Carl Donaldson, Terri Merrill, Laura Christoffersen. Guest: Amber Fox, Hugh Donaldson, Catherine Donaldson. Via Zoom Bobbie Schuler, MT Rural Water. Absent Abe Rumsey

Agenda- Dave Solem made a motion to approve the January 12, 2026, agenda. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes- Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the December 15, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Financials and Claims- Dave Solem made a motion to approve the December's Treasurer's report, GJV, Payroll Journal Voucher #251200, UB JV's and December's Bills. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Bathhouse Construction Update- Gave updated budget. Submitted Sixth reimbursement claim for LWCF grant. Have \$2534.48 left of the grant. This will be sent in with the final report and will take a little longer to receive. The Town has also received \$27,586.75 in tax levy for the bathhouse. After all the grant money is received to date, we will have a surplus of just over \$4000 plus the remaining tax levy to do finishes on the bathhouse.

Appoint Government Review Commission – Mark Nelson move to appoint James Walling, Hugh Donaldson, and Catherin Donaldson to the Government Review Commission. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARREID.

Worker Comp – Received a preliminary quote from Sietz Insurance out of Sidney for Workers Comp through the Montana State Fund. Our premium indication is coming in around \$8,094.33 vs our last year's with MMIA actual of \$8,458.33. New rates drop in April and will get an exact number then.

Rate Review- Bobbie Schuler with Montana Rural Water was on Zoom to go over the Rate Review which she conducted with Amber and Terri in November. Council had no question currently. Will start the process of deciding if we are going to increase rates at next months meeting.

Sheriff's Report- Received the Sheriff's Report with 51 calls for services, 1 arrest, and 21 citations. Citations consisted of operating w/out liability insurance (3), improper passing, MT resident operating w/ foreign DL over 60 days, operating with expired registration (2), failure to have vehicle registered (2), fail to have vehicle equipped with 1 or 2 tail lamps as required (2), fail to signal intention to turn (2), failure to have two operating headlights on motor vehicle (4), stop sign violation, operating vehicle which has not been properly registered.

Public Works Report- Tahoe was towed from County yard to Hi-Line and should be getting looked at this week. Engine was able to be turned over and was able to be driven up on trailer. Will send updated when quote is received.

Clerk/Treasurer Report- Year to date Interest for 2025 was \$54,762.55, Opportunity Bank CD interest-\$25,146.28, Checking/ICS-\$18,767.66, RFCU CD Dividends-\$10,848.61. Current allocations are as follows-50% general fund, 30% water fund, 15% sewer fund, 5% garbage fund, no changes to allocations at this time. AFR was received back from the League and submitted to the State and to our auditors. Just waiting on some documentation from Darla at the League so I can finish up some of the auditors questionnaire. Will follow up with her this week if not received.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

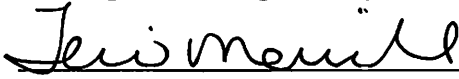
- Amber had information on the AED we have at the Community Center and the pool that we share with the school. They will be going out of compliance soon. It will cost \$1600-1700 to replace each one. Council would like to know if they are required or just recommended.

Closed for Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Re-opened Meeting at 8:13

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Next regular meeting Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.


Clerk


Mayor

February 9, 2026

The Culbertson Town Council met at Townhall in regular session on Monday February 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Todd Gabriel, Dave Solem, Carl Donaldson, Terri Merrill, Bob Jasper. Guest: Amber Fox, Community New's James Walling, Commissioner Gordon Oelkers. Absent: Mark Nelson

Agenda- Carl Donaldson made a motion to approve the February 9, 2026, agenda. Dave Solem seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes- Dave Solem made a motion to approve the January 12, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Financials and Claims- Abe Rumsey made a motion to approve the January's Treasurer's report, GJV, Payroll Journal Voucher #260100, UB JV's and January's Bills. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Bathroom Construction Update- Plumbers were in and installed the sinks and toilets. Electricians were in and completed some of the lighting. There is \$2,439.34 left of the LWCF Grant. Will submit final report once we receive the last of the invoices from Dave Geib.

Rate Review- After discussing the finding of the rate review and our current operating cash, Council will move forward with a three (3) year step increase in the sewer rates. Will start the process to increase sewer rates at next month's meeting.

Sheriff's Report- No report was sent.

Culbertson Readiness Center & Vehicle Maintenance Shop- Commissioner Gordon Oelkers reviewed the current information with Council including the \$1,085,000 estimate. The County has first right of refusal for the property and is willing to sell the vehicle maintenance shop to the Culbertson Fire Department in lieu of building a new Fire Department. Commissioner Oelkers has reached out to the Land Board about a grant and will keep up informed of any updates.

Approach Permit- Dave Solem made a motion to approve the approach permit to widen the approach off highway 16 at Industrial Drive. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Works Report- Had 12-14 lights at the airport out for unknown reasons and have been replaced. Serviced the generator at the UV building. Had some sewer issues at the Sheriff's office that have been resolved. When electricians were working on the pool bathhouse, had them come over to the Town Hall and to look at putting in a shut off on our boiler so we can be in compliance.

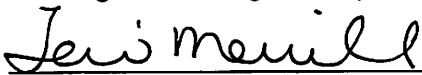
Clerk/Treasurer- Interest for January is \$672.26, no CD interest for the year yet. All documents and questionnaires have been uploaded to the auditor and backups to Black Mountain have been uploaded to the auditor as well. Cassandra Bergum applied for a used car dealer license and was needing a letter from the town stating her location was zoned for correct usage. Application was forwarded onto Jeremy and proposed use was approved on existing lot. Need to discuss if Council want to add to the ordinance's no wells allowed within town limits. Will continue to follow up on parking and dispensary limits with Town Attorney and start working on shipping containers standards.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- None

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Next regular meeting Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.



Clerk



Mayor

March 9, 2026

The Culbertson Town Council met at Townhall in regular session on Monday March 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Todd Gabriel, Dave Solem, Terri Merrill, Bob Jasper. Guest: Amber Fox, Fire Chief Mike Olson
Absent: Carl Donaldson

Agenda- Abe Rumsey made a motion to approve the March 9, 2026, agenda. Mark Nelson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes- Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the February 9, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Dave Solem seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Financials and Claims- Abe Rumsey made a motion to approve the February's Treasurer's report, GJV, Payroll Journal Voucher #260200, UB JV's and February's Bills. Mark Nelson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Bathhouse Construction Update- Plumbers completed they work. Believe the electrician are done and Geib has some facia left to complete. Approximate \$12,943.14 available pending electricians Geib's invoices.

Chevy Tahoe- With the Tahoe being in good condition, Council would like to get a quote on a new engine so we can get the most live out of the vehicle as possible.

Sheriff's Report- Received the Sheriff's Report with 50 calls for services, 3 arrest, and 27 citations. The citations consisted of failure to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle, 2 operating without liability insurance in effect, unlawful possession of open alcoholic beverage container in motor vehicle on highway, 2 front side window tinting- allows less than 24% light, 4 stop sign violations, 2 defective signal lamps, failure to park within 18 inches of right hand curb or shoulder of roadway, 3, failure to have vehicle equipped with white license plate lamp legible for 50 feet, operating with expired registration, 4 fail to signal intention to turn within 100 feet/turn (business/residential/urban area), 2 operating with expired registration-failure to reregister, 2 fail to have vehicle equipped with white license plate lamp legible for 50 feet, fail to secure load, operate a vehicle with license plates not properly displayed.

Proposed Ordinance Amendment- Reviewed the proposed private well prohibition within town limits amendment ordinance as written by Jeremy Fadness. Is still under review by Town Attorney. Will revisit next month with comment from attorney.

Resolution 539- Intent to Increase Sew Rate- Mark Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 539- Intent to Increase Sewer Rates. Abe Rumsey seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

MT Annual Municipal Institute- Dave Solem made a motion to approve Terri Merrill to attend the Municipal Institute May 3-7, 2026. Abe Rumsey seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Works Report- Had two water leaks with days of each other, one at the fair grounds and one in front of the school's old armory. Both have been repaired and water is flowing again.

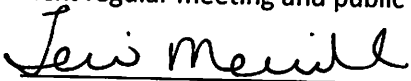
Clerk/Treasurer Report- Government Review held their initial meeting and first public hearing and have published their tentative report in the Community News. Will be holding a second public hearing on March 18th at 6pm at the Town Hall for go over the tentative report and if no objection, will finalize the tentative report and will send off the report to the State and County and close out the review.


Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- Mayor Todd Gabriel discussed a few items for future consideration such as road repairs, , Annual Town Clean Up, replacing the flooring in the Community Center and Town Office, and Ike's Pond will be paid off sometime this summer and full control will then be given over to the Town. Discussion will need to be on how we will move forward with maintenance and equipment.

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Next regular meeting and public hearing Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.


Clerk


Mayor

April 13, 2026

The Culbertson Town Council met at Townhall in regular session on Monday April 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Todd Gabriel, Dave Solem, Carl Donaldson, Mark Nelson, Terri Merrill, Bob Jasper, Laura Christoffersen. Guest: J Ewing, Jason Baker, DeAnne Weeks, Cheryl Kirkaldie, James Walling

— Agenda- Carl Donaldson made a motion to approve the April 13, 2026, agenda. Dave Solem seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes- Carl Donaldson made a motion to approve the March 9, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Mark Nelson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Financials and Claims- Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the March's Treasurer's report, GJV, Payroll Journal Voucher #260300, UB JV's and March's Bills. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Water Pit Lease- Representatives from Magnus Services LLC submitted a lease agreement to utilize the old water pits South of Town. The Town's Attorney, Laura Christoffersen, was present to give her comments on the lease agreement. Council will meet again on Thursday April 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to make the final decision.

Bathhouse Construction Update- Geib's have about two days' worth of work left to complete. Women's Club received two grants, Nyquist Foundation and Culbertson Area Community Foundation, for a total of \$7000 for five (5) picnic tables with umbrellas and stands. One table will be handicap accessible. Bob will look into getting concrete parking bumpers so cars do not park too close to the building. Also need to get the correct parking dimensions so the parking lot can be striped. Contacted Garcia Brothers about the edging on the pool. The cost was approximately \$7500. Will have them meet with Todd, Mark, and Bob again to make sure the edging is what council wants. Mark Nelson made a motion to order the replacement pool supplies. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

— Chevy Tahoe- Was able to find a GM crate engine that came with a 2-year warranty. Council would like to get a new quote from High Plans Motors in Wolf Point and will decide at the special meeting Thursday April 16, 2026.

Stormwater PER-Council set the Public Hearing for May 11, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Sheriff's Report- Received the Sheriff's Report with 53 calls for services, 3 arrest, and 18 citations. The citation consisted of operating without liability insurance in effect, Front side tinting- allows less than 24% light, driving without a valid drivers license, defective signal lamps, 4- stop sign violations, fail to have 2 headlamps properly operating on motor vehicle, fail to have vehicle equipped with white license plate legible for 50 ft, turn vehicle from a direct course or move vehicle right or left without giving appropriate signal, fail to signal intention to turn within 100 feet/ turn (business/residential/urban area), careless driving, rear/rear side window tinting- allows less than 14% light, 2- fail to dim within 1000 feet of oncoming traffic, speeding-25mph urban district.

Ordinance 248-Mandatory Connection to Municipal Water-Dave Solem made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 248-Mandatory Connection to Municipal Water System. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Sketch Plan-Abe Rumsey made a motion to approve the Purvis Fence at 107 4th St W. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

— Road Repairs- Council discussed the quoted from Top Gun Asphalt to crack seal the West side of Town. It was brought up to finish repairs on the East side of Town before we move on to crack sealing. Council discussed bidding out rest of the repairs and crack sealing. Will discuss more at the special meeting on Thursday April 16, 2026.

Town Clean Up- Council set the Annual Town Clean up for June 6th 2026.

Public Works- SRE Building area is fenced off and should be starting on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Clerk/Treasurer Report-YTD interest is at \$4,327.64. Municipal Summit is June 16th in Wolf Point, if council would like to go, let Terri know and she will get them registered. Terri will be at the Municipal Institute May 3-8 in Billings with limited office hours on May 9ths. Will need to give notice to MMIA for workers Comp by May 1st. Should be getting rate quote from Seitz Insurance in Sidney soon. Will try to have by Thursday is possible, if not, may have to have another special meeting. Sent a copy of Container ordinance from another Town/City, will send to Jeremy and Laura to review and make adjustments to fit our Town. Health Insurance rates are out with a slight increase. Monthly rate will increase by \$38, annual \$456 if no changes to current enrollment.

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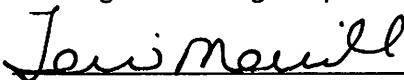
- Jason Baker was present and announced he was running for Roosevelt County Sheriff.

Public Hearing

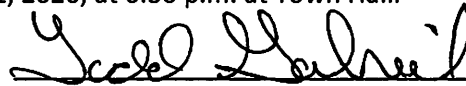
Resolution 540- Increase Sewer Rates- Abe Rumsey made a motion to approve Resolution 540- Increase Sewer Rates. Mark Nelson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Next regular meeting and public hearing Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.



Clerk



Mayor

April 16, 2026

The Culbertson Town Council met at Townhall in special session on Thursday April 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Todd Gabriel, Dave Solem, Carl Donaldson, Mark Nelson, Terri Merrill, Bob Jasper

Agenda- Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the April 16, 2026, agenda. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda Amendment-Abe Rumsey made an agenda amendment to add workers compensation to the agenda. Carl Donaldson seconded the amendment. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Water Pit Lease-Magnus countered our offer at a one-year lease for \$25,000 for one year and \$0.01 per barrel. Mark made a motion to accept the counter offer for \$25,000 a year for the land lease and \$0.01 per barrel. Dave Solem seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Chevy Tahoe-New quote from High Plains Motors in Wolf Point came in at \$13,356.42, \$135.64 less than the original quote, this comes with a 3 year or 100,000-mile warranty. Abe Rumsey made a motion to have High Plains Motors replace the engine in the Tahoe. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Road Repairs- It was discussed if council wanted to continue with just doing small road repairs one a summer or do larger projects and send out for bid.

Pool Repairs-After meeting with Garcia Brother, Bob Jasper determined that going with Garcia Bothers solutions with no skim coat over the pool deck would be the best option with the time and resources available. Abe Rumsey made

a motion to approve Garcia Brothers work on the pool. Mark Nelson seconded the motion. No objections. MOTION CARRIED.

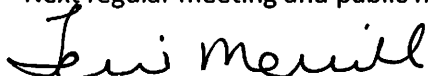
Worker Comp-Received quote from Seitz Insurance out of Sidney for Worker Comp Insurance through the Montana State Fund. The total will come in around a \$1000 less than last years total. Abe Rumsey made a motion to switch workers comp coverage starting July 1, 2026 to Seitz Insurance. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

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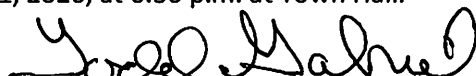
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Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Next regular meeting and public hearing Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.



Clerk



Mayor