



Livingston City Commission Minutes

June 29, 2026

4:00 PM

City Hall

220 E. Park Street
Livingston, MT 59047

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1. Call to Order

4:05 pm Chair Nootz called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

- Chair Nootz
- Vice Chair Willich
- Commissioner Daniels
- Commissioner Wilcox
- Commissioner O'Neill

City Staff Present

- City Manager Grant Gager
- Chief of Police Wayne Hard

3. Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Chair Nootz asked the room to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

4. Public Comment

Individuals are reminded that public comments should be limited to item over which the City Commission has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power (MCA 2-3-202)

Public comment was offered by:

- Britney Chabalowski asked questions about the budget requests to Sheehy's Office, appointment of the Interim Fire Chief, and the City Manager's de-escalation training.
- Sarah Matson expressed concerns about exhaust fumes in the Fire Department building and stated that firefighters should receive the same consideration for a new facility as the Livingston Police Department.

Chair Nootz asked about the budget questions.

The City Manager recalled for the Commission that the Congressionally Directed Spending Requests covered a number of areas, more than just emergency service equipment. He stated the main exclusions were for personnel salaries and benefits, and for local government facilities. He had a conversation with the Senator's Office about fire stations, and those were deemed to be local government facilities. He stated they submitted 3 Congressionally Directed Spending Requests, and they were: support for the regional water project, the stormwater project, and emergency response equipment for police and fire.

Commissioner Wilcox expressed disappointment that the City didn't receive funding for any of the projects.

Vice Chair Willich stated that he thought if a fire apparatus was not on last year's budget request, then it would not have been approved through the funding request the City applied for.

Chair Nootz asked about the appointment of the Fire Chief.

The City Manager stated this subject is of open litigation, and he does not feel comfortable discussing it in detail, but did state the City Attorney and the City's insurance company attorneys were involved throughout this process and have reviewed every action that has been taken by the City.

Chair Nootz asked about the status of de-escalation training.

The City Manager stated he has reviewed de-escalation training options and opportunities.

Chair Nootz asked about vehicle exhaust exposure and clarity about comparing the current Fire Department to a proposed building for vehicle storage for Police and Fire that will have a separate changing area for Police.

The City Manager stated that they do make their best effort to protect all employees and do have an exhaust mitigation system in the current Fire Station, and it is a superior system to other systems used such as those in the Public Works Streets Department. He reminded everyone that the building proposed is for joint use by Police and Fire.

5. Consent Items

6. Proclamations

7. Scheduled Public Comment

8. Action Items

A. RESOLUTION 5196: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, ACCEPTING UTILITY EASEMENTS GRANTED BY LIVINGSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT RELATED TO THE VIEW VISTA COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS.

The City Manager stated this item is for acceptance of utility easements granted by the Livingston School District. He stated that because easements were not recorded in the past for this area, these easements needed to be recorded in order to get the site title opinion done for this project.

Chair Nootz pointed out that her name was spelled incorrectly.

Commissioner Wilcox motioned to approve this item, seconded by Commissioner Daniels.
Unanimously approved.

9. City Manager Comment

The City Manager thanked the Commission for their time.

10. City Commission Comments

Commissioner O'Neill wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Commissioner Wilcox wished everyone a Happy 4th.

Commissioner Daniels wished everyone a Happy 4th.

Vice Chair Willich stated he will be announcing the parade.

Chair Nootz read a statement to correct some misinformation that is being spread around town.

Chair Nootz motioned to have a special meeting for closed session, seconded by Vice Chair Willich.

11. Adjournment

4:30 pm Vice Chair Willich motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Unanimously approved.

Notice

- **Public Comment:** The public can speak about an item on the agenda during discussion of that item by coming up to the table or podium, signing-in, and then waiting to be recognized by the Chair. Individuals are reminded that public comments should be limited to items over which the City Commission has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power (MCA 2-3-202).

The Chair shall have the discretion to solicit comments from the public in the following order: (1) residents of the City, (2) business owners or operators in the City, (3) other organizations conducting operations in the City, and (4) residents, businesses or organizations from outside the City. The Chair may limit each person's comment period to not less than three (3) minutes.

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