



# TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

**February, 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM**

**Town Hall – 405 HWY 414, Mountain View, WY 82939**

## **MINUTES**

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The February 17, 2026, workshop convened at 6:00 pm. The following were present; Mayor Bryan Ayres, Council Members, Tori Carter, and Brittney Brunski-Deckert, Clerk, Penny Robbins, Chief of Police, Mark Erramouspe, and Public Work Director Jake Porter. Attorney, Brandon Taylor, attended virtually.

### **The following items were discussed:**

#### **Little League Park Use and Concessions Agreement**

- The council reviewed the Bridger Valley Little League park use agreement.
- A new clause was added to address potential water restrictions.
- The added text is under Exhibit A, park rules, rule number eighteen.
- It gives the town the right to restrict field use for reasons including, but not limited to, water restrictions or other adverse conditions.
- This language provides the authority to make changes without voiding the entire contract.
- The council members present indicated their approval of the new language.

#### **Chairman Walter Jones, Tourism Board – Beer Festival:**

- The tourism board is planning a beer festival and has questions about the setup. Teton's will support the event, but they are waiting on a response from Western Wyoming Beverage.
- Key question: Will alcoholic beverages be confined to a specific area (e.g., a ballpark) or can attendees move throughout the event, including the car show?
- The council discussed using an open container permit for the park and implementing a wristband system for ID checks.
- Attendees would obtain a wristband at a check station, then purchase beer tickets and move freely within the designated park area.
- The board is considering charging for a branded cup, required to carry beer outside the main vending area, in addition to beer ticket costs.
- Location considerations included moving the event to a more central field (field two or three) to better integrate with other festival activities, unlike last year.
- The tourism board will handle planning details - pricing, vendor management, staffing - and will provide progress updates to the council.

#### **Water Restriction Ordinance:**

- The council reviewed proposed changes to the water restriction ordinance.
- New language allows the town council, by resolution, to restrict irrigation and other non-essential water uses.
- Specific clauses address the water loading station, allowing the council to limit water obtained and purchased from it.
- Changes include a general clause for any other restriction the council deems necessary.
- Council members expressed approval of the clear, easy-to-understand wording.
- Plan: Circulate the draft to all council members and aim for a first reading at the next meeting.

#### **Citizen of the Year?**

- The council discussed the process for selecting the "Citizen of the Year."

- Proposal: Open nominations to the public via an online form, possibly using the “Text My Gov” platform and Facebook.
- Requirements: Nominee must live in Mountain View; submission must include a reason for the nomination.
- To manage the timeline, the group considered taking all nominations and putting them to a public vote using a Google poll.

#### **Master Plan**

- Copies of the master plan were distributed for review. The Planning and Zoning committee is working on zoning rules related to the plan.
- The tourism board is advancing items from the plan, including obtaining price quotes for new signage at the edge of town.
- The council was asked to provide input on next steps and direction for the master plan.

#### **Mayors Report**

- State Line Dam is at 7% capacity—critically low—making water restrictions highly likely this year.
- A legislative update from Cheyenne was provided.
- Direct distribution funding increased from a proposed \$105 million to \$135 million for the biennium.
- Discussion of a county consensus block grant could provide significant funding for local infrastructure projects.
- A bill to create a recall process for mayors and council members is moving through the legislature

#### **Legal Counsel Report**

- The issue with the Byrne edition resolution and lot line adjustment was resolved after communications with the county recorder, assessor, and planning departments. The final plat has been recorded.
- Upcoming tasks for legal counsel include:
  - Reviewing investment and public records policies.
  - Working on the lodging tax renewal with the county clerk.
  - Assisting with potential nuisance citations.

#### **Administrative Report**

- A legislative update from Cheyenne was provided.

#### **Public Works Report**

- The Public Works department will install signs for Mark and other new banners.

#### **Police Report**

- Hoping snow will bring more traffic, things are pretty quiet.

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Bryan Ayres, Mayor

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Penny Robbins, Town Clerk