



TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

January 6, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

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

The following items were discussed:

Contract Review

Review of lease and use agreements for four local non-profits: ECDC, LUCDA, From the Heart Food Bank, and VFW. The discussion held at the first meeting of the year on January 6th, 2026, centered on a new standardized contract template designed to clarify terms such as maintenance, insurance, and property use. Each agreement was set for a two-year term, ending in December 2027, to align with the town's budgeting cycle.

ECDC (Early Childhood Development Center or Children's Learning Foundation): The lease restricts the building's use to childcare and pre-k child education, requires the organization to conduct client surveys, and provides financial statements upon request. The rent was set at \$75 per month. This amount sparked a discussion about its origin, as it contrasted sharply with other agreements.

LUCDA (Lincoln Uinta Child Development Association): This agreement was very similar to ECDC's but set the rent at only \$1 per year, creating a significant disparity that the council wished to investigate for fairness and equity. The LUCDA contract also lacked the clause requiring an annual survey and financial statement submission.

From the Heart Food Bank: The draft contract included a new requirement for a general liability insurance policy with \$1 million per occurrence and aggregate limits. This was recommended to protect both the town and the food bank from liability claims, such as a patron being injured on the premises. As the food bank does not currently have this policy, the council agreed to allow them time to research options.

VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars): This agreement is a two-year license for storage and use of a jail cell within the town cabin, with rent at \$1 per year. It includes a six-month termination clause for the town and holds the VFW responsible for insuring its own property.

After discussion, the council decided to table the agreements for ECDC, LUCDA, and the Food Bank until the next meeting. This delay will allow for research into the rent disparity and give the Food Bank time to address the insurance requirement. The VFW agreement was deemed ready for approval. Formal motions and discussion will take place in the regular meeting.

Suicide Prevention Contract: The contract was reviewed and noted to be largely unchanged from previous years, ready for approval.

Board Vacancies:

Planning and Zoning: Two seats are open for community members.

Uinta County Economic Development: Brian Woody's seat is up for renewal, and the mayor will contact him about continuing his service.

Lincoln-Uinta Revolving Loan Fund: Two seats with terms expiring February 1st were discussed. Lewis Thomas has agreed to continue serving, while outreach to the other member, Owen Peterson, is ongoing.

Water Restrictions Ordinance:

The creation of a new water restriction ordinance, prompted by concerns over snowpack levels and the town's current lack of enforcement power. The council reached a consensus to have an ordinance drafted that would establish a tiered system of restrictions (e.g., odd/even watering days), allow for activation via a resolution during

open meetings, and include a process for granting exemptions for critical needs, such as school athletic fields. This proactive approach aims to provide more public notice and a graduated response compared to the abrupt restrictions previously issued by the Joint Powers Board.

Financial Investment Strategy:

The primary proposal is to move approximately half a million dollars. The goal of this move is to lock in currently favorable interest rates before they potentially decline further.

Mayors Report

Valley–Evanston Shuttle Concept and Mosquito Abatement

The mayor outlined his intention to follow up individually with commissioners on key topics like a potential transportation service from Evanston to the Valley and mosquito abatement.

Legal Counsel Report

Brandon discussed his recent work with the Planning and Zoning committee. He noted that after providing training, he identified that the board was operating with a vacancy, having six members instead of the required seven. He is also assisting with updates to zoning discussions and agreements. As a token of appreciation, he presented the town with a Christmas gift: a piece of art by a local Wyoming artist depicting a moose, which he felt was appropriate given recent sightings in town.

Administrative Report

Upcoming community engagement projects and long-term planning efforts. Discussion about contributing items to a time capsule being prepared in Evanston for the 250th anniversary. It was also announced that a large Styrofoam bison statue, featured in Evanston’s New Year’s Eve celebration, will be hosted in Mountain View from July 1st through the fall festival. Due to its material, the statue must be stored indoors and will likely be featured in the town parade. A “Clash of the Cans” food drive for the local food bank is scheduled for January 30th at a basketball game. Looking forward, there is a plan to formally review the town’s master plan, with copies to be distributed to all council members for their input. The need to place the renewal of the lodging tax on an upcoming ballot and will seek clarification on whether it should appear on the primary or general election ballot.

Public Works Report

The Public Works report detailed several ongoing projects, including the development of four different options to present to the Planning and Zoning committee, such as a single adopt-a-home park ordinance. A recent sewer inspection was completed, though the department is still awaiting the final report. The department is also actively flushing the water system and addressing a significant water main leak near the Forest Service property. Additionally, crews were working to take down the town’s holiday lights.

Police Report

Police report focused on adapting to new county procedures. The county has begun issuing digital tickets (“digi tickets”), which requires a two-hour training video for a system going live next week. More strategically, the department is coordinating schedules with the county’s new 12-hour shifts (two on, two off, running from 6-to-6 and 2-to-2). This shift change creates a four-hour window of double coverage, which is expected to enhance police visibility and response capabilities. Possible grant for overtime reimbursement to combat DUI’s.

Bryan Ayres, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penny Robbins, Town Clerk