



TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

April 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

The April 21, 2026, workshop convened at 6:00 pm. The following were present; Mayor Bryan Ayres, Council President, Jamy Ferrin, Council Members, Brittney Brunski-Deckert, and Tori Carter, Clerk, Penny Robbins, Chief of Police, Mark Erramouspe, and Attorney, Brandon Taylor.

The following items were discussed:

Appointments and Proclamations:

The planning and zoning committee has recommended Don Brunski and Debra to be appointed to the planning and zoning committee. The Municipal Clerk's Week proclamation for May was mentioned

Town Hall Renovation Bid from Square One Construction:

The town received a single bid from Square One Construction for the town hall renovation, totaling \$25,305. The bid is divided into four sections:

Section A: Hall and office flooring replacement - \$6,715

Section B: Restroom flooring replacement - \$5,740

Section C: Restroom door modifications for ADA access - \$7,100

Section D: Reception counter accessibility modification - \$5,750

Discussion focused on the high cost and the possibility of accepting only a portion of the bid. There was a consensus to prioritize the reception counter modification (Section D). Discussion to table the bid.

Legislative Update with Senator Wendy Schuler

State Budget Approval: A state budget of just under eleven billion dollars was passed. The Senate's version, which was more fiscally conservative than the House's proposal, prevailed, preventing significant cuts to senior centers, DD waivers, and tribal health funding. Direct distribution to cities and towns was a key component.

School Recalibration Bill: Compromises were reached to pass the bill, including raising teacher salaries to around \$75,000, adjusting class sizes, and changing the Average Daily Membership (ADM) calculation to a two-year basis. A point of concern is that the bill restricts school boards by placing funds in "instructional silos."

Further work is needed on SROs, food services, and computer funding.

New Law on Mental Health Evaluations: The list of professionals authorized to conduct mental health examinations for individuals in custody has been expanded to include Physician's Assistants (PAs) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), aiming to expedite the process.

School District Cell Phone Policy: A new bill mandates that every school district establishes its own cell phone policy, emphasizing local control to minimize student distractions.

Other Legislative Bill Updates:

House Bill 22 (Recall of Elected Municipal Offices): Failed.

Long-Term Homeowners Tax Relief: The sunset clause was removed, making tax relief permanent for homeowners aged 65+ who have paid taxes for 25 years.

HB-HO2 (Fast Track Permits): Sets deadlines for processing permit applications to address delays.

Gambling Amendments (Senate File 44): Clarified rules for public raffles and restricted skill-based gaming machines to locations where liquor is sold and consumed on-site.

Lottery Ticket Sales: Debit card payments are now accepted.

Waste and Stormwater Fees: A controversial bill that could have forced fee repayments was put on hold for study.

Local Approval for Simulcasting (Senate File 45): Cities now have the authority to permit simulcasting operations within their limits.

Vehicle Sales: A bill passed allowing family members to sell vehicles to each other without additional sales tax.

Other Defeated Bills: Several burdensome election bills and a bill requiring a public vote on school district use of rec centers were defeated.

Scholarships: The amount for Hathaway scholarships was increased to help more students attend junior colleges. The funds corpus is expected to be sufficient for the next 20-30 years.

Finance and Tax Inquiry:

Sales Tax Distribution: A question was raised about a change in the sales tax formula and how the 8% portion is distributed. It was recommended to contact the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM) for a precise answer.

Historic Horse Racing (HHR) Tax Distribution: In response to a query, it was stated that an estimated two million dollars goes annually to the county and one million dollars to the city of Evanston from HHR tax.

Master Plan Update:

Housing & Zoning: The planning and zoning committee is reviewing housing development, drafting ordinance updates for workforce housing, and evaluating commercial zoning.

Economic Development: The town council and staff will collaborate on a formal strategy for business recruitment and retention.

Capital Improvement Plan: Planning is underway for street work (slurry seal project) and water system improvements (updated meter technology).

Parks & Recreation: Ideas are being developed to improve the park, focusing on exploring outdoor recreation grants.

Grants & Training: The town continues to pursue grant funding and related training.

Legal Counsel Report:

Zoning Code Overhaul:

The legal counsel identified issues with the current zoning ordinances, including unenforceable provisions and organizational problems. A comprehensive overhaul of the zoning code is proposed to create clarity and uniformity. A timeline for this project, potentially extending through the end of the year, will be developed. A formal application process for planning and zoning requests was proposed to ensure completeness and create a more defensible record for decisions.

Administrative Report:

Minor changes made to the proposed FY 2026–2027 budget; updated draft attached for review. Budget ordinance planned for presentation on May 5 for council review. Fee schedule resolution and proposed water and sewer adjustments being finalized; redlined housekeeping updates in progress. Notification letters to water/sewer users are being prepared. Approval will be sought on May 5th to pay off the sewer loan by end of June; requires a budget amendment. Budget amendment will also account for recently received unanticipated revenues. Public hearings for budget amendment, fee schedule resolution, and budget ordinance scheduled for June 1. The June 1 meeting date is Monday, previously adjusted by resolution. Lincoln Uinta Revolving Loan Fund has one seat available. Commissioner Hatch recommended Brady Beaven to fill the third representative seat for the Town of Mountain View. Current representatives: Lonnie Meeks and Lewis Thomas; third seat unfilled. If agreeable, Mr. Beaven can be added to the May 5 agenda for consideration.

Police Report

Chief Erramouspe will be at WASCOP from April 27 to May 1, 2026. Digi Ticket equipment installation in the truck will begin next week. There have been more moose sightings in the area. The radar guns were certified last week.

Other Business:

RFP for Judge & YAHA Contract: The RFP for the judge was not ready but will be prepared for the next meeting, along with a prepared contract for YAHA for \$1,250.

Upcoming Events:

Region V meeting: April 22, 2026, at 1:00 PM.

Water Conservancy District annual meeting: April 23, 2026, at 8:00 PM.

Citizen of the Year banquet: April 24, 2026, at noon.

May 5: Mountain View will host the commissioners' mayor's breakfast.

May 19: County commissioner's meeting will be held in Mountain View.

May 23: Carson's Cares to host an evening 5K event in the park.

Arbor Day: Scheduled for June 9; time to be determined.

WAM Convention: June 3-5, 2026: WAM voting delegates, Bryan Ayres and Jamy Ferrin

"America 250" Anniversary Update: Plans are moving forward with various contests, a statewide reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8th, a cross-state ride, and events at the Capitol. The "Bridger the Bison" mascot will be in one participant's area from July through September. 250th Committee: Preparing to order paint for murals. Mountain View Library is organizing a 250th anniversary passport event for the week of July 4; inviting local businesses to participate, the town will participate and provide stickers for passport books.

Fall Festival September 12, 2026:**Planning underway:**

Car show organized by Cory, Travis, and Kyle Condos.

Beer fest is being organized by the tourism board.

Plans to add food, craft, business vendors, and informational organizations.

Ideas include kids' activities, bouncy houses, and local musicians playing throughout the day.

Bryan Ayres, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penny Robbins, Town Clerk