



TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

March 3, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

The March 3, 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, Public Work Director Jake Porter and Attorney, Brandon Taylor.

The following items were discussed:

- **Jaxon Bird - Eagle Scout Project: Flag Retirement Boxes:** Jackson Bird presented his Eagle Scout project to place flag retirement boxes in the community for collecting old and worn flags for proper disposal by the scout troop. Proposed locations for the boxes are Mountain View Town Hall, Lyman Town Hall, and Benedicts Market. The scout troop will check the boxes about once a month and properly dispose of the flags. The boxes are designed to be vertical to take up minimal space. The council supports the project and appreciates the service to the community. The project is expected to be completed in about a month.
- **Water Restriction Ordinance:** The first reading of the water restriction ordinance will be held in the regular meeting. A request was made for a “cleaned up” version, without redlines, for the final signing.
- **Uinta County Economic Development Board Appointment:** Brian Woody has agreed to sit on the board representing the town.
- **WAM Convention:** The WAM convention is scheduled for June 3rd-5th in Laramie. Council members were asked to check their availability and inform Penny, as room reservations need to be made soon.
- **Citizen of the Year Nominations:** A “text my gov” poll resulted in eight nominations. The poll remains open until March 15th. The council discussed whether to decide on a winner themselves or conduct a new public poll. The plan is to review nominations at the next meeting and decide how to proceed. A plaque needs to be ordered after the first meeting in April.
- **Planning and Zoning Update**
The P&Z board has two vacant positions. It was suggested to use an application process to fill them. P&Z is reviewing zones one at a time to identify necessary changes, starting with the medium-manufactured density zone. The focus is creating a new high-density home zone to allow for tiny homes (400-600 sq ft) on smaller lots (minimum 3,000 sq ft). A rule for trailer houses brought into town to be no more than 25 years old. The possibility of requiring an annual permit for RV/trailer parks for a minimal fee. The board is considering adopting Appendix Q of the IRC code for safety standards. After all zones are reviewed, all changes will be consolidated into a single ordinance for passage to save on publishing costs.
P&Z meetings will be moved from the third Thursday to the second Thursday of the month to resolve a scheduling conflict.
- **Budget Retreat Scheduling:** The council needs to schedule a special, publicly advertised budget retreat. An evening meeting was preferred. The council tentatively scheduled the retreat for the evening of April 16th, starting around 5:00 PM. Members will confirm availability at the next meeting.
- **Master Plan and CIP:** A master plan implementation sheet was presented, focusing on ordinances, zoning, and creating a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). A CIP is crucial for grant applications and helps with long-term budgeting for projects. It was suggested to create a multiple year plan.

Mayors Report

- **Legislative Updates:**

- The direct distribution bill passed the Senate, representing an increase of about \$55,000 a year for the town.
- A bill concerning surface water drainage utilities (stormwater) is dead but expected to return. While it doesn't directly affect the town, its language on enterprise funds is a potential concern. Evanston's stormwater fund may face refund requirements based on a situation in Cheyenne.
- The County Consensus Money Funding did not pass but will be a WAM priority.
- House Bill 22 was amended to allow recall questions on a regular election ballot, saving the cost of a special election.

Legal Counsel Report

A review of the franchise agreement with Union is on the list, as it may be due for an update. Legal counsel is working with Amber to clear a long list of outstanding warrants.

Administrative Report

- A legislative update from Cheyenne was provided. The town's website, managed by Civic Plus, must be ADA compliant by April 2027. The town is confirming compliance with the vendor. Meetings have been moved to Mondays on June 1st, August 17th, and November 2nd. Get a cost estimate for the office counter project

Public Works Report

- **Water Loss and Meter Replacement:** Water loss is gradually increasing, possibly due to aging residential meters. Replacing all meters would cost around \$400,000. Current loss 7000-9000 per month but is within the national average. Staff will use a listening device on hydrants to pinpoint leaks. Meter replacement is being considered as a long-term solution for the CIP.

Police Report

- The Sheriff's Office can only write tickets for a limited number of town ordinance violations. The town's ordinances were sent to "Digi-Ticket" for implementation, but the update is not yet active. It may become active once the town's own system is fully operational.

Bryan Ayres, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penny Robbins, Town Clerk