



Montana's Sunrise City

115 2nd Street S.E., Sidney, Montana - 406-433-2809

Public Safety Committee Meeting 4/28/26

April 28, 2026 4:30 PM

Committee meetings are open to the public attending in person. If the public does not wish to participate in person, they are also invited to participate via a Zoom meeting or via phone:

Meeting ID: 713 080 5898

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Committee Members Present

Committee Members Present: Buxbaum, Kauffman, Rasmussen

City Officials/Staff Present: Mayor Norby, Chief Kraft, PWD Hintz, FM/BI Rasmussen, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

- a. March 24th, 2026 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes.

In discussion, Alderman Kauffman stated he was not present at the meeting.

Motion made by Rasmussen, Seconded by Kauffman.

Voting Yea: Kauffman, Buxbaum, Rasmussen

5. Visitors

Other's Present: Shadd Cullinau, Daniela Bennion, Annika Bennion, Duane Mitchel, Brandon Roth, Ray Johnson, Holly Radke, Aiden Rasmussen

- a. MorningStar Operating LLC Introduction - Proposed SWD

Brodie Savage, Erin Donovan, Brandon Neely, Luke Radke, Law Armstrong, and Dan Guillotte of MorningStar Operating, all came before the Public Safety Committee to explain their proposal for a 4 pad oil well site and salt water disposal just outside of city limits south of town. They gave a slideshow presentation that detailed the location and type of well and emergency preparedness and reaction.

Questions presented to MorningStar included questions about their experience and safety experience, having built thousands of these wells and worked through emergency responses, planning and working with the community. Also asked was when the technology was implemented and improvements made and they stated this horizontal drilling initiated in the early 2000's and improvements have been vast not only in implementation but also in frequency and severity of accidents and incidents. MorningStar was asked if they plan to do monitoring wells for the aquifer and they stated if there is a contamination issue. When asked they stated the drill cuttings are dried and removed from the well site. They also stated the SWD will likely service more wells than just those on the pad. When concerns about truck traffic was addressed, especially on 350 and how to route around town, they stated they will work with local officials to make the best plan possible. They further stated that they have all the processes and procedures in place for gas issues and the SWD tanks will not be out of fiber glass, but a steel that is lined. Montana Clean Water also addressed their concerns with permitting and following regulations to protect the ground water and community in Richland County.

6. Monthly Reports

a. March 2026 Police Department Report

Chief Kraft provided his March 2026 Police Department Report.

b. March 2026 Fire Run Report

FM/BI Rasmussen provided his March 2026 Fire Run Report.

c. March 2026 Compliance Officer Report

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin presented the March 2026 Compliance Officer Report on behalf of Compliance Officer Schroeder.

7. New Business

a. Police Department FY26-27 Budget-authorization to pre-order Ford per replacement schedule

Chief Kraft stated the fleet order window with the local ford dealership will be opening in May and the length of time it will be open is not known. He stated per his replacement schedule for FY26-27 he needs to purchase a ford police interceptor to replace a 2020 patrol vehicle and needs approval to order outside of approval of the budget. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated there are no anticipated issues or planned budget cuts for the police department replacement schedule and she has no issue with recommending approval of this.

Motion was made to recommend approval for the ordering of the ford police interceptor per the police department replacement schedule for FY26-27 budget.

8. Unfinished Business

Nothing.

9. Comments and Questions from the Committee

Nothing.

10. Adjournment

at 5:43pm.

Meeting Guidelines

- We ask that all participants be respectful and courteous.
- Please direct comments to the Council as a whole.
- When speaking, please state your name for the record.
- Be mindful of others by keeping comments concise and avoiding repetition.
- The presiding officer may guide speaking time to help the meeting run smoothly.
- Disruptive behavior may result in removal from the meeting.