



**Stevensville Special Town Council Meeting
Agenda for
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024
5:30 PM
206 Buck Street, Town Hall**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments (Public comment from citizens on items that are not on the agenda)
4. New Business
 - a. Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 554 a Resolution of the Town of Stevensville, Montana Emergency Proclamation Order 2024-01, Thunderstorm/Wind Event 2024
5. Adjournment

Welcome to Stevensville Town Council Chambers

We consider it a privilege to present, and listen to, diverse views.

It is essential that we treat each other with respect.
We expect that participants will:

- ✓ Engage in active listening
- ✓ Make concise statements
- ✓ Observe any applicable time limit

We further expect that participants will refrain from disrespectful displays:

- ✗ Profanity
- ✗ Personal Attacks
- ✗ Signs
- ✗ Heckling and applause

Guidelines for Public Comment

Public Comment ensures an opportunity for citizens to meaningfully participate in the decisions of its elected officials. It is one of several ways your voice is heard by your local government. During public comment we ask that all participants respect the right of others to make their comment uninterrupted. The council's goal is to receive as much comment as time reasonably allows. All public comment should be directed to the chair (Mayor or designee). Comment made to the audience or individual council members may be ruled out of order. Public comment must remain on topic, and free from abusive language or unsupported allegations.

During any council meeting you have two opportunities to comment:

1. During the public comment period near the beginning of a meeting.
2. Before any decision-making vote of the council on an agenda item.

Comment made outside of these times may not be allowed.

Citizens wishing to speak during any public comment period should come forward to the podium and state their name and address for the record. Comment may be time limited, as determined by the chair, to allow as many people as possible to comment. Comment prior to a decision-making vote must remain on the motion before the council.

Thank you for observing these guidelines.

File Attachments for Item:

a. Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 554 a Resolution of the Town of Stevensville, Montana
Emergency Proclamation Order 2024-01, Thunderstorm/Wind Event 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 554
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE, MONTANA
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION ORDER 2024-01
THUNDERSTORM/WIND EVENT 2024

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2024, the Town of Stevensville experienced a severe thunderstorm event, with high wind gusts of at least 26 mph, with reported gusts in surrounding areas of up to 52 mph, lightning strikes, and other storm behaviors.

WHEREAS, this event impacted the Town of Stevensville at approximately 3:30 pm, creating substantial damage to include trees falling in the public streets and on parked vehicles and homes, trees falling on power lines, creating interruption in power services for many portions of the Town of Stevensville. The thunderstorm event also exacerbated existing wildland fires and created residential fires, further taxing local volunteer fire services and creating unhealthy air quality.

WHEREAS, severe thunderstorm conditions may continue or reoccur, and the current emergency response and damage cleanup is expected to over-extend or exhaust local volunteer fire suppression and Town public works, and present hazardous working conditions and health risks to responding fire and public safety personnel, thereby threatening lives and property.

WHEREAS, this event has caused damage and continues to threaten the boundaries of the Town of Stevensville as well as the surrounding area.

WHEREAS, under these volatile conditions, Incident Commanders responding to events may need to exercise the powers granted to them through the Ravalli County Emergency Operations Guideline in order to protect lives and property; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bob Michalson, the principal executive officer for the Town of Stevensville, in consultation with and upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Jeff Motley of the Stevensville Fire Department, Stevensville Public Works Director Stephen Lassiter, and Erik Hoover, the Director of the Ravalli County Office of Emergency Management, have decided the following response and protective measures are necessary to protect public health, safety and property; and

WHEREAS, MCA 10-3-402 authorizes an emergency proclamation by the principal executive officer of a local government whenever that officer determines there is an emergency; and

WHEREAS, MCA 10-3-404 states that an emergency proclamation by the principal executive officer of a local government shall indicate the nature of the emergency, the area threatened, and the conditions which have brought about the proclamation; and

WHEREAS, an emergency proclamation is necessary in order to activate applicable parts of local emergency planning and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance in accordance with such plans and programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Bob Michalson, the principal executive officer of the Town of Stevensville, pursuant to the above findings, do hereby declare that an emergency exists in the Town of Stevensville, Ravalli County, effective August 26, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Proclamation is issued, to the extent possible, in order to protect the lives and property of the people of the Town of Stevensville, as well as Town fire suppression, emergency staff and town staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to bring the contents of this proclamation order to the attention of the general public, copies of this Emergency Proclamation shall be immediately posted on the Town of Stevensville website and posted at town hall, 206 Buck Street and shall be filed with the Town Clerk and the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division in Helena.

Pursuit to MCA-10-3-402, this Emergency Proclamation shall continue until it is terminated with a disaster declaration or when the principal executive officer determines that the emergency no longer exists.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF AUGUST 2024.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Bob Michalson, Mayor

Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk



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Agenda Item Request

To be submitted BEFORE Noon on the Wednesday immediately preceding the Thursday agenda publishing deadline (8-days ahead of the meeting).

Agenda Item Type:	New Business
Person Submitting the Agenda Item:	Bob Michalson
Second Person Submitting the Agenda Item:	
Submitter Title:	Mayor
Submitter Phone:	
Submitter Email:	
Requested Council Meeting Date for Item:	08/29/2024
Agenda Topic:	Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 554 a Resolution of the Town of Stevensville, Montana Emergency Proclamation Order 2024-01, Thunderstorm/Wind Event 2024
Backup Documents Attached?	Yes
If no, why not?	
Approved/Disapproved?	Approved
If Approved, Meeting Date for Consideration:	08/29/2024
Notes:	