The regular meeting of the Town Council was held October 19, 2026, in the Council Chambers at 6:30 pm. A review of the claims took place at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Andrew Hanson
Councilors: Stephanie Quick, Bessie Spangler, Shirley Iwata, Kelly Dillon Bailey Moree
Brenda Schneider, Clerk/Treasurer
Rodney Goins, Public Works Supervisor
Craig Usher, Fire Chief

Citizens: Sherry Goins, Cheryl Crabb, Cathy Kuhl, Trish Donovan, Scott Kinney, Emily Park, Alisha Boyce, Jim Morton, Thomas McCloskey, Paul Forsting,
Sharon Patterson attended electronically

Absent Councilor Logan Labbe

There being a quorum present Andrew Hanson, Mayor, called the meeting to order. Andrew Hanson, Mayor, asked for additions/corrections to the minutes of September 14, 2026, regular meeting. Corrections—Add last name to Rick Goldstein in citizens attending the meeting, strike second to last sentence in the first paragraph on page 139, correct spelling of Godin on page 139, correct spelling of rescuing on page 141. Shirley Iwata made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2026, regular meeting with the above corrections; Stephanie Quick seconded. MOTION passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain, 1 absent. Roll Call: Kelly Dillon-aye, Shirley Iwata-aye, Stephanie Quick-aye, Bessie Spangler-aye, Bailey Moree-aye, Logan Labbe-absent.

CORRESPONDENCE none

PUBLIC COMMENT None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Bailey Moree read the September Animal report. Nothing to report.

Stephanie Quick read the September Water report. All routine sampling and testing completed. Staff repaired a water main on Diamond Road. Staff were notified by a nearby business manager of water running on the side of the road. Staff excavated the main and found a large crack leaking. Staff were able to obtain the appropriate parts and patch the leak. Staff conducted the required lead and copper testing around town. 10 town residents supplied samples that were gathered and sent for analysis. The results have been received at the office and staff will provide the required paperwork to the town residents and copies will be sent to DEQ.

Shirley Iwata read the September Court report. 3 Initial appearance, 1 appearance, 2 Order to Show Cause, 0 Status hearings, 2 Petition to Revoke, 1 Change of Plea, 3 Omnibus hearing. MIP. No crime report.

Kelly Dillon read the September Streets report. Staff patched several potholes around town. Staff will begin preparing for the winter weather and checking snow removal equipment soon.

Mayor Hanson read the September Parks report. Mowing and trimming continue in the parks. The season for that is quickly ending. Staff winterized the restrooms at Eva Horning Park for the cold weather months. There is the usual portable toilet in place. Staff winterized the irrigations systems at the town parks.

Craig Usher read the September Fire Department report. Responded to 18 calls. 11 Rural, 7 Town and 2 Mutual Aid. 4 regular trainings and 0 Junior trainings (out for summer). Fire-1 training—Loss Control; Apparatus Maintenance.; Structure Eng. Pumping / Drafting; Auto Extrication.
EMS training—None held this month—ALS go live date est. 10/15/2026.
Staffing: 20 Fire / EMS members on the current roster 1 Juniors 0 Explorers
September saw an average number of service calls with one mutual aid request to Plains for a few days. We have scheduled decal installation on the Tahoe 10/08/2026. Research into adopting a Fire and Life Safety Code continues, more to follow as details are obtained. (Currently stalled). Personnel tracking form created and submitted to Brenda for Insurance purposes; we are tracking all personnel hours for responses and training. Women in Timber has expressed an interest in the old kitchen stove, more to follow as it develops. Looking into disposal of out of date "Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus" (SCBA's). This month was spent tracking personnel time for training and incident responses. This data will be valuable to record for the annual Fire Department status reports and retirement reports. We have a review training scheduled for our EMT Endorsement training before going live. Our EMS advanced supplies have arrived, and staff will be setting up two "kits" for our response vehicles (QRU & Command). Department members are busy planning our next Chili cook-off to raise funds for the Tarkio station building project, scheduled for Nov. 14th at the Superior Fire Hall.

Bessie Spangler read the September Sewer report. All routine sampling and testing are completed. Staff conducted approx. 5 locate requests for the month. Staff continue to routinely flush and monitor the sewer liner on Osprey Drive. The final touches are being completed on the sewer project. Rodney Goins reported that the Town has received the results from the PFAS testing of the water wells. The analytical reports for the Town's first samples indicate no PFAS detections in any of the 3 Town wells. The mandatory reporting level for PFAS is 2.0 parts per trillion at each entry point to the system. The Town is required to take a second set of samples after January 17, 2027.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Bessie Spangler expressed concern about vehicles parking in the crosswalk and in front of the fire hydrant near the high school during sporting events and other school activities. The school typically arranges for painting the crosswalk. The school will be contacted to discuss the issue.

Kelly Dillon stated that the Sheriff has not attended a Council meeting for several months and stated that the Sheriff is obligated to attend meetings or designate a representative to attend on his behalf. He noted that, in the past, the Town had withheld the monthly payment when the Sheriff did not attend meetings. Mayor Hanson will draft a letter to the Sheriff regarding the matter.

Stephanie Quick reported that another child riding a bicycle had been struck by a vehicle near the park. She asked whether a crosswalk could be painted at the intersection of 4th Avenue and Alder Street to increase driver awareness of children crossing in the area. Baily Moree noted that establishing a designated crossing could help direct children to a single crossing point rather than having them cross at multiple locations along 4th Avenue East. Scott Kinney suggested contacting the school to discuss organizing a bicycle rodeo and providing bicycle safety education.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

The ERV and headworks screen are fully functional, and all SCADA alarms have been tested. Diamond is scheduling Nexom (hopefully within the next 2 weeks) to come to work on the blowers to fix an oil leak, calibrate pressure gauges, adjust login screen, and adjust a pressure sensor. Once the blowers are running correctly, we will issue them Substantial Completion, complete the final change order, and work on closeout documents. RPA has been working on As-Built drawings and the Operator O&M Manual. Ryan was onsite on Monday with Neeley Electric who is working on the lift station upgrades this week and next. Explosion proof junction boxes ($2,000 each, 3 needed) for the pump power wires splices will need to be installed instead of the air gaps to meet electrical code. Neeley plans to complete the work by the middle of November 2026.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE

The Council tabled the review and update of the Capital Improvement Plan to allow additional time for review and consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING—COMMUNITY HUB/POOL BUILDING PROJECT

Mayor Hanson closed the regular meeting at 6:41 pm and opened the CDBG Public Hearing for the Community Hub/Pool Building Project at 6:41 pm.

Mayor Hanson stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to obtain public comment regarding a proposed application to the Montana Department of Commerce's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and other programs as applicable for construction of a Community Hub/Pool Building.

My name is Emily Park. I am the Executive Director of the Mineral County Economic Development Corporation, and I am assisting the Mineral County Pool in the Park with the preparation of a Community Development Block Grant, or CDBG, application on behalf of Town of Superior.

Emily Park stated the CDBG program is a federal program administered by the Montana Department of Commerce that helps communities develop essential public facilities and infrastructure that improve quality of life for residents, particularly low- and moderate-income individuals and families.

This is the second of two public hearings. The County Commissioners held the first Public Hearing in late 2025. The public hearing addressed and prioritized needs for all Mineral County including the Town of Superior. This public hearing is specific to the project the Town will be applying for.

The Town of Superior is seeking CDBG funding to support construction of Phase 1 of the Mineral County Pool in the Park project. Phase 1 is a Community Hub and Pool House located at Eva Horning Park. While the long-term vision includes development of a public swimming pool, the funding request today is specifically for construction of the Community Hub/Pool House facility and related site improvements.

The proposed project is the result of ongoing community discussions regarding the need for accessible public gathering space, recreational opportunities, and community facilities that serve residents year-round.

Many community members may remember Superior's public swimming pool, which served local families for more than five decades before its closure in 2017. While the loss of the pool was significant, community outreach has identified a broader and more immediate need: a lack of indoor public space where residents can gather, participate in programs, and engage in community activities.

Residents have limited options for affordable and accessible community meeting space. Organizations, youth programs, senior activities, educational workshops, wellness programs, and community events often compete for available facilities or must operate in spaces not designed to accommodate these uses.

This challenge is particularly significant for low- and moderate-income residents, seniors, veterans, families with children, and individuals with disabilities who may have fewer opportunities to access similar facilities outside the community.

The proposed Community Hub is intended to address this need by creating a permanent, publicly accessible facility that can support a wide range of community services, programs, and activities.

The MCPIP proposes to construct a multipurpose Community Hub/Pool House facility at Eva Horning Park, along with associated parking lot and site improvements.

The facility has been designed to serve two important purposes.

First, it will function immediately as a community hub, providing flexible space for public meetings, educational programming, youth activities, senior events, wellness initiatives, recreational programs, community celebrations, and other public uses.

Second, the facility has been designed to serve as the future pool house should the community secure funding to construct a public swimming pool during a later phase of development.

By pursuing this phased approach, the Town can address an immediate and well-documented community facility need while laying the groundwork for future recreational improvements.

The proposed parking lot and site improvements will help ensure safe, accessible, and reliable access to the facility for residents and visitors.

The project also builds upon existing investments within Eva Horning Park, including the playground, tennis courts, skatepark, picnic areas, and open recreation spaces.

If funded, the project will:

- Provide a publicly accessible community facility for residents of all ages.
- Increase opportunities for educational, recreational, wellness, and community programs.
- Improve access to services and activities for low- and moderate-income

households.

- Create an inclusive gathering space that supports community engagement and quality of life.
- Enhance accessibility, safety, and usability within Eva Horning Parl<.
- Support future recreational opportunities through development of the planned pool house facility.

The project is intended to provide lasting public benefits and serve the community for many years to come.

The grant application being considered is for $750,000. The deadline to submit the application is October 30, 2026.

Scott Kinney stated this is a critical need for the Community. The Mineral County Pool in the Park has $700,000 in funds. Trish Donovan clarified that the $700,000 in funds is a combination of the Mineral County Pool in the Park (MCPIP) funds and the funds the Town of Superior has been saving for the construction of a swimming pool. Scott Kinnney stated that the MCPIP has met with CDBG staff regarding the project. Scott Kinney stated the Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR) is updated to reflect the two phases of the project, phase 1 Community Hub/Pool Building and phase 2 future swimming pool construction. The estimated costs are being updated. He stated that incorporating the Community Hub into the project would enhance the building's functionality and expand its uses, providing benefits to the community year-round. Scott Kinney commented that the Community Hub/Pool building and other park facilities will be an economic benefit by being a draw to help bring tourists into Superior. Emily Park spoke about the fundraising efforts and the planning that has gone into the project so far. Thomas McCloskey commented that this is a good idea providing community space and pool building. The 2 phases of project may energize the public for phase 2 the future construction of a swimming pool. Jim Morton commented that the CDBG grant is a finite amount with a 25% match. Jim Morton asked if the group has money for anything above the grant amount or for anything that CDBG disallows. Emily Park answered yes and that there are some waiver opportunities that may be applicable. Rodney Goins asked if Mineral County has given any support to the project as the committee is named Mineral County Pool in the Park? Emily Park stated that Mineral County has awarded $12,500 of ARPA funds for the original PAR in 2024. Emily Park stated the MCPIP is applying to foundations for funding for the project. Rodney Goins stated a concern that the Town will be stuck with the operations and maintenance. Emily Park stated we may get more support from the County once phase 1 of the project is completed. Trish Donovan commented that the project is enthusiastically supported by people outside of the town limits. Scott Kinney commented that the building will be a Town of Superior property after completion. Scott Kinney commented that the County could establish a county-wide Parks and Recreation District. Thomas McCloskey commented that a parks and recreations district could be set up. Rodney Goins

commented on the concern of the cost of running the building and future swimming pool. Scott Kinney stated that they are working on ways to help keep the costs of running the facility down, such as using solar to help offset the cost of lighting and heating. Scott Kinney stated they do not know what the operations and maintenance costs will be. Emily Park commented that there will be an opportunity for revenue from the users of the facility. Jim Morton asked if there will be a commercial kitchen in the Community Hub/Pool building. Emily Park responded no. Sharon Patterson commented that she is in favor of the project.

With no further comments, Mayor Hanson closed the Public Hearing at 7:15pm and opened the regular meeting at 7:15 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 585---SUBMIT CDBG GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Hanson read Resolution No. 585 to approve the submission of the CDBG grant application for the Community Hub/Pool Building Project. Stephanie Quick made a MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 585 approving the submission of the CDBG Grant application for the Community Hub/Pool Building project; Shirley Iwata seconded. MOTION passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain, 1 absent. Roll Call: Kelly Dillon-aye, Shirley Iwata-aye, Stephanie Quick-aye, Bessie Spangler-aye, Bailey Moree-aye, Logan Labbe-absent.

MAIN AVE SUBDIVISION-EDNA COURT TED—FINAL PLAT APPROVAL

Council reviewed and discussed the final plat and staff report from Andy Short, Mineral County Planner for the Main Ave Subdivision—Edna Court TED Final Plat. Paul Forsting, IMEG, and Jim Morton, HRC, were present to answer any questions the Council had. Kelly Dillon made a MOTION to approve the Main Ave Subdivision—Edna Court TED Final Plat; Shirley Iwata seconded. MOTION passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain, 0 absent. Roll Call: Kelly Dillon-aye, Shirley Iwata-aye, Stephanie Quick-aye, Bessie Spangler-aye, Bailey Moree-aye, Logan Labbe-absent.

CLERKS BUSINESS

Prepared minutes.
Upload meeting recording to website.
Updated Utility customer accounts as needed.
Prepared and mailed utility bills.
Posted daily receipts and made daily deposits.
Prepared and mailed past due and remaining balance utility letters.
Transmitted and posted the ACH utility payments.
Prepared and mailed final UB customer bills.
Prepared Agenda and Notes from the Clerk.

Uploaded Agenda to website. Posted Agenda.
Prepared and delivered council packets.
Prepared claims and checks.
Prepared payroll and reports and ACH.
Prepared monthly Tax vouchers and receipts.
Enter checks in the Wells Fargo positive pay as part of the fraud protections.
Updated software.
Updated Website.
Grant searches.
Updated Agenda Subject Index
Uploaded Minutes to website.
Completed cash reconciliation for SVFRA.
Prepared Cash reconciliation and financial reports.
Prepared recycling report.
Work on sewer project draw request.
Blackfoot finished installation of new phones and completed the transfer from DSL to fiber.
Online Seminar for MT State fund reporting for workers compensation insurance.
Set up account with MT State fund.
Prepared and submitted the quarterly work compensation report to Montana State Fund.
Prepare public hearing notice for CDBG hearing and schedule publication in newspaper.
Prepare Resolution for CDBG grant application submission.
Work on Annual financial report.
Prepared and submitted the quarterly work compensation report to MT State.
Work with Black Mountain Software to move to the cloud.
Training with new Deputy Clerk continues.
Prepared and posted meeting rescheduling notice.

The Clerk reported that the Annual Financial Report has been completed and will undergo a final review before being assembled and submitted to the State. The Clerk also reported implementing GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*, and GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*, and early implementing GASB Statement No. 105, *Subsequent Events*.

CONSENT AGENDA

Kelly Dillon made a MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented Town Claims 39712-39770 in the amount of $109,771.74 and cancel Claim 39647 in the amount of $1086.85 on October 19, 2026, September financial reports, September Cash Reconciliation, September Pledged Securities September Budget report, September Journal and UB vouchers; Bessie Spangler seconded. MOTION passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain, 1 absent. Roll Call: Kelly Dillon-aye, Shirley Iwata-aye, Stephanie Quick-aye, Bessie Spangler-aye, Bailey Moree-aye, Logan Labbe-absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council Shirley Iwata made a MOTION to adjourn until the next regular meeting November 9, 2026; Kelly Dillon seconded. MOTION passed 5 ayes, 0 nays,0 abstain, 1 absent. Roll Call: Kelly Dillon-aye, Shirley Iwata-aye, Stephanie Quick -aye, Bessie Spangler -aye, Bailey Moree-aye, Logan Labbe-absent.

Andrew Hanson, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Schneider, Town Clerk