

January 12, 2026

The Culbertson Town Council met at Townhall in regular session on Monday January 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Todd Gabriel, Dave Solem, Mark Nelson, Carl Donaldson, Terri Merrill, Laura Christoffersen. Guest: Amber Fox, Hugh Donaldson, Catherine Donaldson. Via Zoom Bobbie Schuler, MT Rural Water. Absent Abe Rumsey

Agenda- Dave Solem made a motion to approve the January 12, 2026, agenda. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes- Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the December 15, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Financials and Claims- Dave Solem made a motion to approve the December's Treasurer's report, GJV, Payroll Journal Voucher #251200, UB JV's and December's Bills. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Bathhouse Construction Update- Gave updated budget. Submitted Sixth reimbursement claim for LWCF grant. Have \$2534.48 left of the grant. This will be sent in with the final report and will take a little longer to receive. The Town has also received \$27,586.75 in tax levy for the bathhouse. After all the grant money is received to date, we will have a surplus of just over \$4000 plus the remaining tax levy to do finishes on the bathhouse.

Appoint Government Review Commission- Mark Nelson move to appoint James Walling, Hugh Donaldson, and Catherin Donaldson to the Government Review Commission. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARREID.

Worker Comp – Received a preliminary quote from Sietz Insurance out of Sidney for Workers Comp through the Montana State Fund. Our premium indication is coming in around \$8,094.33 vs our last year's with MMIA actual of \$8,458.33. New rates drop in April and will get an exact number then.

Rate Review- Bobbie Schuler with Montana Rural Water was on Zoom to go over the Rate Review which she conducted with Amber and Terri in November. Council had no question currently. Will start the process of deciding if we are going to increase rates at next months meeting.

Sheriff's Report- Received the Sheriff's Report with 51 calls for services, 1 arrest, and 21 citations. Citations consisted of operating w/out liability insurance (3), improper passing, MT resident operating w/ foreign DL over 60 days, operating with expired registration (2), failure to have vehicle registered (2), fail to have vehicle equipped with 1 or 2 tail lamps as required (2), fail to signal intention to turn (2), failure to have two operating headlights on motor vehicle (4), stop sign violation, operating vehicle which has not been properly registered.

Public Works Report- Tahoe was towed from County yard to Hi-Line and should be getting looked at this week. Engine was able to be turned over and was able to be driven up on trailer. Will send updated when quote is received.

Clerk/Treasurer Report- Year to date Interest for 2025 was \$54,762.55, Opportunity Bank CD interest-\$25,146.28, Checking/ICS-\$18,767.66, RFCU CD Dividends-\$10,848.61. Current allocations are as follows-50% general fund, 30% water fund, 15% sewer fund, 5% garbage fund, no changes to allocations at this time. AFR was received back from the League and submitted to the State and to our auditors. Just waiting on some documentation from Darla at the League so I can finish up some of the auditors questionnaire. Will follow up with her this week if not received.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

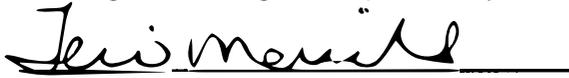
- Amber had information on the AED we have at the Community Center and the pool that we share with the school. They will be going out of compliance soon. It will cost \$1600-1700 to replace each one. Council would like to know if they are required or just recommended.

Closed for Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Re-opened Meeting at 8:13

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Next regular meeting Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor

February 9, 2026

The Culbertson Town Council met at Townhall in regular session on Monday February 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Todd Gabriel, Dave Solem, Carl Donaldson, Terri Merrill, Bob Jasper. Guest: Amber Fox, Community New's James Walling, Commissioner Gordon Oelkers. Absent: Mark Nelson

Agenda- Carl Donaldson made a motion to approve the February 9, 2026, agenda. Dave Solem seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes- Dave Solem made a motion to approve the January 12, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Financials and Claims- Abe Rumsey made a motion to approve the January's Treasurer's report, GJV, Payroll Journal Voucher #260100, UB JV's and January's Bills. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Bathroom Construction Update- Plumbers were in and installed the sinks and toilets. Electricians were in and completed some of the lighting. There is \$2,439.34 left of the LWCF Grant. Will submit final report once we receive the last of the invoices from Dave Geib.

Rate Review- After discussing the finding of the rate review and our current operating cash, Council will move forward with a three (3) year step increase in the sewer rates. Will start the process to increase sewer rates at next month's meeting.

Sheriff's Report- No report was sent.

Culbertson Readiness Center & Vehicle Maintenance Shop- Commissioner Gordon Oelkers reviewed the current information with Council including the \$1,085,000 estimate. The County has first right of refusal for the property and is willing to sell the vehicle maintenance shop to the Culbertson Fire Department in lieu of building a new Fire Department. Commissioner Oelkers has reached out to the Land Board about a grant and will keep up informed of any updates.

Approach Permit- Dave Solem made a motion to approve the approach permit to widen the approach off highway 16 at Industrial Drive. Carl Donaldson seconded the motion. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Works Report- Had 12-14 lights at the airport out for unknown reasons and have been replaced. Serviced the generator at the UV building. Had some sewer issues at the Sheriff's office that have been resolved. When electricians were working on the pool bathhouse, had them come over to the Town Hall and to look at putting in a shut off on our boiler so we can be in compliance.

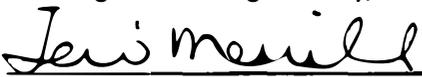
Clerk/Treasurer- Interest for January is \$672.26, no CD interest for the year yet. All documents and questionnaires have been uploaded to the auditor and backups to Black Mountain have been uploaded to the auditor as well. Cassandra Bergum applied for a used car dealer license and was needing a letter from the town stating her location was zoned for correct usage. Application was forwarded onto Jeremy and proposed use was approved on existing lot. Need to discuss if Council want to add to the ordinance's no wells allowed within town limits. Will continue to follow up on parking and dispensary limits with Town Attorney and start working on shipping containers standards.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- None

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Next regular meeting Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor