

Minutes of April 3, 2025, Bearcreek Council Meeting

Mayor Surwill called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., April 3, 2025, in the Town Hall. Council members Cristan, Hogan, and Jenkins were present. Rob Surwill, animal control officer; Loni Hanson, zoning administrator; and Dean Webb, public works director were in attendance. Cynria Allen, Carbon County Disaster and Emergency manager.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Harold moved to accept the minutes, the financial report, and the budget vs. actual report. Betty seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Claims were presented for payment and approved with a motion by Betty, seconded by Harold, passing 3-0.

A letter was read from the Carbon County Commissioners advising of their intent to terminate the local agreement for the administration of the Red Lodge Ambulance District due to the passage of the county wide emergency medical services levy in June 2024, requesting all parties involved due the same.

There were no public comments.

Dept. Head Reports were started by Dean, who reported all was going well for public works. Loni stated she had issued one zoning permit. Rob reported that he had 7 people delinquent for their animal licenses therefore he would be contacting them.

There were no council concerns.

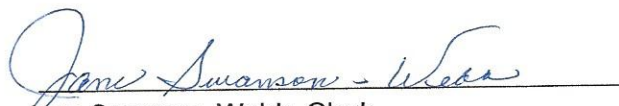
Under unfinished business Cynria explained to the council that FEMA had finally approved the Mitigation plan that the towns, cities and Carbon County had been working on for several years and local entities needed to do the same. Resolution #2025-3 adopting the 2024 Eastern Montana Region Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented. Paul moved to adopt the Resolution, with Harold seconding the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (2) One response had been received for the position for the board of adjustment's vacancy. Kim Bader had volunteered. Paul moved to appoint Kim to the board. The motion, seconded by Harold, passed unanimously.

Under new business Commissioner Scott Miller was in Helena and couldn't attend the meeting. (2) The volunteer cemetery clean-up will occur May 17th, weather permitting.

Clerk's items started with the clerk advising the council that the Joliet School will be having a field trip through the cemetery May 15th. The hall will be open so they may use the bathroom facilities and eat their lunch in there if the weather is inclement (2) She reminded the council of the meeting April 8, 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. with all parties involved in the ambulance district to terminate administration. A link was given to join the meeting, but she felt anyone was more than welcome to attend the meeting in the commissioner's room. (3) She asked if the council had noticed the \$2,270.00 claim to BLM. She advised that it was for the right of way application to be processed for the water springs repair. She felt it was quite interesting that the cost wasn't to obtain the right way, but to have them process the paperwork. (4) She mentioned that a letter of endorsement for the County Local Innovation Pilot Program Grant for mental health awareness and treatment was submitted by the Town to Public Health so it could accompany their grant application.

With no further business Harold moved to adjourn the meeting. Betty seconded the motion which passed 3-0.


Debbie Surwill, Mayor


Jane Swanson-Webb, Clerk