

Minutes of May 1, 2025, Bearcreek Council Meeting

Mayor Surwill called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. May 1, 2025, in the Town Hall. All council members were present. Rob Surwill, animal control officer; Loni Hanson, zoning administrator; and Dean Webb, public works director were in attendance. Carbon County Commissioner Scott Miller was in the audience.

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 4-0.

There was no correspondence.

There were no public comments.

Dept. Head Reports were started by Dean, who reported all was going well for public works, although the chlorine pump was acting up. Loni stated she had issued one zoning permit to Dave Schneider. Rob reported that it had been quiet, and he still had some delinquencies for their animal licenses therefore he would be contacting them.

There were no council concerns.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business (1) Commissioner Miller introduced himself to those who didn't know him. He stated he had wanted to attend a Bearcreek council meeting but hadn't made it to one in the 4 years he had been commissioner. He wanted to thank all those present for what they do for the Town, county, and community. He questioned if there was anything he could do for the Town. Paul responded that helping us with financing for the water system would be great. Scott replied that finances were short everywhere but would help where he could and advised those present to call him any time. (2) Resolution 2025-4 to terminate the interlocal agreement for the administration of the Red Lodge-Roberts ambulance district due to the passing of the county wide medical levy by the Carbon County voters, June 2024 and waiving the 6-month notification period was presented. Betty moved to adopt the Resolution. The motion seconded by Harold passed unanimously. (3) Harold moved to appoint Barbara Downing and Jennifer Jessen to another 3-year term on the Board of Adjustments. Danell seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

The clerk's items was started with the clerk reporting that the BLM easement was being held up as they wanted to do a site survey of the springs, and therefore they wanted to have their own easement to cross Sunlight Ranch. We have provided contact information to our engineers for Sunlight Ranch. The engineer has been keeping on top of it as he is ready to go out for bids on the project. (2) She advised that the preliminary budget would be presented next month as due to an accounting problem in the county they couldn't balance their cash and March payments had just been received from the county treasurer. (3) Dean will be gone from May 12-16th attending the Spring water school in Kalispell. Loni will be in charge while he is gone. Dean promised to be back for cemetery clean up on the 17th. (4) The clerk advised that the weed notification letters had gone out.

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


Debbie Surwill, Mayor


Jane Swanson-Webb, Clerk