

Minutes of the July 7, 2025 Public Hearing and Council Meeting of the Town of Bearcreek

Mayor Surwill called for a moment of silence for the deceased council member, Harold Jenkins.

The Mayor opened the budget hearing at 7:45 p.m. There were no public comments either written or oral.

The regular meeting was called to order. Council members Hogan, Boos and Cristan were in attendance. Dept. heads present were Rob Surwill, animal control officer; Dean Webb, public works director; and Loni Hanson, zoning administrator. The audience present were Forrest Mandeville, Carbon County Planning; Brent Moore, Interstate Engineering; and Greg Jones and Jace Heimerman of WWC Engineering.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Paul moved to accept the minutes, the financial report, and the budget vs. actual report. Betty seconded the motion which passed 3-0.

Betty moved to approve the claims as presented. Paul seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There wasn't any correspondence or public comments.

Dean started department head reports by advising that the mowing was 3-4 weeks behind. He explained that the lightning had hit the water computer pump causing some problems but thinks it has been corrected. Loni reported that she had a zoning application from Al Cooper on 3rd Street for a house and shop. Rob said all was fine with animal control.

There were no council concerns.

Under unfinished business (1) Brent Moore of Interstate Engineering explained the contract amendment that they were seeking. A grant had been received, but it was needed to address the search and testing of a well for backup support to the springs. He advised that they would be ready to call for bid on the spring box project as soon as BLM granted the easement, which he is hoping for soon. He also informed the council a new consumer index report had been issued with water and sewer target rates. Bearcreek's had come in quite high. He advised the council that a few towns around had used Midwest Area Assistance for assistance in getting the true income of the residents. They don't charge and get a good return rate on the surveys. This will be discussed later as to get grants and loan forgiveness you must meet the target rate. Paul moved to accept the contract amendment. Danell seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (2) The mayor and council reviewed the preliminary budget with no changes.

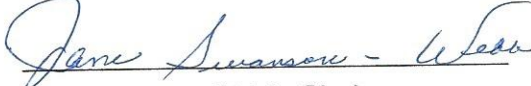
New business started with Forrest Mandeville, Carbon County planner, who presented the approval recommendation of the Carbon County Planning for the preliminary Bear Crossing subdivision. Forrest explained how a subdivision process worked. He went on to list the conditions that must be made before the subdivision can be finalized. The final plat shall be within 2 years of the date of preliminary plat approval or extension to the approval period obtained. The public hearing that was held by the County planning board on June 17th received all positive comments from both the public and the board members. Paul moved that having reviewed and considered the application materials provided, the project memorandum, public comments, Carbon County planning board recommendation, and all of the information presented, that the council approve the Bear Crossing subdivision with the findings and conditions in the project memorandum. Danell seconded the motion which

passed 3-0. (2) the subcontractors' contracts was presented for renewal for another year. Paul moved to renew the contracts for Dean, Loni, Rob and Jane. Betty seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The clerk reminded the council that they must appoint a council member 30 days upon the date of Harold's death (June 27th). She had prepared a letter, a copy which was given to each council member for their review. The letter was approved and will be mailed to residents requesting their interest in filling the position. A special meeting date of July 23 at 7:00 p.m. was set for the council members to appoint someone. A posting of the notice will be done at Town Hall and the Post Office as well.

With no further business, Betty moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Danell and passed 3-0.


Debbie Surwill, Mayor


Jane Swanson-Webb, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BEARCREEK TOWN COUNCIL JULY 23, 2025

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Surwill at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall for the purpose of appointing a council member to fill the vacancy left by Harold Jenkins' s death. The council members present were Betty Cristan, Danell Boos, and Paul Hogan (by phone). John Coutu and Bobbie Petersen were in the audience.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Barbara "Bobbie" Petersen was the one applicant that applied for the position. The clerk advised that Bobby met all the requirements to hold the position. Paul moved to appoint Bobby as the new council member. Danell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Mayor and council welcomed Bobbie with the clerk explaining that she must file for office as a write-in candidate before August 6, 2025, per the election administrator. The clerk will swear Bobbie in officially before the July 27th deadline.

With no further business, Betty moved to adjourn the meeting. Danell second the motion which passed 3-0.



Debbie Surwill, Mayor



Jane Swanson-Webb, Clerk/Treasurer