

Minutes of December 4, 2025, Bearcreek Council Meeting

Mayor Surwill called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., December 4, 2025, in the Town Hall. Council members Cristan, Hogan, Boos, and Petersen were present. Loni Hanson, zoning administrator; and Dean Webb, public works director were in attendance. Rob Surwill, animal control officer, was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Claims were presented for payment and approved with a motion by Betty, seconded by Danell, passing 4-0.

There was no correspondence.

There were no public comments.

Dept. Head Reports were started by Dean, who advised the council that the spring box repair and armoring was completed. He would take the mini excavator up there and do a little more road work in further coordination with the ranch's request. Upon completing that, a BLM inspection would be scheduled. He commented that he hadn't heard back from Sunlight Ranch concerning the purchase of Railroad Alley. Dean advised the council that Interstate had provided a short form of agreement for engineering services for Phase 1 for installation of a 6-inch water line from Hwy 308 from Kotars extending north on 1st Street and rehabilitation/improvement of existing pressure. This will allow for fire-fighting hydrants which then will be in compliance with DEQ requirements. This aligns with what the PER identified in November 2023 that was accepted by the council. Once the agreement has been signed and returned, Interstate is hopeful to have bid documents completed by Feb. 2026, advertise for bids in May 2026, the project awarded by June 2026 and construction substantially completed by the end of October 2026. Paul moved to accept the agreement with Betty, seconding the motion, which passed 4-0. Loni had nothing to report for zoning. The mayor advised there had been no action for animal control, but Rob would be getting out the animal licensing letters soon.

There were no council concerns.

Dean had addressed the unfinished business items (proposed purchase of Railroad Alley; close out of spring box repair; Phase 1 Water Improvement) in his report, with action taken.

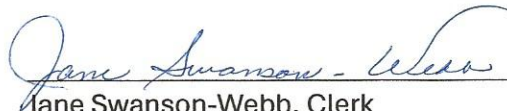
There was no new business.

The clerk advised that the hall would be used on Saturday, Dec. 13th from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 by the 4-H group who were hosting "Breakfast with the Grinch", open to the public.

With no further business Paul moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Bobbie passed unanimously.



Debbie Surwill, Mayor



Jane Swanson-Webb, Clerk