

**TOWN OF WHITEHALL
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WHITEHALL, MT 59759
Posted February 13th, 2026**

*There was a regular council meeting of the Whitehall Town Council on **Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 at 7:00 pm.** The meeting was held in the Town Hall Council Chambers at 207 East Legion Ave.*

Live stream of meeting is available at townofwhitehallmt.com by clicking on "Council Meeting Live Stream (when available)" button on the homepage and under Quicklinks section at the bottom of each webpage.

The agenda is as follows:

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER** *The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.*
- II. INTRODUCTIONS** *In attendance: Kelly Warmoth, Roy McBride, Katy James, Michael Coombe, Jim Buterbaugh, Bill Lanes, Linda Jung, Sara Unruh, Sam Kraha, Jessica Ward, Lynda McBride, Kory Klapan, Connie Hamilton, Keith Hamilton, Liz Pullman, Colton Howser, and Maxine Samuelson.*
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** - *None*
- V. AGENDA APPROVAL** – *Roy McBride motioned to approve. Jim Buterbaugh seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – *Jim Buterbaugh motioned to approve. Michael Coombe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*
- VII. PRESENTATIONS** - *None*
- VIII. REPORTS - PLEASE KEEP REPORTS WITHIN A 3 TO 5-MINUTE SYNOPSIS**
 - a. *Mayor's Report and Public Service Announcements – Linda Jung announced the Jefferson Valley Sportsman's Annual Meeting is March 14th. The Montana Homestead Tax Relief is open to those who qualify. The Star Theater is hosting the Oscar's Party on March 15th. The Whitehall High School wrestling team is*

going to the state tournament this weekend. She reported that she is checking on the Town's contracts to update or renew them.

b. Officer's Reports

a. Attorney - *None*

b. Clerk – *Sara Unruh reported that past due notices have been mailed. The office is still working on the next steps to have the clerk/treasurer position split properly. Jessica Ward mailed the W2s and other end of year tax forms on time. She is currently working on the auditor's picklist. Purchase orders will also need written approval after a resolution was found. Sara Unruh explained the update for posting locations. The office will be working on finding new worker's comp insurance due to MMIA dropping coverage at the end of June. All other insurance coverage will continue to be provided by MMIA.*

c. Public Works – *Kory Klapan reported that water samples were taken last week. The uranium samples have been collected but he has not yet received the results. The Division Street Well is being fixed and should be running again within two weeks. The sewer main was clogged and has now been jetted. The controls have been moved into the new lift station building. The cemetery has a new fence. A dump pickup truck has been purchased as well as a new spray bike for weeds in preparation for this summer.*

d. Fire Chief – *Colton Howser reported there were no calls within Town limits but had 14 calls last month. Two sets of turnouts have been ordered as part of the compliance project. Training for new firefighters will be starting soon.*

e. Sheriff - *None*

f. County Commissioner - *None*

c. Committee/Board Reports

a. Planning Board – *No Meeting*

b. Sewer, Water, Garbage, Streets, Alleys, and Sidewalks – *Kory Klapan reported the chlorine is old and the tote will be switched to the new chlorine. The residual chlorine level is being met but additional chlorine is being used as per DEQ's suggestion. The millings project on the First Street corners was discussed along with the survey of the Hamilton property and a possible "land swap". Two bill adjustments are on the consent agenda. The stop signs at the intersection of First and A Streets were discussed and a public survey will be mailed. Kory Klapan stated that the water tank that is being replaced is leaking. Construction on the new tank starts next month and should be completed in September.*

c. Parks, Trees, and Cemetery – *No Meeting*

- d. Pool Board – *Kelly Warmoth stated that officers were nominated and bylaws were adopted. He said there was discussion about the ADA remodel, the pool liner cost, cost of cement cupola, and which of these projects may need bids. Pool entry prices were discussed but no decisions were made.*
- e. Rec Complex Board – *No Meeting*
- f. Whitehall Tax Incremental Finance District – *Roy McBride reported the three applications were approved and are on the consent agenda.*

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – *Katy James read the consent agenda. Roy McBride motioned to approve and Katy James seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

WSGSAS Board

5 Rocky Mountain Drive - \$157.65 credit
200 Division Street South - \$24.89 credit

Business License

Glassy Junction LLC dba Rollin Smoke
Dulaney Builds LLC
Mountain Paradise Cleaning LLC
Mountain Equipment Technology, Inc

TIFF Board

Jake Lewis - Whitehall Weights Building Application - \$6,200
Whitehall Community Pool – ADA Remodel - 6,000
**Whitehall Community Pool – West End Landscaping Reapply-
\$3,000**

Pool Board

Pool Board Bylaws Adoption

Advisory Board Appointments

Logan Reiff – PTC Board
Logan Reiff – Rec Board
Roy McBride – Rec Board
Michael Coombe – Planning Board
Heaven Lee – Planning Board
Linda McBride - Planning Board

XI. OLD BUSINESS - None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2026-1** – A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Whitehall, Montana to Establish Official Posting Areas
Roy McBride motioned to approve and Katy James seconded. Jim Buterbaugh discussed that maybe the credit union could be included. Linda Jung stated that it could be posted there but this is for the official postings only. Maxine Samuelson stated that she wants all meeting agendas outside in the box. The motion passed unanimously. Bill Lanes asked if the resolution should have been read. Sara Unruh read the resolution.
- b. Lease Agreement for Building South of Cemetery Gate**
Linda Jung stated that this has Resolution 2026-2 and a contract. Roy McBride motioned to approve the Resolution and Bill Lanes seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Resolution was read by Sara Unruh. Jim Buterbaugh motioned to approve the contract. Roy McBride seconded. It was discussed if the vote for the Resolution and the contract should have been separated. Bill Lanes stated this is just to update the contract and Linda Jung added that TSS has purchased the building from Whitehall Cable. The motion to approve the contract was approved unanimously.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nothing is debated or voted on during public comment. This is where the public gets the opportunity to talk about anything that is NOT on the agenda.

Keith Hamilton wanted to know the status of the correction to the Hamilton property. Connie Hamilton said she has a few questions. She wanted to know if the meetings could be posted in the Whitehall Ledger the week before. She also would like holidays to be posted so she knows when the office is closed or when garbage will not be picked up. She stated she has a hard time hearing in the audience. She also said she would like the acronyms to be spelled out for those that don't regularly attend. Maxine Samuelson asked that Roy McBride speak into his microphone. She also would like acronyms to be spelled out.

XIV. UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

Kory Klapan stated that a deposit has been sent to schedule the surveyor. The survey for the Hamilton property has not yet been conducted. Linda Jung addressed the acronyms and stated the microphones were just for the broadcast and there are no speakers in Town Hall. Linda Jung said our holidays are posted on the door. Kory Klapan stated the garbage contractor does have certain holidays that they pick up even though Town Hall is closed. Liz Pullman stated that the meetings are in calendar on the back page of the Whitehall Ledger.

XV BILL/CLAIM APPROVAL LIST TO BE SIGNED BY ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS – *Roy McBride motioned to approve and Katy James seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

XVI. ADJOURNMENT – *Bill Lanes motioned to adjourn. Roy McBride seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.*

Next Regular Council Meeting, **Monday, March 16th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**