

TOWN OF WHITEHALL
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*There was a regular council meeting of the Whitehall Town Council on **Monday, October 20th, 2025 at 7:00 pm**. The meeting was held in the Town Hall Council Chambers at 207 East Legion Ave.*

The agenda is as follows:

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER** *The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.*
- II. INTRODUCTIONS** *Katy James, Linda Jung, Roy McBride, Bill Lanes, Mary Janacaro Hensleigh, and Sara Unruh. Visitors: Kory Klapan, Dan Hagerty, Doug Dodge, Colton Howser, Joel Andrews, Tim Schober, and Kelley Seccomb.*
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** *None*
- V. AGENDA APPROVAL** *Linda Jung motioned to approve with removing the TIFF application for the Town of Whitehall's underground sprinklers from the consent agenda to New Business. Roy McBride seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** *Roy McBride motioned to approve. Linda Jung 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 – Mary Janacaro Hensleigh reported that the Town is wrapping up projects and getting ready for winter. Fall tree trimming is underway and Public Works will be starting alley cleaning.*
 - b. *Officer's Reports*
 - a. *Attorney - None*
 - b. *Clerk – Sara Unruh reported that the annual budget has been submitted to the state. Jessica Ward will be starting audit prep soon. They both have*

attended Black Mountain Software training. Delinquent utility accounts were sent past due notices and received door hangers today. There's currently over \$20,000 in past due balances which will be turned over to the county to be collected via property tax. The Town has applied for two JVCF grants. The DNRC Floodplain Map Appeal and Comment Period is open until Dec 9th. If there are any specific issues with the Town's website, please contact her. She stated a reminder that the Council agenda is posted over 48 hours in advance of the meeting and agenda items must be submitted by noon on the Wednesday before the meeting.

- c. *Public Works – Kory Klapan reported that water samples were collected on 10-15. The pump is down to 100,000 gallons per day now that people are not watering their lawns. Water school was hosted by Whitehall last week. Kelsey McDuff and Scott Petterson attended. Ron Noe is up to date on his continuing education. The lagoons are as low as they can go and the pivot is winterized. The two plow trucks are almost ready. They will not fix any more pot holes this year. Speed limit signs will be put up by the end of the week. The trees in the cemetery were taken down.*
 - d. *Fire Chief – Colton Howser reported that were 15 calls last month. Two new volunteers have submitted their applications and are on the consent agenda. They are no longer doing their DNRC staffing. The Halloween chili feed is on Friday (Halloween) from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. The fire hall building is now complete.*
 - e. *Sheriff - None*
 - f. *County Commissioner – Dan Hagerty reported that the county has two candidates for law enforcement. The county had a meeting about the possible women's correctional facility. The website has a posting about it for clarity.*
- c. *Committee/Board Reports*
 - a. *Planning Board – Linda Jung reported on the items on the consent agenda. Jeannie Ferris has turned in her written resignation.*
 - b. *Sewer, Water, Garbage, Streets, Alleys, and Sidewalks – No meeting due to lack of a quorum.*
 - c. *Parks, Trees, and Cemetery – Mary Janacaro Hensleigh reported on fall clean-up. The Montana Urban Forestry grant is still in the works. Planting the fruit trees is on Public Works' list.*
 - d. *Pool Board – Kelley Seccomb reported that there was no meeting due to lack of a quorum. She is looking into a liner for the pool instead of resurfacing. The cost is estimated around \$104,000. She has been working on an ADA grant. The next pool board meeting will be after January.*

- e. Rec Complex Board – *No meeting*
- f. Whitehall Tax Incremental Finance District – *Roy McBride reported that they tabled two applications, one was moved to new business, and the rest are on the consent agenda.*

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

Business License

**Jefferson Valley Cleaning
Rock Runner, LLC
Continental Fence & Supply, LLC**

Planning Board

**Development Permit – 517 1st Street West – Addition to Existing Structure
Development Permit – 416 Noble Street North – Privacy Fence
Development Permit – 215 Jefferson Street North – HUD Mobile Home**

TIFF Board

**Whitehall Community Pool Application – Landscaping - \$3,000
Town of Whitehall Application - Legion Park Electrical Hookups – \$7,000
Town of Whitehall Application - Underground Sprinklers at Town Hall - \$3,000
Whitehall Senior Center – Solar Panel Project - \$6,000
Morgan Rooney – Boulevard Beautification – \$2,000 – Contingent upon Receiving Signed Application
Tiffany McCue – Residential Siding - \$2,000**

Rec Complex Board

Gina Osello – Verbal Resignation

Fire Department

**Creed Piaskowski Volunteer Application
Robin Roberts Volunteer Application**

XI. OLD BUSINESS - *None*

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Mary Janacaro Hensleigh started with the TIFF application for the Town of Whitehall's underground sprinklers which had been moved from the consent agenda. Linda Jung read a public comment on the application from Maxine Samuelson who was not able to attend. Maxine Samuelson had asked about the planned addition to Town Hall where the sprinklers are to be installed. Roy McBride motioned to approve and Linda Jung seconded. Roy McBride stated that the addition to Town Hall has not been discussed for years and that the hoses currently used to water the lawn are a safety liability. Mary Janacaro Hensleigh also stated that the planned addition hasn't been discussed for years and there is currently no money in the budget to continue any plans. Linda Jung stated that if there was an addition in the future, the sprinklers would have to be moved regardless. Bill Lanes asked why the cost was so high and Kory Klapan answered that the \$3,000 would cover the east and north side of the building. They can use the existing controller but it would be another system since it would be stemming from a different part of the building. The motion passed unanimously.

- a. Ordinance No. 2025-01** An ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Whitehall, Montana adopting amendments to the Zoning Map. *Roy McBride motioned to approve and Bill Lanes seconded. There were no comments and the motion passed unanimously.*
- b. Resolution No. 2025-15** A resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Whitehall, Montana adopting the 2024 Western Montana Region Hazard Mitigation Plan & Annex F
Linda Jung motioned to approve and Bill Lanes seconded. There were no comments and the motion passed unanimously.
- c. Resolution No. 2025-16** Resolution relating to \$349,650 Sewer System Revenue Bonds (DNRC Water Pollution Control State Revolving Loan Program), consisting of \$142,650 Subordinate Lien Taxable Series 2025A Bond and \$207,000 Series 2025B Bond; Authorizing the issuance and fixing the terms and conditions thereof
Roy McBride motioned to approve and Linda Jung seconded. Kory Klapan stated this is for the sewer headworks project. Most funding was through ARPA and this is for the loan of what costs was not covered by ARPA. This was done so the project would not deplete the sewer reserves.

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.

Dan Hagerty asked what was boulevard beautification. Mary Janacaro Hensleigh stated it is cleaning up and improving the Town's boulevards. Roy McBride stated it is part of the TIFF program for revitalization and blight.

XIV. UNSCHEDULED MATTERS – *Bill Lanes wanted to thank the Mayor and Public Works employees for their help during the Convoy of Hope food drive. There were approximately 50 volunteers and they served approximately 150 vehicles.*

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT – *Roy McBride motioned to adjourn and Bill Lanes seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.*

Next Regular Council Meeting, **Monday, November 17th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**