This transcript was exported on Nov 01, 2024 - view latest version <u>here.</u> Mary Hensleigh: Call this meeting to order. Introductions. Pat Peterson: Pat Peterson Ward one. Katy James: Katy James Ward two. Linda Jung: Linda Jung, ward two. Mary Hensleigh: Mary the Mayor. Bill Lanes: Bill Lanes. Ward one. Shawn Hoagland: Sean Hoagland. Ward three. Roy McBride: Roy McBride. Ward three. Mary Hensleigh: If everyone would please stand for the pledge. Everyone: I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Mary Hensleigh: Is there any public comment on agenda items? Seeing none. Agenda approval? Is there a motion?

Roy McBride: So moved.

Bill Lanes: Second.

| Mary Hensleigh: |
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| All in favor? |
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| Council: |
| Aye. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Opposed? The agenda is approved. |
| Opposed: The agenda is approved. |
| Linda Jung: |
| Mary? |
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| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Yes. |
| Linda Jung: |
| Is Kennedy on? |
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| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Yes. I have her on. |
| Approval of minutes, is there a motion? |
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| Roy McBride: |
| So move. |
| Bill Lanes: |
| Second. |
| Second. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Any additions or corrections? |
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| Linda Jung: |
| There were no minutes this month. They didn't get translated. We just have the copy of the thing. So the last I heard from Kennedy was that we were going to have them typed up and presented next month |
| with this month's. |
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| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Okay. |
| Linda lung: |
| Linda Jung: |
| Okay, |

Mary Hensleigh:
So is there a motion to table the minutes till next month? Roy?

Roy McBride:
So move.

Mary Hensleigh:
Is there a second to the table?

Bill Lanes:
Second.

Mary Hensleigh:
Any more discussion? All in favor?

Council:
Aye.

Mary Hensleigh:

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There are no presentations. We'll move on to reports. The attorney isn't here.

Opposed? We will table them till next month.

I will give the clerk's report. It's nice to have Kennedy back. Her report is: I return from maternity leave on October 7th and have been working on getting caught up on things since I've been gone. State Budget report - I've been focused on wrapping up the state budget report with a lot of help from Todd. Catching up on emails - I've tackled my inbox to catch up on everything I missed. I had worked from home a few hours a week during my leave so I wasn't too far out of the loop. RD reporting - working on RD reporting to keep everything in check. Financials - Todd has taken care of payroll and finished most of the October claims and has been tackling the water treatment project. Ordinances and clerical work - I've been handling some ordinances and other clerical tasks while Tiffany is out. Grant work - I'm also diving into several grants to keep us on track.

Public work support - helping the guys get set up with their new computers and solving any issues that come up. Assisting with copper and lead reporting to make sure we're compliant. Balancing the books - Todd and I work together on the budget and bank reconciliations. We hit a few bumps along the way, but we've managed to balance things as best as we can. We're looking into some changes to our banking accounts to help with our balancing challenges. There are a lot of factors that make this pretty tricky.

So that's Kennedy's report. Tiffany will be back on Monday so it will be nice to have them both back. Todd and Margaret have done a wonderful job. We couldn't have gotten through the last few months without them and we really appreciate all their help. Okay, Kory.

Kory Klapan:

And I'll start with water. We'll do water samples tomorrow, monthly bacteria and quarterly samples we'll do. We did have a water leak on Legion and C Street where the AIG guy hit a curb stop and pulled it

apart. We got that fixed. We do have a water leak at city court there in the alley. Hopefully this week we can get it fixed. The project Rocky Mountain Drive, the pipe is in. Everybody's back on water. The road's kind of a mess. They're working on it. The rain we had didn't help much. Everything is paved back in, but they do need to get gravel there. There's a little more work to do up there. So it isn't going to be complete for probably two weeks, so bear with it. But the building, I don't know if everybody's looked at it, the frame's completely up. They started standing panels today. They figure by the end of the week all the panels will be on that building.

They are digging everywhere. We had a bore. We're connecting the bore pipes to the water main pipes so that on Division Street down by in between Whitehall and Main Street, the alley there, they have it dug up. So they're going to do that this and get it done. So, sewer, we did get the pivot all winterized. It's blown out, ready to go. Levels are 4 foot in cell one, 4 foot in cell two and 3 foot in cell three. So we are retaining a little bit of water that we didn't get out last summer, so we should be all right.

Streets milling project, we should really consider trying to get Rocky Mountain Drive in that millings project. It wasn't on my list before but now where we dug up and put the water main in is paved out in nice black top and the rest of the road's millings, where that line is, that creates a lot of potholes so we should try and get that covered. Cemetery, park, rec complex, swimming pool, town hall, library, we've got everything blown out, ready to go for winter. Fiber through town is finally done. Thank goodness. They're going to go through and hopefully by the end of the week have the tie-ins done, is what they call the tie-ins. So all the nine you see through the park and all over should be contained in a nice

| underground vault by the end of the week. |
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| Audience Members: |
| Is that TSS? |
| Kory Klapan: |
| That is not. That's AIG. Anything on Legion Street is AIG. |
| Audience Members: |
| The company is, I forget what it's called. |
| Kory Klapan: |
| No it's not Visionary. |
| Audience Members: |
| Okay. |
| Kory Klapan: |

So AIG is going from Wyoming to Seattle all the way across. They just happened to pick Whitehall to come through. I'm not totally sure why. It has no service to Whitehall whatsoever. Just their main line is going through Whitehall.

Audience Members:

You get paid for that?

Kory Klapan:

We don't. It's on the state right away so it has nothing to do with us. Yeah. Cemetery, we had two burials. They did set three headstones. We had 28 locate tickets and three call-outs.

Mary Hensleigh:

Thanks Kory. Fire chief report. Colton?

Colton, Fire Chief:

So last month, we had 14 total calls, three of which were in-city limits, 11 rural. Three city limits calls were two gas leaks and one mutual aid.

Mary Hensleigh:

Thank you very much. I don't believe the sheriff is here. County Commissioner report. Dan?

Dan, County Commisioner:

Good evening everyone. Starting October 2nd, which was a Wednesday, the Beaverhead Deer Lodge working group, which is the B bar D for the acronym. After discussion with Senior Forest Service Ranger, L. Watson, from the Dillon, Montana office Advisory group, that travel management was back on the table for upcoming considerations in the very near future. I had somebody ask me today what travel management is. It affects our Pipestone area down here, all of the forest service. Without this in place, forest service law enforcement cannot enforce any regulations, rules, laws, nothing. So until this is in place they can't do anything. And that's where it comes in with the county. They can only do so much though. So it's back on the table. It's one of the priorities, but we'll see what happens.

Okay, on Tuesday, the 1st, county commissioner meeting 2024-25 county budget was approved for the upcoming year. Each county entity was asked to cut 5% of their current budget to help keep things running smoothly within the county due to funding that we couldn't currently be receiving. For example, title III money received from the Forest Service, plus monies from the Hard Rock Middle Mines tax due to Montana tunnels filing bankruptcy. That's all I have. Any concerns? Questions?

Mary Hensleigh:

Thank you very much, Dan.

Planning board. Linda?

Linda Jung

We had two applications this month. One was a trailer home that was relatively easy, I sent that through to you guys. Also, the other one was Haggerty, Cody Haggerty, had two decks. One of the decks worked with the ordinances we have right now and that would've been the back deck. The front deck, our new ordinances are going to help with that, which this is nice. This is showing that these new ordinances are going to work. It clears up the gray areas.

They can encroach or the deck that he's building in the front can encroach 5 feet into the 25 foot setback. So we had a little problem getting the stairs figured in there, but with Cody they're going to make that work. So we are approving them and approving the front deck as of November 19th when this becomes law if we vote on this tonight and it goes through. And other than that, we talked a little bit

about what we're going to do now that we finally don't have ordinances to look at every month and I think we're going to start working on the growth policy. That's about it.

Mary Hensleigh:

Thank you, Linda.

Sewer, water and garbage and street alleys and sidewalks. Roy?

Roy McBride:

Sewer, water and garbage. We talked about town pump, we needed to get their bill adjusted because it's not right. Because they put a compactor in, I think, so that changes their garbage dynamic a lot. So we talked about that. There was no other, there was no other, there's a couple other issues but we had to do meter reads to make sure they were okay. Besides that, that was all that happened.

Streets, alleys and sidewalks, we talked about the bores under the streets and all of the process that's going through here that it's about done. Also visited about when to get our milling that probably Helena Salmon Gravel hopefully gets the bid. They do that, they'll do our overlays. Plus they will also bid the two projects we had in town on the streets to straighten them up so we can get around a little better. That's pretty much everything we talked about.

Mary Hensleigh:

Okay, thanks. Roy. Parks, trees and cemetery, pool board and rec complex did not have a meeting. TIFF report, Roy?

Roy McBride:

TIFF, we had a pretty busy evening. We recommend to pay the bill for the waterproofing of the murals, allocated approximately 2000 bucks for the lighting of the Bell Tower. Approved \$30,000 for the fire department to redo their building, some blight cleanup for \$400 and \$500 to match a Golden Sunlight grant for the landscaping at the new daycare center at school. That's pretty much everything we did.

Mary Hensleigh:

Did you say 500 or 5,000?

Roy McBride:

5,000.

Mary Hensleigh:

Okay. All right, thanks, Roy. We'll move on to consent agenda. Pat, if you wouldn't mind reading.

Pat Peterson:

The planning board, Cody Haggerty, two deck applications, recommended approval of the back deck and contingency to delay the approval of the front deck until new zoning ordinances take effect. Charles Been trailer home application, recommended approval. TIFF, Whitehall chamber waterproofing murals, \$1,620, recommended approval. Town of Whitehall Bell Tower Lighting, revised bid of 2000, recommended approval. Fire department residing building 30,000, recommended approval. Town of

Whitehall Christmas tree in the park, 500, recommending approval. Town of Whitehall Blight Cleanup by Amber Colombo, 400, recommended approval. Whitehall School Daycare landscaping, 5,000 match with Golden Sunlight Mine Grant, recommend approval. WSG-SAS, Jim Butterball, board appointment.

| Mary Hensleigh: |
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| Thank you. Is there a motion to approve? |
| Roy McBride: |
| So move. |
| Pat Peterson: |
| Second. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| All in favor? |
| Council: |
| Aye. |
| Roy McBride: |
| Opposed? Consented, agenda passes. |
| Audience Members: |
| Mayor, I don't mean to interrupt, but can you explain what that acronym WSG and SAS stands for? |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Yeah. Sewer, water and garbage, streets, alleys and sidewalks. |
| Okay. Unfinished business? None. So we'll move on to new business. Item A is counsel discussion and determination of resolution 2024-11, accepting a donation from Terry and Susan Crump in the form of a 2015 Arctic Cat Wildcat Trail Limited model ATV, VIN number along with various upgrade options. Is there a motion? |
| Roy McBride: |
| So move. |
| Shawn Hoagland: |
| Second. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Any discussion? I would just like to thank Terry and Sue Crump. That was a lovely donation. Yeah, I was |

just kind of blown over when they came in and said they wanted do that, so we really appreciate it. All

those in favor?

| Everyone: |
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| Aye. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Opposed? Motion carries. |
| Item B is council discussion and determination on resolution 2024-12 relating to up to 1,574,000 water system revenue bonds and up to 1,574,000 water systems revenue bond anticipation note to be issued in anticipation thereof, authorizing the insure, issuance and fixing the terms and conditions thereof, and creating special funds and accounts and pledging certain revenues as security. Is there a motion? |
| Katy James: |
| I motion |
| Linda Jung |
| I'll second. |
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| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Any discussion? All those in favor? |
| Council: |
| Aye. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Opposed? Motion carries. |
| Item C is council discussion and determination of Ordinance 2024-3. An ordinance of the town Council of Whitehall, Montana, adopting amendments to the zoning map. Is there a motion? |
| Katy James: |
| Motion. |
| Linda Jung: |
| Second. |
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| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Any discussion? All those in favor? |
| Council: |
| Aye. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Opposed? Motion carries. |

| of Whitehall, Montana, adopting amendments to the zoning ordinances. Is there a motion? |
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| Pat Peterson: So move |
| Shawn Hoagland: Second. |
| Mary Hensleigh: Any discussion? All those in favor? |
| Council: Aye. |
| Mary Hensleigh: Opposed? Motion carries. Item E is counsel. Discussion and determination of work order number four, WC engineering for planning and zoning services. Is there a motion? |
| Linda Jung: So moved. |
| Katy James: Second. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Is there any discussion? Linda Jung: |
| I'm really excited about this because this will separate out what the planning board is working on and what any type of annexations we're doing and we can kind of work on our budget better each year because we'll know what we're spending. So no, I think this is super wonderful. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Any more discussion? All those in favor? |
| Everyone: |
| Aye. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Opposed? Motion carries. |

Item D is council discussion and determination of Ordinance 2024-4 and ordinance of the Town Council

Item F counsel, discussion and determination of allowing an additional holiday on November 29th, 2024, the day after Thanksgiving. Is there a motion? Pat Peterson: I move. Roy McBride: Second. Mary Hensleigh: Any discussion? All those in favor? Everyone: Aye. Linda Jung I disagree. I have discussion. Mary Hensleigh: Oh, sorry, I didn't hear you, excuse me. Linda Young: I didn't quite catch it fast enough or reach out fast enough. We have our holidays in our policy manual. And this is not them. Mary Hensleigh: No. This is just for them to take a vacation Linda Young: Allow them to take a vacation day, not make it another paid holiday. Is that how that's remanded? Maxine Samuelson: Both clerks would be out on that day if they both are given a holiday or maybe a vacation day? Mary Hensleigh: The office would be closed because from talking to the clerks in public works, they're all planning on taking a vacation day. So the offices would be closed Thanksgiving day and Black Friday. Maxine Samuelson: The day after Thanksgiving?

Mary Hensleigh:

This transcript was exported on Nov 01, 2024 - view latest version here. Right. Maxine Samuelson: Is the bank open on that day? Credit union open on that day? Post office open on that day? I think one person at least should be here. Mary Hensleigh: Well if they have vacation days, they're allowed to take their vacation days. I can't force them to work when they have vacation time. If they didn't have any vacation time built up it would be different. Maxine Samuelson: As a public school teacher I had vacation days, but I could only take them certain times. I could not take them. Mary Hensleigh: And usually public works and the clerks, because we're so busy in the summer, tend to take their vacation time around Thanksgiving, Christmas, during hunting season, when things slow up a bit. So that's usually when they put in, they work really hard during the summer because we're just so slammed. Bill Lanes: I would say, Maxine Samuelson: Forgot to say my name. Bill Lanes: School probably operates the same way. There's another public entity that operates that way. It takes Friday off. Linda Jung: Did we do this last year? Mary Hensleigh: Yeah. Linda Jung:

They had the Friday after Thanksgiving. Correct? Okay. But we didn't pay for it. We didn't.

No. It was a vacation day. Not on holiday.

Pat Peterson:

Mary Hensleigh: Correct. Right. Maxine Samuelson: If they have a vacation day. Mary Hensleigh: If they have one coming. Pat Peterson: They can use it. Maxine Samuelson: So I'm looking at the next item on the agenda and that's--Mary Hensleigh: Okay. We have to vote on this first before moving on. Maxine Samuelson: Right. But it's a similar thing? Mary Hensleigh: Right. Bill Lanes: Yep. Mary Hensleigh: Okay. Any more discussion? Stan Olson: Do I have to get up there by the outside and say--Mary Hensleigh: Yes. And you have to state your name. Stan Olson: Hi, I'm Stan Olson. I live here in town. Do you want my address? Pat Peterson: Ward three.

| Mary Hensleigh: Just Ward three. |
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| Stan Olson: I think you have to take the whole dang week off. |
| Mary Hensleigh: Well thank you, Stan. |
| Stan Olson: You're welcome. |
| Mary Hensleigh: Thank you. |
| Stan Olson: I mean I will. |
| Mary Hensleigh: Okay, |
| Stan Olson: So I don't have a problem with you guys taking an extra day. |
| Mary Hensleigh: All right. |
| Stan Olson: Everybody else is. |
| Mary Hensleigh: Okay. Thank you very much. Any more comments or discussion? All those in favor? |
| Council: Aye. |
| Mary Hensleigh: Opposed? |
| Roy McBride: I'm taking that week off too. |

| Mary Hensleigh: |
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| Motion carries. |
| Item G is council discussion to determination of allowing an additional holiday on December 24th, 2024, Christmas Eve. This would also be a vacation day, not a paid day. Is there a motion? |
| Roy McBride: |
| So moved. |
| Bill Lanes: |
| Second. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Any discussion from counsel? |
| Pat Peterson: |
| If it's a vacation day, not a holiday. |
| Bill Lanes: |
| Yep. Same thing. |
| Pat Peterson: |
| Yes. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Same thing. Okay. Any discussion from? |
| Katy James: |
| I have a question. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Yes, go ahead. |
| Katy James: |
| Clarification here just looking at the December calendar. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |
| Yes. |
| Katy James: |
| The 24th is a Tuesday, not a Monday. |

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| Mary Hensleigh: That is correct. |
| Katy James: Is there a chance that then they'll come in and want to ask for the 23rd off? We have to shut down the 23rd, 24th and 25th? Three days plus the weekend? That's a picture that could happen. And then we didn't, I know it's not listed in here, but then the 30th, the following Monday is New Year's Eve. They're not asking for that day, so we're not going to discuss it or allow it? |
| Mary Hensleigh: This is all that was brought to me. |
| Katy James: Okay. So this is all we're voting on? |
| Mary Hensleigh: If they want to do the same thing over New Year's, it will be on the December council agenda. |
| Katy James: Okay. But just so it's for the record that they're leaving Monday open that they plan on working for us on the 23rd? |
| Mary Hensleigh: This is the only thing that they asked me for. They didn't ask for Monday, they just asked for Christmas Eve. Kory? |
| Kory Klapan: So I usually take that whole week off, but I believe the two other guys in Public Works plan on working. |
| Katy James: Okay. |
| Kory Klapan: Somebody should be here. |
| Katy James: I'm wondering about the office and that because the folks doing their last minute things before the end of the year and whatnot as well. |
| Mary Hensleigh: |

Right. Yeah. We're just talking Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

| Katy James: Okay. |
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| Mary Hensleigh: Okay? Any more discussion from council? Anymore? |
| Linda Jung: Yeah. One thing. I think, does the bank does the bank close at noon? |
| Roy McBride: One o'clock. |
| Linda Jung: On Christmas Eve? |
| Roy McBride: One o'clock or two o'clock. |
| Linda Jung: Yeah, so the businesses, there are other businesses that would be closed to half a day on the 24th. |
| Bill Lanes: Jefferson's Foods closes early on some of those events. |
| Linda Jung: Yeah. Right. Okay. |
| Mary Hensleigh: Yeah. We have no control over them. This is the only thing we're have control over. |
| Bill Lanes: Just thinking it's normal, prior practice. |
| Linda Jung: Thinking of how it would help people in town, |
| Mary Hensleigh: Right. Yes. Any more discussion from council? Any more discussion from the public? All those in favor? |
| Council: Aye. |

Mary Hensleigh:

Opposed? Motion carries.

Okay, we'll move on to public comment. This is the time for the public to comment on anything that is not on the agenda. Nothing is debated or voted on during public comment and we cannot respond to your comments. Go ahead.

Stan Olson:

Hi, my name's Stan Olson. I live at 401 Second Street East here in Whitehall. And I'm here tonight because I'm tired and I'm mad and I'm fed up with the sheriff's department. I'm fed up with the lack of attention we're getting and I'm fed up with the lack of a training that they're having. I'm tired. I'm a vocal minority and I'm speaking on behalf of the non-vocal majority in this town that's afraid to come forward because they feel, and this is comments I've received from several people that they do not want to be targeted by the Sheriff's department. So I'm going to put the sheriff on notice right now this minute. Come and get me if you want because I'm tired of you. What I'm tired of, in my early youth, I had great fun breaking the law. I thought it was absolutely hysterical that I could get away with it.

But I still had a respect for law enforcement. And one thing that I believed wholeheartedly, the lowest form of life on this planet is a worthless, dirty cop. And I put lazy cops in the same category. What I'm tired of hearing from the sheriff's department, every time there's a call put in, I've done it, my daughter's done it, 'Oh, we can't touch that. It's a civic matter.' You have to complain to the city before we do anything. And after repeated complaints, still nothing is being done. I've been accosted in this town by an indigent person that we all know of. And I've been advised to be careful of what I say about that person because I might find myself in court. I don't care. She's got approved slander or libel. And all I'm saying is the truth. That woman attacked me and climbed into my truck and I had a sheriff's deputy show up in my yard and tell me if I had words with her again, I would go to jail.

He said, I order you. And I had to back him up and say, unless you got a writ signed by a judge, you cannot break my fifth amendment right. I have the right to go anywhere I want to in this country, unimpeded, unless he's got a writ or due process that doesn't allow me to do that. And I schooled that young officer that day. I told him, I says, I gave you the opportunity to ask me nicely to do whatever I could to avoid that woman. And he says, no, I order you or I will arrest you for disorderly conduct. And I told him, point-blank, before you go harass somebody, you might want to read their rap sheet. I'm not proud of it, but I've got five times I've been to jail and three of them were disorderly conduct and I haven't committed that yet.

And I told him, unless you see me pushing her face through a window for no reason, it's not disorderly. But if she ever crawls into my truck again, I will put her in the hospital. That being said, something needs to be done with the lack of law enforcement in this town. And I know that there's ordinance coming up. We got a crack house over here on Division Street that's still running their generators all night long. And there's people living in trailers behind there. Even though we have an ordinance that prohibits that longer than seven days, it's been months, nothing's being done. This person living down here in her car and her boyfriend right next to her in the camper are living there and they shouldn't be. Just moving from one end of the parking lot to another does not constitute anything. I told that sheriff that she doesn't live here.

He says, oh yes she does. She got a post office box and she's got a storage unit. Excuse me, officer, let me school you once again. United States Supreme Court has decided that a post office box and a storage unit does not constitute residency anywhere. And that was on a game and fish violation when people

were coming in here and getting tags because they had a post office box. So let me make this clear. Well, you need to protect the citizens of this town from people like that and probably from our incompetent sheriff. So I don't know what else to say, but I'm sick and tired and I think after my last altercation with a deputy in this town, my next step is to go to the US, to the head law enforcement officer in the state of Montana. I will go to the State attorney general and I'll make complaints with him because apparently we're not going to get this guy recalled.

And we got sheriffs that are out here, deputies out here operating, and they have not been properly trained and I'm tired of it. I could sit in Boulder and I can watch five or six deputies in a given hour drive up and down that street. But yet I'll be lucky if I see one in a week down here in town, even though there's supposed to be one stationed here. And after numerous complaints over this generator going, there's supposed to be a deputy down here every night checking on it. And they have only been down here once. So with that being said, I've had my fill. If there's anything the city can do about it in the future, let's take care of it. Thank you.

Mary Hensleigh:

Thank you. Is there any other public comment?

Lakota Tonopoli:

My name's Lakota Tonopoli. I live at 103 South Division Street. I live next to said crack house. I'm the one that has filed the majority of the complaints about the generator. Although my commentary will be a little bit nicer, I am, too, tired. I have for the last two months been making complaints and being told that it's not my job to deal with it, by the Sheriff's department, by people in the city. I'm tired. I listen to it when I get home. I listen to it at 10:30 at night. I listen to it at 2:30 in the morning. I listen to it at 5 A.M. when I get up for work and it is still on when I get home from work in the afternoon. This is not the only issue I have had with these individuals. They have been trespassed off of the property that I live on.

The last altercation that I had with said people from the house, my car was hit with an off-road vehicle that is uninsured and unregistered. I called the sheriff's department for them to tell me it is a civil matter and to take it up with the city. I called and talked to the sheriff personally. Well, he called me after several complaints from his deputies about, I would say, me calling and complaining about this, that he called me personally. And my answer from him was, if I am that tired of it and if it is that much of a problem for me, maybe I should consider moving. I like my house. I like where I live. I love my landlords. They are amazing people. I don't want to have to be forced to move because nobody wants to help. I have no other options. It's not that easy for me and my husband and our child soon to be two children, to just up and move. I just need help. And I'm honestly sick of being told every time I turn around, I can't help you. That's not my job.

And as far as that goes, I would say that we do need to have more of an understanding about what the deputies jobs are enforcing here in town. Being told that noise ordinance complaints at two o'clock in the morning are to be handled by the city. You guys can only do so much within your operating hours. And then to be told that they only handle public safety matters and that civil complaints and noise ordinance complaints and anything else that has to do with city ordinances is not their job. That they are only contracted for public safety. There needs to be a clearer division in what their duties are to help us here in this town. That's all we want is help.

Mary Hensleigh: