

TOWN OF CLYDE PARK
Town Council Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Clyde Park Town Hall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sydney Wiley on **December 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

Public Hearing

Proposed Water Rate Structure Change (Second and Final Hearing)

Mayor Wiley opened the second and final public hearing on the proposed water rate structure changes.

Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Mills presented a summary of the proposed resolution and Exhibit A, outlining options related to:

- Reduction of gallons included in the base monthly rate
- Establishment of new overage rates
- Increase to the monthly well lot fee

Public Comment Summary:

- Multiple residents supported maintaining a **3,000-gallon base allowance**, citing fairness to families and moderate water users.
- Preference was expressed for a **\$5 per 1,000 gallons overage**, though some supported \$7 to strengthen system reserves.
- Concerns were raised regarding affordability for lower-income residents and households that water lawns or gardens.
- Comments emphasized fairness, conservation, and system sustainability.

No additional comments were offered.
The public comment was formally closed.

Council Deliberation and Action

Council discussed water usage data, long-term infrastructure needs, and financial sustainability.

Council Consensus:

- 3,000-gallon base allowance for $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch meters
- 12,800-gallon base allowance for 1½-inch meters
- \$7 per 1,000 gallons overage rate for all meters
- \$23 monthly well lot fee

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 482 approving the revised water rate structure with Exhibit A as stated.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Council members expressed appreciation for staff work and analysis related to the proposal.

Regular Council Meeting

Roll Call

Council Members Present:

- Roger Chandler
- Brian Eckenrod
- Theresa Saari

Council Members Absent:

- James Walsh
- Dave Sarrazin

Staff Present:

- Mayor Sydney Wiley
- Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Mills
- Deputy Clerk Louann Barr

- CSO/Water Operator Beau Danysh

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitor Comments (Non-Agenda Items)

Public comments included:

- Questions regarding eligibility to run for council, residency requirements, and MCA provisions
- Concerns related to appointment procedures and transparency
- Discussion regarding spouses serving on council and conflict-of-interest safeguards
- Clarification provided that council appointments are governed by Montana Code Annotated and that nepotism laws apply to employment, not elected office

Department and Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report and Claims -

The November 2025 Treasurer's Report and claims were presented.

Motion:

To approve the Treasurer's Report and claims as presented.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

CSO / Water Operator Report -

CSO Danysh reported on:

- Improved spring box flows
- Ongoing maintenance and cleanup of water facilities
- Chlorination levels within DEQ standards
- Equipment and snow preparedness challenges
- Quotes obtained for plow and sander equipment

Planning Board -

Updates included:

- Sunnyside Meadow Subdivision recommendation
- Boundary adjustment review
- Upcoming vacancies on the Planning Board

Cemetery Board -

Mayor Wiley summarized Cemetery Board activities, including:

- FFA sign project
- Grant applications
- Veteran memorial updates
- Cemetery fund investments
- Plot price adjustments

Unfinished Business

Snow Removal Equipment -

Council reviewed plow and sander options and vendor quotes.

Motion:

To table snow plow and sander decisions pending additional pricing and information.

Vote: Motion carried.

New Business

Subdivision Lot Size Variance – 203 Lathrop

Council was asked to consider a variance due to property size. They discussed changes to DEQ sanitation rules and implications for local lot-size requirements.

Motion:

To approve a variance allowing proposed lots no smaller than **17,000 square feet**, subject to subdivision review and applicable regulations.

Vote: Motion carried, with Councilman Eckenrod noting approval with reservation.

Urban Supervisor Appointment -

Motion:

To appoint **Jody Arthun** as the Town of Clyde Park's Urban Supervisor to the Park Conservation District Board for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2026.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Site Permit – 211 Main Street West -

Council reviewed a site permit application for new residential construction.

Motion:

To table the permit pending receipt of septic system approval documentation.

Vote: Motion carried.

Town Property Appraisal -

Council discussed obtaining appraisals for Town Hall and related properties to evaluate future options.

Motion:

To authorize a professional appraisal of town-owned properties at a cost of \$5,000.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Council Vacancies -

Council discussed procedures for filling two partial council terms.

Motion:

To table appointments until the January 2026 meeting and publicly post notice inviting interested residents to attend and express interest.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Oath of Office -

Mayor Wiley administered the oath of office to newly seated officials and readministered to the office staff and returning officials.

Adjournment**Motion:**

To adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Approved by the Town Council on: _____, 2026

Sydney Wiley, Mayor

Louann Barr, Deputy Clerk