

TOWN OF CLYDE PARK
Town Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2026
Clyde Park Town Hall

Meeting Called to Order: 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Sydney Wiley

Pledge of Allegiance

Role Call - Mayor Sydney Wiley, CSO Bo Danysh, Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Mills (Zoom), Deputy Clerk Louann Barr, Council Members Teresa Saari, Brian Eckenrod, Carol Amunrud, Joshua Koch and Cathy Romey.

Public Comment Period (Non-Agenda Items) - Carla Williams, 204 3rd Avenue South, asked about vehicles recently detailed with the Town logo. CSO/Water Operator Bo Danysh responded that the Town work truck and a UTV were detailed. The UTV was donated to the Town. No further comments were made and the public comment period was closed

Prior Meeting Minutes - Deputy Clerk Louann Barr read the January 14, 2026 Town Council meeting minutes into the record. - Council discussion noted one correction: Under the Cemetery Board section, the term "application" should be corrected to "letter of interest."

Motion: Approve the January 14, 2026 minutes with the stated correction.

Moved: Brian Eckenrod Seconded: Teresa Saari Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Notes and Announcements

Mayor Wiley reported:

- Recognition of Park Electric employees for their efforts restoring power during recent wind storms. The Town will send a certificate of appreciation.
- Attendance at a Narrative 4 Story Exchange Workshop, which focused on community storytelling and relationship building. Mayor Wiley will explore potential opportunities to host similar events locally.
- Reported an outreach from Crazy Mountain Ranch, introducing Dr. John Cech, former president of Carroll College, who is working to strengthen community relationships in the Shields Valley.
- Update on the CDBG Professional Architectural Report (PAR) grant. The application must wait until the Town's current PER grant is fully closed out. Great West Engineering is working with staff on the close-out process.
- Update regarding the Town Hall and Methodist Church structural inspection. Architect Chris Egnatz completed a structural assessment of both buildings and presented his findings later in the meeting.
- Interlocal Fire Department Agreement: Inventory information has been sent to the attorney assisting with the agreement. The process is moving forward.
- 2026 Executive Forum: Mayor Wiley encouraged council members to attend the MSU Local Government Center forum being held in Livingston.
- Preliminary discussions regarding the school potentially de-annexing from town limits in order to participate in a proposed resort tax district.

Department and Committee Reports

-Public Works / Water / Code Enforcement

Bo Danysh – CSO / Water Operator

- Sodium hypochlorite inventory sufficient for approximately **100–120 days**.
- Continued maintenance and monitoring of the reservoir and well house.
- Well house placed under emergency status through DEQ to allow focus on the spring reservoir system.

- Ongoing removal of animal carcasses when reported; residents are encouraged to contact Town Hall directly rather than Livingston dispatch.
- Searching for an affordable plow and spreader for the Town truck.
- Ongoing gravel road maintenance and pothole repairs.
- Temporary traffic control signs installed while permanent posts are sourced.
- Attending upcoming water operator training and conferences.

-Treasurer's Report

Stacy Mills – Clerk/Treasurer

Utility Billing (January 2026):

206 bills issued totaling \$16,925.54 / \$17,188.52 received since the previous meeting

General Checking:

Beginning Balance: \$124,635.15, Credits: \$33,916.10, Debits: \$31,826.80, Ending Balance: \$126,724.45

Grant reimbursement update:

Anticipated mid- to late-March draws totaling approximately \$85,000, \$30,000 MCEP, \$40,000 RRP, \$15,000 CDBG

Annual Financial Report has been submitted and receipt confirmed.

Treasurer's report and claims were placed on the consent agenda.

-Deputy Clerk Report

Louann Barr

22 accounts currently using BMS Pay for utility payments.

Animal licenses: 2025: 41 households / 66 dogs, 2026 to date: 36 households / 60 dogs,

Business licenses: 2025: 20 issued, 2026: 24 issued to date

Town Hall closed February 16 for Presidents Day.

Assisting Cemetery Board with veteran marker records.

Water meters scheduled to be read February 20; billing mailed February 25.

Standing Committee Updates

Council members provided brief updates regarding planning for committee work including Parks & Recreation, Ordinances, and Planning Board coordination.

Consent Agenda

Items included: Treasurer's Report, Claims and Warrants, Two site permits, Two animal permits

Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda. Moved: Brian Eckenrod Seconded: Teresa Saari

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Structural Assessment – Town Hall & Methodist Church

Architect **Chris Egnatz** presented findings from a non-invasive structural assessment.

Town Hall Findings

- Foundation on north and west sides showing deterioration.
- Evidence of concrete degradation and aggregate separation.
- Floor structure currently supported by later retrofit framing rather than foundation.
- Structural posts resting directly on fill rather than proper footings.
- Missing joist hangers and inadequate framing connections.

Methodist Church Findings

- Structural settlement observed on west side of building.
- North wall leaning outward causing roof stress.
- Foundation cracking indicating differential settlement.
- Portions of the floor in the assembly space showing sponginess and deflection.

Mr. Egnatz answered council and public questions regarding potential repair approaches.

Discussion: Potential Acquisition of Methodist Church Property

Council discussed the opportunity to purchase the Methodist Church property and potential future uses including a community and municipal center.

A community group has expressed interest in exploring the possibility of the church donating the property back to the town.

Council agreed that community input is necessary before any decision is made.

Special Public Meeting Scheduled- Motion: Schedule a special public meeting to discuss the potential church acquisition.
Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026 Time: 10:00 a.m. Moved: Brian Eckenrod, Seconded: Teresa Saari, Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action Review

Council reviewed previously tabled items from prior council sessions.

Items temporarily closed with no further action unless brought forward again:

- Fire Department consolidation discussion
- Animal ordinance review
- Parking and camping on rights-of-way
- Park rules and usage policies
- Transient vendor licensing
- Subdivision and lot size policy review
- Roundabout concept proposal

Motion: Acknowledge and temporarily close the listed items. Moved: Brian Eckenrod, Seconded: Joshua Koch, Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Bank Signature Authorization

Motion: Add Council President Teresa Saari to the Bank of the Rockies signature card and remove former President James Walsh. Moved: Brian Eckenrod, Seconded: Carol Amunrud, Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Workers Compensation Insurance

MMIA is discontinuing workers compensation coverage for municipalities.

After review of available options, the Town will move coverage to the Montana State Fund through Big Sky Insurance.

Motion: Approve transition to Montana State Fund workers compensation coverage. Moved: Brian Eckenrod
Seconded: Carol Amunrud Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Work Session – Goals & Capital Improvement Plan

Council will hold a work session to review goals, mission, and the capital improvement plan.

Date: March 11, 2026 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Approve scheduling the work session. Moved: Brian Eckenrod Seconded: Carol Amunrud Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

250th Anniversary of the United States

Council discussed potential community activities related to the nation's upcoming 250th anniversary celebration in 2026. The topic will be revisited in future meetings.

Adjournment

Motion: Motion made by Brian Eckenrod to adjourn the meeting. Seconded: Joshua Koch Meeting adjourned: 9:14 p.m.