



**TOWN OF CLYDE PARK**  
**Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
January 14, 2026  
Clyde Park Town Hall

### **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Clyde Park Town Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Sydney Wiley.

### **Roll Call**

Council Members Present: Mayor Sydney Wiley, Brian Eckenrod, Teresa Saari, Carol Amunrud, Joshua Koch Staff Present: Bo Danysh, Community Service Officer / Water Operator; Stacy Mills, Clerk/Treasurer; LouAnn Barr, Deputy Clerk

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Welcome**

Mayor Wiley welcomed Joshua Koch and Carol Amunrud to their first official Town Council meeting.

### **Visitor Comments (Non-Agenda Items)**

- Mandy Johnstone, representing the Park County Early Childhood Coalition, spoke regarding Week of the Young Child, scheduled for April 11–17. She described county-wide events planned to celebrate children ages 0–8 and to recognize families and community support systems. Ms. Johnstone invited the Town's participation and provided informational materials and contact information. Mayor Wiley thanked Ms. Johnstone for her presentation.
- Carla Williams, 204 Third Avenue South, asked whether dog licenses could be registered online due to limited Town Hall hours. Staff advised that the dog licensing page on the Town website is currently not functioning properly and that alternative payment options through Pay.gov are available. Staff will address the website issue.

There being no further visitor comments, this portion of the meeting was closed.

### **Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2025**

Deputy Clerk Barr read the December 10, 2025 meeting minutes into the record.

A correction was noted: The variance referenced in the minutes applies to 203 Lathrop, not Fifth Street.

#### *Public Comment on Minutes:*

Cathy Romey, 401 East Avenue, requested clarification regarding the number of council vacancies referenced. Mayor Wiley clarified that only one vacancy remained open.

Motion: Teresa Saari motioned to approve the December 10, 2025 minutes with the noted correction;  
Second: Brian Eckenrod; Vote: Unanimous approval

## **Mayor's Comments**

- Mayor Wiley recognized Cathy Romey for constructive and respectful community engagement on social media and thanked her for positive civic participation.
- Mayor Wiley also spoke about the importance of positive community engagement, mutual respect, and maintaining Clyde Park's rural values.
- Mayor Wiley provided an update regarding the Town's first option to purchase the Methodist Church Property – 204 Miles Avenue

- This project is in a preliminary investigation stage, and no decisions or actions have been made. A public meeting and open discussion will be scheduled once sufficient information has been gathered and shared for public review.
- A CDBG grant application was submitted for a Professional Architectural Report (PAR) to evaluate potential public-use options.
- The appraisal of Clyde Park town hall, previously authorized by Council, has been completed.

## **- License Late Fees**

Mayor Wiley announced late fees for dog, livestock, and business licenses will take effect January 31, 2026, per town code.

## **Department and Committee Reports**

### **- Public Works / Streets / Water / Animals / Code Enforcement - Bo Danysh, CSO / Water Operator**

- Water system operating within DEQ standards
- Reservoir and pump house maintenance ongoing
- Chemical inventory sufficient for approximately 90 days
- Mapping of hydrants, valves, curb stops, and meter pits underway
- Identified shortage of curb stops relative to active water connections
- Snow removal equipment options under review, including used equipment
- Town vehicles to be decaled for compliance
- Structural appraisal site visit occurred
- Awaiting final installation of well analyzer pending grant coordination

### **- Treasurer's Report and Claim Warrants - Stacy Mills, Clerk/Treasurer**

- December utility billing: 206 bills totaling \$15,841.28
- Receipts since last meeting: \$10,327.48
- General checking ending balance: \$124,635.15
- Major expenditures included \$32,019 truck purchase and Great West Engineering payments
- Anticipated ~\$55,000 grant reimbursement for water PER
- Claim warrants included in Council packet

- Deputy Clerk's Report - LouAnn Barr

- Water readings scheduled Jan 20, 2026
- Water bills to be issued Jan 26, 2026
- Dog licenses: 41 in 2025; 21 issued to date in 2026
- Business licenses: 20 in 2025; 6 issued to date in 2026
- Reminder notices for unpaid licenses to be sent
- Town Hall closed January 19 for MLK Day

- Parks & Recreation – Mayor Wiley

- Friends of Holliday Park sport court grant remains open
- Volunteers sought for planning and design committee

- Planning, Zoning & Subdivision – Teresa Saari

- Next Planning Board meeting January 20, 2026
- Subdivision regulations update pending Park County review

- Cemetery Board – Mayor Wiley

- Meeting held January 7, 2026
- Chair position updated
- Veterans Memorial updates underway
- Grant application submitted to Park County Community Foundation
- FFA sign project discussed
- Wreaths Across America participation noted

**Consent Agenda**

Motion: Approve Treasurer's Report and Claim Warrants

- Motion: Brian Eckenrod; Second: Joshua Koch; Vote: Unanimous

**Unfinished Business**

- Council Vacancy Appointment

Mayor Wiley reviewed the process under Montana law for filling a Town Council vacancy, including Open Meeting Law requirements and equal treatment of all candidates.

The following individuals declared their intent to be considered for appointment and responded to standardized questions regarding eligibility, motivation, and commitment:

- Tyler Russell
- Austin Bryington
- Carla Williams
- Cathy Romey

Council deliberated in open session.

Motion: Appoint Cathy Romey to fill the unexpired two-year council term

- Motion: Teresa Saari; Second: Carol Amunrud; Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Wiley administered the Oath of Office, and Cathy Romey was officially seated as a Town Council member.

- Reappointment of Department Heads

Mayor Wiley reappointed: Bo Danysh, CSO / Water Operator and Stacy Mills, Clerk/Treasurer

- Motion: Brian Eckenrod; Second: Joshua Koch; Vote: Unanimous

- Council President Selection

Motion: Elect Teresa Saari as Council President

- Motion: Brian Eckenrod; Second: Joshua Koch; Vote: Unanimous

- Structural Inspection of Town Hall

Council discussed the need for a structural engineering inspection to support grant reallocation decisions.

Motion: Approve \$3,000 structural inspection

- Motion: Teresa Saari; Second: Joshua Koch; Vote: Unanimous

- Variance – Jones Lot Division (203 Lathrop)

Previously approved; signatures needed.

- Bontrager Site Permit – 209 Main Street West

Septic documentation received. Permit signed

## **New Business**

- Petersen Partition Act – Judge Gilbert Letter

Council reviewed the court request for comment.

Motion: Submit letter stating no objection

- Motion: Brian Eckenrod; Second: Teresa Saari; Vote: Unanimous

- Spallone Boundary Adjustment; Certificate of Survey reviewed.

- Motion: Brian Eckenrod; Second: Joshua Koch; Vote: Unanimous

- Bridget Sarrazin – Chicken Permit

Approved (four chickens, fenced enclosure)

- Shannon Baukol – Livestock Permit

Approved (horses)

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Teresa Saari; Second: Joshua Koch; Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.