

MINUTES
TOWN OF CLYDE PARK
COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 2025

1. Call to Order

Mayor Sydney Wiley called the regular meeting of the Town Council of Clyde Park to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 8, 2025.

2. Attendance

Council Members Present: James Walsh, David Sarrazin, Teresa Saari, Brian Eckenrod, Sydney Wiley, Mayor; Stacy Mills, Clerk/Treasurer; Bo Danysh, CSO; Lou Ann Barr, Deputy Clerk. Council Member Absent: Roger Chandler

Audience Members: Kathy Romey, Rainiy Taminga, Tracy Fremont, Glenn Downer, Skip and Nancy McIlhattan, Carla Williams, Becca Pinson, Shawn Jones, Rebecca Timm, and Rachel Buninger.

3. Opening Remarks

Mayor Wiley welcomed attendees and explained that, due to the Town's population now exceeding 300, Montana law requires the recording and public posting of Council meetings. This meeting was to be officially video and audio recorded.

4. Pledge of Allegiance All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Rachel Buniger asked how many Montana towns have employees living out of state.

Shawn Jones discussed his pre-application for 203 Lathrop Street, raising concerns about subdivision lot sizes, engineering requirements, and project costs.

Councilwoman Teresa Saari clarified that subdivision timelines protect applicants and will be reviewed by the Planning Board.

Councilman James Walsh suggested a review of the outlot size ordinance.

Becca Pinson asked about a permit for a temporary carport and questioned striping on gravel roads.

6. Approval of September Minutes

Deputy Clerk Louann Barr read the September minutes. Correction: Holiday Park contribution was \$1,149, with an additional \$350 from the Backroads Bike Group.

Motion: To approve the September minutes as corrected.

Motion by: James Walsh

Second: Teresa Saari

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Wiley reported attendance at the Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference (Oct 15–16) and the Montana Recreation and Parks meeting.

She noted bear and moose sightings, AED installations in town facilities, and thanked town staff and officials for their public service.

8. Department & Committee Reports

Bo Danysh reported yield sign installations, root infiltration repairs, power bank purchases, playground repairs, and handicap signage updates. Skunk traps were placed; flag lighting and alley trimming are in progress. Mayor Wiley explained coordination with the school's new flashing 15 mph signs.

9. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Mills

Utility Billing (September): \$17,152.86

Receipts: \$6,060

General Checking Balance: \$152,274 (Debits: \$36,203.63 / Credits: \$37,605.96)

BMS/Nuvei online payments to go live Nov 4.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report and claims.

Motion by: Brian Eckenrod

Second: James Walsh

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Parks and Recreation

Mayor Wiley will apply for a Crazy Mountain Ranch Grant for the Sport Court and Holiday Park.

11. Planning and Zoning – Teresa Saari

Reviewed subdivision procedures, new tracking checklist, and upcoming Planning Board meeting on Oct 21 for Sunnyside Meadows Subdivision. Discussion with planner Randy Carpenter about subdivision administration options.

12. Public Comment – Park Usage and Donations

Kathy Romey asked if the Bozeman bike group paid a park fee and voiced concerns over the dangers in usage of Bracket Creek road to get to Clyde Park. Mayor Wiley confirmed they did ask Council permission, donate and bring business to local stores but do not pay a fee.

13. Cemetery Board Report

Mayor Wiley recognized Marcia Leffingwell and other Cemetery Board members for their volunteer work maintaining the cemetery.

14. Unfinished Business – Water Rate Resolution

Resolution No. 481 – Intent to Modify Monthly Water Rate Structure:
Proposes reducing base gallons and increasing overage rates.

Motion: To approve Resolution of Intenet No. 481.

Motion by: Brian Eckenrod

Second: Teresa Saari

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Public hearing set for November 12, 2025.

15. New Business – Feral Cat Complaints & Animal Ordinance Review

Council reviewed complaints about feral cat trapping and enforcement of animal ordinances.

Public input was received from Kathy Romey, Simone Hansen, Tracy Fremont, and others.

CSO Danysh explained procedures, legal authority, and coordination with Stafford Animal Shelter.

Council directed staff to review and update the animal control ordinance, including registration requirements and notification protocols.

16. Site Permits

504 East Avenue – Lean-to addition with concrete footings.

403 Short Street – Drainage and culvert installation within Town right-of-way.

Both reviewed by CSO Danysh and approved.

Motion: To approve both permits.

Motion by: James Walsh

Second: David Sarrazin

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

17. Cemetery Plot Fee Adjustment

Cemetery Board requested increasing plot fees from \$50 to \$150.

Motion: To approve the fee increase.

Motion by: James Walsh

Second: Teresa Saari

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

18. Proposed Roundabout Discussion

Roger Chandler's proposal for a roundabout was tabled until the November meeting pending Councilman's presence, cost estimates and drawings.

Motion: To table discussion until November.

Motion by: Teresa Saari

Second: David Sarrazin

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

19. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: James Walsh

Second: Brian Eckenrod

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.