

Town of Fromberg

Council Meeting

September 10, 2024

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**FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2026**

On September 10th, 2026, meeting of the Fromberg Town Council was held at 118 W River Street in Fromberg, MT. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor, Terry Feller. Other council members present were Don Wilson, Mark Seyler, and Cheryl Olson. Others present were Jerry Hall, Sandy Bauwens, Harvey Nott, Christine Miller, Mike Ventling, Public Works Director and Michele Auch, Clerk.

Appointment of New Council Member: Tammy has resigned. Elton Kirtley decided to step up and take her place. Councilman Seyler motion to accept Elton on board, seconded by Councilman Wilson. The motion carried with the following votes: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye and Councilwoman Olson – aye. Clerk Michele swore Elton Kirtley to the Council. Motion Carries

Public comment on items not on the agenda. No public comment.

Correspondence was next on the agenda. Mayor read out loud Tammy Taylor's letter of resignation.

Mayor/Council was next on the agenda. Leak at 45 North was discussed.

Sheriff department report was next on the agenda: Not present

Zoning/Variance application was next on the agenda. Carol and Harvey Nott were next on the agenda for a Variance. Mayor stated that if you go with your normal plan, and don't put in the double car garage, you could probably advance that tonight, because you meet your offsets. Mayor shared that the variance we were running off of had an interim date that expired in 2018. So, from 2018 forward we've been running this very same variance, they've all been illegal. Hope Freeman, who's been dead since 2020, had written more zoning rules and Elton had a copy of them, she suggested variance and instead of you going out and getting signatures, the town would because they're looking at putting a fee in for the variances. So, she suggested that the town be responsible for sending letters to landowners that are affected, then it has to be posted, and publicly posted in the newspaper. We did get advice from the lawyer to carry on, as we're doing. \$200 fee for a variance and would have to be pushed back to next month for a decision. One car garage could be passed tonight, waiting on Carol to get to the meeting. Will move on till he hears from Carol. MacKenzie lawsuit was discussed

Old business was next on the agenda. Discussion/Decision regarding possible litigation with Stillwater Conservation District/River Project was next on the agenda. Dennison was not present.

Discussion/Decision on Table of Fees was next on the agenda. Clerk shared that fees highlighted in yellow were discussed at the prior meeting. Water Household tapping fee \$2,500, Water Business tapping fee \$3,500; Sewer Household tapping fee \$ 2,500, Sewer Business Tapping fee \$ 3,500. Labor & Equipment \$200 per man hour, tampering with water/sewer property=time & materials, damage fee to water/sewer mains=time and materials. Councilman Wilson had a question about back-room rental \$5.00; meetings can be held in Town Hall backroom. Zoning Variance fee being raised from \$200 to \$400 was suggested due to paying council, clerk, postage and advertising. Special meeting fee was set up at \$150.00. Business licenses were next, currently billing 20.00, removed financial institution, utilities, hotels/motels and trailer parks from fee schedule. Change business license to \$50.00 and leave bars/saloons at \$125.00 since they have a lot more fees to pay. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the new table of fees, seconded by Councilwomen Olson. The motion carried with the

following votes: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, Councilwoman Olson — aye and Councilman Kirtley--aye. Motion Carries.

New business was next on the agenda.

Discussion/Decision for appointment of new President of the Town Council. Mayor stated you're second in charge, if I am gone, they come to you. Councilwoman Olson was interested. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve Cheryl as president of the Town Council, seconded by Councilman Seyler. The motion carried with the following votes: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, and Councilman Kirtley--aye. Motion Carries.

Discussion/Decision to remove Tammy Taylor as a signer at the Bank of Bridger and appoint new signer on the account. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve Cheryl as the check signer, seconded by Councilman Seyler. The motion carried with the following votes: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, and Councilman Kirtley-aye. Motion Carries.

Council moved to address Nott's variance application to zoning application with a one car garage with 15-foot setback off boundary, that's what they decided to change to. Councilman Wilson motion to approve zoning permit for Harvey and Carol Nott, seconded by Councilwoman Olson. Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, Councilwoman Olson--aye and Councilman Kirtley-aye. Motion Carries

Councilman Seyler had called Mark Vargas regarding 45 North water lines and sewer lines, and he relayed that was said. Mark tried to give Sue a variance, and she didn't want it, and ran under storage units, just water, about 5 years ago their septic was failing just about the time Nate was buying it, they hooked the sewer towards the highway.

Discussion/Decision regarding Resolution #555 Setting Fee Schedule. Mayor read out loud. Councilman Seyler made a motion to accept Resolution #555, seconded by Councilwoman Olson. The motion carried with the following votes: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, Councilwoman Olson--aye and Councilman Kirtley-aye. Motion Carries.

Discussion/Decision regarding attorney fee agreement from Susan B Swimley for Riverbank Project. Mayor stated that during the budget planning we set aside \$10,000 to take a look at paperwork as the project was not completed as it was supposed to. Dennison said that the contract could be altered so as not to exceed \$10,000 per clerk. Clerk stated this is to see if we even have a case and what our options are and then do we want to go further. Councilman Wilson either we pursue or walkway from it, spend some money to find out and these are the two attorneys that Dennison talked about at the last time and they are willing to look at it. Clerk asked if they want any other language that you want to put in there for the agreement. Not to exceed the \$10,000 without approval. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the attorney fee agreement for Susan B Swimley and Tara DePuy, seconded by Councilman Seyler. The motion carried with the following votes: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, Councilwoman Olson--aye and Councilman Kirtley-aye. Motion Carries.

Mayor had a question if the pipe was taken out of the Park Fund? Clerk Yes.

The Consent Agenda was next on the agenda. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Olson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, Councilwoman Olson—aye and Councilman Kirtley--aye. Motion Carries.

Town Attorney was next on the agenda. Was not present.

Public Works was next on the agenda. Mike gave his report: Hopes to get the vac truck on Saturday, cleaned out Larry's curb stop, major leak at Randy Grahams, has done 12 digs, 9 redo's, sewer back online, leave Sagar beds for the winter, supposed to trim tress in October on Mine Spur, Montana, Carbon, School Street and ones by the Yellow Bank. Trim trees up 15' on city street side. Beartooth electric put in a security light up at the tank, which Homeland Security had highly recommended, just have to get electrician to wire in. Northwest Energy to put one at the control panels at the wells, need to fill diesel tank, have not heard anything from Downing yet on the meters, Montana Rural Water applied for a grant to cover installing a generator at the wells. Supposed to be getting a grant for \$10K-\$12K for engineer but hasn't been confirmed yet, discussed new sewer line on Bartlett and tie into manhole on Billy's alley, bridge over canal, Mayor thought the baseball committee ought to hit up Vargas to get the baseball field back or donate it back, old shack by the river is due to come down, and talked about Vac Truck.

Town Clerk was next on the agenda. Billed out \$39,343 this month for water, sewer, garbage; received \$32,410, past due at \$28,554. Tax lines are going out on Monday, 8 properties at \$8,234.25. So much better than last time. Bulk water sales to date are \$2,823.08. Regarding Karp, Dennison says we need to get a letter from a realtor about the market value of the land we're swapping, make a resolution, and he's checking if we have to do public notice. Worked on budget. Update on garbage account.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Olson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, Councilwoman Taylor — aye and Councilman Kirtley—aye.

Adjourn at 7:36 pm



Terry Feller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michele Auch, Town Clerk

Town of Fromberg

Council Meeting

Budget September 3rd 2026 6:00 pm
Prelim. Budget August 28th 6:00 pm - noon

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**FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A FINAL BUDGET MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2026**

On September 3rd, 2026, meeting of the Fromberg Town Council was held at 118 W River Street in Fromberg, MT. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm. Other council members present were Don Wilson, Mark Seyler and Cheryl Olson. Others present were Dena Wilson and Michele Auch, Clerk.

No Public Comment

Mayor/Council: None

Final Budget: Discussion and Decisions

- Certified Tax Values and Mills
- Revenues
- Fund 2450-Red Lodge & Reimaging Rural Grants
- Fund 2388-Large Taxpayer Reserve
- Public Works percentages for labor costs between water 35% and sewer fund 65%
- Vacation and Sick time percentage reduced by half—if all employees left as of 6/30/27
- Cola 2.8% raise Public Works Department
- Clerks raise \$5.00
- Rural Fire-Voted Mills decrease by \$911
- Expenses
- Lawyer amount for Riverbank Project \$10,000
- Reduced Street Lighting \$-400
- Distribution of Emergency funds between Supplies \$13,542 and Disposal \$ 13,541
- Gas Tax setting aside 25% of current fiscal year's projected revenue in reserve account for equipment
\$ 5,953.00.
- Capital Outlay water: Truck & \$20K for Troy Downing cell meters or other matching grant funds
- Capital Outlay sewer: Truck & Vac Tron Truck purchases \$11,500 + \$25.00 wire fee + \$667.00 per Mayor= \$12,167.00.
- Rural Fire-Voted Mills changed budget amounts by \$-912.00 to match report to the State excel spreadsheet page 54.
- Cash Reserve Worksheet \$4,406.29 taken from Sewer moved temporarily to Garbage fund, budget shortfall

Motion made to approve the 20206-2027 budget, seconded by Councilwomen Olson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, and Councilwoman Olson—aye. Motion Carries.

Cancelled first motion to pass the budget made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwomen Olson, as it was passed through Resolution # 554.

Mayor asked if they wanted them to read outload-No, as council had read them, and no from Dena.

Resolution # 547 Fund 2450 Red Lodge and Reimaging Rural Grants-Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Olson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, and Councilwoman Olson—aye. Motion Carries.

Resolution #548 Large Taxpayer Reserve Fund #2388- Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Olson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, and Councilwoman Olson—aye. Motion Carries.

Resolution #549 Mill Levy for 2026-2027 Fiscal Budget- Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Olson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, and Councilwoman Olson—aye. Motion Carries.

Resolution #550 Allocations between Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds for Fiscal Year 2026-2027- Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Olson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, and Councilwoman Olson—aye. Motion Carries.

Resolution #551 Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget- Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Olson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, and Councilwoman Olson—aye. Motion Carries.

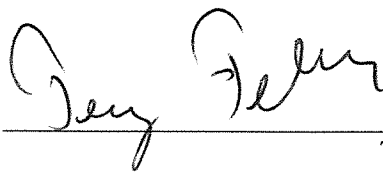
Resolution #552 2.8% Cola Adjustment for Public Works- Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Olson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, and Councilwoman Olson—aye. Motion Carries.

Resolution #553 Increase in Clerks Wages- Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Seyler. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, and Councilwoman Olson—aye. Motion Carries.

Resolution #554 To Approve and Adopt the Municipal Budget for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year- Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Olson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye, and Councilwoman Olson—aye. Motion Carries.

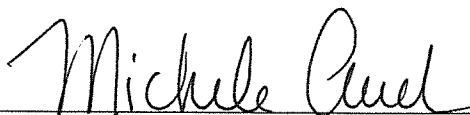
A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwomen Olson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler--aye and Councilwoman Olson – aye.

Adjourn at 6:52 pm



Terry Feller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michele Auch, Town Clerk

TOWN OF FROMBERG

COUNCIL MEETING

Preliminary Budget Meeting

Final Budget August 29, 2025
Sept 03, 2025

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**FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 29, 2026**

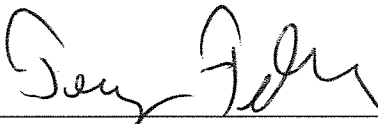
On August 29th, 2026, meeting of the Fromberg Town Council was held at 118 W River Street in Fromberg, MT. Other council members present were Mark Seyler and Cheryl Olson. Others present were Michele Auch, Clerk.

No Public Comment

August 28th-Preliminary Budget Meeting: No quorum.

Items discussed with no decisions made:

- Certified Tax Values and Mills
- Revenues
- Fund 2450-Red Lodge & Reimaging Rural Grants
- Fund 2388-Large Taxpayer Reserve
- Public Works percentages for labor costs between water and sewer fund
- Vacation and Sick time percentage
- Cola 2.8% raise Public Works
- Clerk raise
- Lawyer amount for Riverbank Project
- Distribution of Emergency funds between Supplies and Disposal
- Setting aside 25% of current fiscal year's projected revenue in reserve account for equipment
- Capital Outlay water: Truck & \$20K for Troy Downing cell meters or other matching grant funds
- Capital Outlay sewer: Truck
- Journal Vouchers
- Budget



Terry Feller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michele Auch, Town Clerk

**FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2026**

On August 20th, 2026, meeting of the Fromberg Town Council was held at 118 W River Street in Fromberg, MT. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor, Terry Feller. Other council members present were Don Wilson, Mark Seyler, and Tammy Taylor. Others present were Jerry Hall, Sandy Bauwens, Betty and James Petri, Carol and Harvey Nott, Larry Colemena and Allen Roldolf and Mike Ventling, Public Works Director and Michele Auch, Clerk.

Appointment of New Council Member: Cheryl Olson applied for the open position; she couldn't be here today. Michele will swear her in, when she returns. Councilwomen Taylor moved to accept Cheryl Olson, seconded by Councilman Seyler. A motion carried with the following votes: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

Public comment on items not on the agenda. No public comment.

Correspondence was next on the agenda. None

Mayor/Council was next on the agenda: Councilwomen Taylor shared about the County getting \$25,000 from the new subdivision for a park, as they aren't putting one in, asked the mayor to get on the agenda for County Commissioner meeting and ask about it, it could go towards ADA, paths, trees, stuff and underground sprinkler system. We have crosswalks across the ditch that were paid for by the improvement committee and other individuals paid for themselves, need repair. Mayor and Mike were just discussing this, and a sheet of metal is around \$450.00 that would cover most of them to be replaced.

Councilman Wilson asked if the Conex had been addressed, letters went out for a fence, and now swapping property. His question is, why are we going to have things on ordinance and not enforce them? Mayor stated how can I enforce somebody for fencing off a street, or parking something on the street, when we gave the president of the council a city alley with protective covenants on it since 1899. Councilman Wilson stated are we just going to pick and choose what we're enforcing. Mayor, I haven't enforced anything cause I'm not the kind of hypocrite. More conversation was had. Dennison shared that the yard with the weeds, flooded house and garbage has been charged and filed with the court, then they are going to get served, and then have a court date. They have to clean it up, if they don't, technically, the city can clean and put it on their taxes. Letter has gone out in concerns to Perkins Alley, then drafting up the paperwork for the court, for the city council to review. More conversation was had on enforcement of ordinances. Dennison, first option is to just contact law enforcement, they can write a ticket to city court or option 2 is the city itself can take action. More conversation. Councilman Wilson wants what is good for one, is good for all, trying to approve here, and clean things up, but it's not going to happen, because we're not going to enforce our ordinances. Mayor stated, "I will not enforce our ordinances until everybody's on the same playing field."

Mayor wanted to put Shane McKeever in the record. Shane didn't want to spend any money, and all his water lines were already on his property. So, we could not actually force him to do the water right. We talked to Dennison, and he said the lines are on his property, you can't force him. So, mayor just wanted it on public record. Mike Ventling stated there are 3 more trailers going in on A street. The center one has a curb stop and meter pit, but coming off of that curb stop line, there's a "T" and that line goes over, and it feeds six other meter pits, the old meter pits. So, on his next trailer he just wants to tie into the existing line, and there will be lack of pressure. Mike thinks Shane will come around, but he's hung up on this \$5,000 storage bill. Councilwomen

Taylor was wondering if that trailer has been sold that currently feeds the one before it tees off, not sold. Shane will need to disclose this. Dennison stated that new construction needs its own dedicated lines.

Mayor shared that Jordan Webb is close to getting numbers together as he is trying to replace the county and starting services at the beginning of the year. We need 90 days to break the contract with the county.

Sheriff department report was next on the agenda: Message from Josh, could not be present.

Zoning/Variance application was next on the agenda. Carol and Harvey Nott were next on the agenda. Councilwomen Taylor stated that structure wise, compared to property is fine. 6' feet is required, but you also have to have 15 feet of backyard which is in our ordinance. Carol thought that needed to be changed. A variance will be needed, 100% agreement of all owners within 300' radius, no less than 6' from other properties, it is a fire zone area. Need exact distances, measured from property pins. Carol wanted to make sure water and sewer lines were not on the property. Mike Ventling stated sewer lines are in the alley, and water off A street. More conversation was had. Carol will come back for a variance.

Zoning/Floodplain Ordinance Committee was next on the agenda: None

Planning Board: None

Historic Preservation: None

Old business was next on the agenda. Discussion/Decision regarding possible litigation with Stillwater Conservation District/River Project was next on the agenda. We have two attorneys; they're on the project. I don't have the signed engagement letter, but they're getting that over to me, and they've been already in coordination with Jackie Papas. Because she's doing civil litigation, that's kind of a corresponding litigation. Good news.

New business was next on the agenda.

Open sealed bids for skid steer, pull behind mower, and crown vic. were next on the agenda. Mayor opened the sealed bids. Justin King put in a bid for the auger, which wasn't up for bid for \$552.00. The only thing that seems to be contested is the Crown Vic. Crown Vic goes to Justin King for \$552.00, Town of Bridger was the only bid for the finish mower for \$572.00, and the only bid for the skid steer goes to Nate Wilm for \$3,001.00, minimum bid was \$2,500.

Discussion/Decision for James Petri non-active fee water bill was next on the agenda. Mayor stated that Mike found out there's only one line. So that solved that problem of them getting two bills.

Discussion/Decision for AFR (Annual Financial Return) was next on the agenda. Nexus CPA quote was \$10,000 plus, Montana League of City and Towns was \$4,500.00. Councilwomen Taylor moved to accept Montana League of Cities and Towns quote, seconded by Councilman Wilson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye and Councilwoman Taylor—aye. Motion Carries.

Discussion/Decision for a Community garage sale and date. Councilwomen Taylor talked with Tracy about past experience setting up garage sales. No action taken.

Discussion/Decision for Text My Gov was next on the agenda. Councilwomen Taylor didn't think we would use it, as we are too small and we have Facebook. Mike Ventling said we can use reverse 911 alert through Carbon County. No action was taken.

Sue Whittmer(?) was next on the agenda. Mayor stated that Mike took my ass chewing today from Sue. She was not present. No action taken.

The Consent Agenda was next on the agenda. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wilson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye and Councilwoman Taylor—aye. Motion Carries. Along with the Special meeting.

Town Attorney was next on the agenda. Open to questions, there were none.

Public Works was next on the agenda. Mike gave his report: Found 45 Norths leak and repaired, they dug up where DeRudder hooked 45 North's line to make sure it was still good and put in a new curb stop; from the new curb stop to the restaurant is on private property and their responsibility. So it is on record, we've done our due diligence, we've done everything possible that we can to help them. Connected water for Mike Morrison, found galvanized line had to take back into the street, hooked line and had to shut down the town. Filled potholes on Missouri, working on plans to maybe get some streets taken care of this year. Ballpark is now being watered with new 2" line from the main and ¾" line to hydrant. Got flow reports for lagoon, found problem in monitors at lagoons. System was designed to flow 36 to 46,000 gallons and we are flowing roughly 16,000 to 20,000. Great West kept telling me that the system was 100% operational. Micro-comm works on the waterside, their electrical engineer showed up to do some stuff on our micro-comm system, pro bono and he also happens to have a background with Anderson House which are our flow meters, so he took a look and for 8 years the meters have been backwards, the flow meters, are calibrated to sync to the monitors, which were swapped. Lagoons are back online filling up pond one, no discharge for the month. Blowers are up 100%, all three blowers. Only running one at a time, saving \$480 last month on electricity. Getting hard numbers for a grant from Montana Rural water for a generator and electrical work at the water wells. Vac Tron truck was brought up, put on agenda for next month, get a pre-approval for a loan. Had complaint about the tress up on the upper end of town. Cottonwoods coming down in August, will drive around town and get a quote for the big limbs around town and use chips at the lagoons. We called MMIA to see if we needed an ordinance to cut limbs, no because it is our thing. Their recommendation was, on any trees on landowner's property, to send them a letter, letting them know that their trees are impending over the streets. Mayor mentioned that we should hear from Troy Downing in September about the cell meter grant for \$78,000. 7 out of the last 8 digs were redoes. Larry Coleman would love to know what it would take to get a curb stop in my building; discussion was had about his property. Mike and Larry will get together to figure out his water line.

Town Clerk was next on the agenda. July receipts for \$42,024.50, billing for July was \$39,473.58, past-due approximately \$ 30,000. The mayor and Michele met with Ryan from Republic about addresses and credits due, it was a little frustrating, he wasn't going back like we thought he should. Mayor shared we've been paying for those garbage cans since 2022. So here we are, and Michelle started in October, so we at least want reimbursed till October. He was putting down, as of September 1st, sending him an email regarding reimbursement through October at least, haven't heard back. Ryan's reasoning was, during the flood, they had garbage cans down there. They said that the town had half a million dollars worth of garbage, that they never got paid for. Cause, nobody turned receipts in FEMA. Councilwomen Taylor stated that nothing was fenced off during the flood and people from the county drop in their garbage. Michele has been working on the budget. Reimaging Rural Grant for \$10,000 was submitted for a project for the old jail, worked with Emily for the grant for the PER, working with

Shylea and Aimee Bailey to get out a Floodplain permit for the river project, and other office stuff. Councilwomen Taylor asked about possibly doing the percentage of rate increases annually for water, not yet.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwomen Taylor and seconded by Councilman Seyler. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler--aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

Adjourn at 7:40 pm



Terry Feller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michele Auch, Town Clerk

Town of Fromberg

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July 9, 2024

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FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 9, 2026

On July 9th, 2026, meeting of the Fromberg Town Council was held at 118 W River Street in Fromberg, MT. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 6:29 pm by Mayor, Terry Feller. Other council members present were Don Wilson, Mark Seyler, and Tammy Taylor. Others present were Jerry Hall, Sandy Bauwens, Marge Taylor, Dena Wilson, Tana Morehead, Cashandra Jones-SBA, Betty and Jim Petri Mike Ventling, Public Works Director and Michele Auch, Clerk.

Public comment on items not on the agenda. Representatives from SBA disaster assistance team, as the Crow Tribe requested declaration for physical and economic damages in December of 2025 and were approved and all Towns and Counties in Carbon and Yellowstone Counties are eligible for economic injury. Clerk to post flyer with information about programs.

Jim and Betty Petri had comments about their new bill for an extra water line. Mike Ventling found connections when doing Town audit. They have two curb stops, and two live connections. Councilwomen Taylor stated that a decision cannot be made, since it's not on the agenda. Clerk to put on the agenda for next month.

Mayor shared that we are holding checks for Republic garbage till we get our audit.

Correspondence was next on the agenda.

Mayor/Council was next on the agenda. Mayor shared that we are holding checks for Republic garbage till we get our audit completed. Come to an agreement that the Town will pay for the invoice from COP Construction for sewer work at Erik Erickson for \$4,000 and Great West Engineering will pick up \$1,000. The sheriff's office called the mayor, sharing that he heard you're getting rid of us. Mayor hasn't seen any numbers. Mayor had a call from Barie Erne about who's responsible for trees in the sidewalk. Councilwomen Taylor stated that there on the city street until we have something in an ordinance, they're on us. Mayor asked who is responsible for the maintenance and care, Councilwomen Taylor, we are responsible for maintenance and care, and nobody has ever taken it seriously. Councilman Wilson thinks a good shade tree that's in good shape should stay and address problematic ones. Councilwomen Taylor suggested asking MMIA if we are responsible for falling branches. Jerry Hall stated that why don't you ask the property owners, we're going to remove the trees unless you want to take full responsibility for them. Councilwomen Taylor has a suggestion to take marijuana money and set-aside for the Parks for trees, sidewalks, and infrastructure with Budget coming up. Councilman Wilson would like to see if a tree is taken out and smaller tree is put in. Councilwomen Taylor said we could call Scott from Billings and find a shorter and a tree more natural habitat to this area.

Sheriff department report was next on the agenda. Sheriff Josh McQuillen asked if there were any questions or concerns. 59 hrs. of patrol time, 16.5 for calls for service within the town, total 75 hours from June 8th to July 6th. Health Care calls, fender bender, deer, bear are around, grizzly in Red Lodge, mental health, and disturbance. Mayor asked if the County has anything to do with the speed limits per Josh they are set by the State. Councilwomen Taylor had sent a letter about a year ago, need to check back in, maybe regenerate the letter and have it sent by Terry. When the Town annexed people in, the speed limits weren't changed. Sheriff states that is all DOT, and Joliet just did this combined with crosswalk issue the Town send a letter, commissioners send letter, it's a long process, they had a kid get hit on a bike which sped up the process. Councilman Wilson asked what with our new fireworks ordinance did they have anything major? Mayor asked if they are still running the trucks out to the "T"? Michele let Sheriff know of the complaints, they came right out and talked with the

oreman, the “J” breaking, they put out extra bulletins, which really helped. He also shared that Mike is getting some good labor detail.

Zoning/Variance application was next on the agenda. Brenda Buckmiller’s contractor was not present. Councilwomen Taylor had texted Dennison since he was not present. So, her question was, it doesn’t meet the setbacks as it is, the building itself. Dennison responded, is he changing the setbacks from what they are already are? If the setbacks are already an issue, then it doesn’t matter that it is grandfathered in. And if he changes things so it doesn’t match the current structure, he will need a variance. Councilman Wilson was concerned that she doesn’t know where her property boundaries are. Councilwomen Taylor moved to accept the zoning application with Dennison’s texts, as long as it remains in the same existing footprint that currently is. Seconded by Councilman Seyler. The motion to carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Councilwomen moved to amend the application to include a signature from the contractors and fill out a detailed plan of the house that they are tearing down and putting back up with the measurements, seconded by Councilman Wilson. A motion to amend carried with the following votes: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

Zoning/Floodplain Ordinance Committee was next on the agenda: None

Planning Board: None

Historic Preservation: None

Old business was next on the agenda. Discussion/Decision regarding possible litigation with Stillwater Conservation District/River Project was next on the agenda. Dennison was not present.

New business was next on the agenda.

Discussion/Decision regarding Fee Schedule: Councilman Wilson made a motion to raise bulk water from .02 per gallon to .03 per gallon, seconded by Councilwomen Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye and Councilwoman Taylor—aye. Motion Carries.

Household Water Tapping raised from \$750.00 to **\$2,500**, Business Water Tapping raised from \$750.00 to **\$2,500**; Household Sewer Tapping raised from \$1,000 to **\$3,500**, Business Sewer Tapping raised from \$750.00 to **\$3,500**.

Water Service Reconnect and Disconnect Fee set by previous Ordinance.

Tampering with Water/Sewer Property \$500.00 per incident **changed to Time & Materials** and Damage Fee to Water/Sewer Mains \$750 per line **changed to Time & Materials**.

Maintenance Worker \$50 per hour and Equipment Service fee \$150 per trip **changed to Labor & Equipment per man hour \$200.00**.

Dog Licenses remain the same

Business Licenses on hold, look at what other Towns do.

Back Room Rental was left at \$5.00.

Zoning Variance requiring Public Hearing is changed to \$400 from \$200 per Zoning Applicant. Have Dennison look over to change ordinance, advertise twice, add special meeting fee.

Garbage is 4/5% increase which were rounded so no more pennies. This increase was already passed through previous resolution.

Provide clean new sheet for the next meeting to review and vote on.

The Consent Agenda was next on the agenda. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wilson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler—aye and Councilwoman Taylor—aye. Motion Carries. Along with the Special meeting.

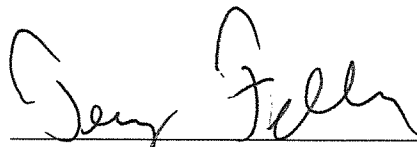
Town Attorney was next on the agenda. Not present

Public Works was next on the agenda. Mike gave his report: Repaired a water leak at 408 East River Street, it was originally repaired incorrectly by previous employment, and a private company was \$7,000. Installed flow meters at lagoon to get actual readings, installed 12 new cell meters, bulk water is up and running, installed water line at 201 school street found galvanized service lines which we cannot have, the gate vales to shut off water were full of dirt and had to shut the whole Town down to complete fix, testing is going great, will start digging water line for the ball field, talked about mini excavator, vac Tron on a trailer, DOD program have one day to decide to make a purchase, truck high on list, mentioned vacant properties end of Harley never had water and sewer paying over 12 years, have Dennison take a look if ordinance is in place for fees, Councilwomen Taylor mentioned Mayor, Rich Anderson had to straighten out Marges two buildings with only one water line. Lastly, he had gotten a bid on the trees in the park, shaving would go to the lagoons, three cottonwoods cut down 4' chunks, do all the chipping, leave wood \$5,200. \$10,850 take 3 trees down and trim up all the other trees in park. Ask MMIA about liability of people cutting firewood on Town property, sign a waiver? Stump griding \$3,600.

Town Clerk was next on the agenda. 23 tax lien letters sent out for \$17,371.97, troubleshooting cell meters, worked on vulnerability study for the wells, got the flower baskets hung and watering system set-up, found Perkins alley documents and sent to Dennison, May billing \$39,000, June receipts \$44,794, next big item is budget prep, waiting on Ryan from Republic, Councilman Wilson asked about letter for the Conex, Bill Gruel was mentioned about his stuff, and Kennedy fence.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwomen Taylor and seconded by Councilman Seyler. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilson—aye, Councilman Seyler--aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

Adjourn at 9:07 pm


Terry Feller, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michele Auch, Town Clerk