

**VISION STATEMENT:**

"The Magic City: A diverse, welcoming community where people prosper and business succeeds."

COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR
BUSINESS MEETING****AGENDA****JANUARY 12, 2026****5:30 P.M.****COUNCIL CHAMBERS
316N. 26th Street, 5th Floor****CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Nelson**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Nelson**INVOCATION:** Mayor Nelson**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilmember Kendra Shaw, Ward I
Councilmember Mark Nicholson, Ward I
Councilmember Roy Neese, Ward II
Councilmember Denis Pitman, Ward II
Councilmember Amy Aguirre, Ward III
Councilmember Bill Kennedy, Ward III
Councilmember Scott Aspenlieder, Ward IV
Councilmember Andrew Lindley, Ward IV
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V
Councilmember Tony O'Donnell, Ward V
Mayor Mike Nelson

Staff

Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Gina Dahl, City Attorney
Toni Keehner, Deputy City Clerk
Louis Engels, Utility Engineer
Debi Meling, Public Works Director
Rich St. John, Police Chief
Karla Stanton, Human Resources Director
Wyeth Friday, Planning and Community Development Director

MINUTES:

- November 24, 2025 - Pending
- December 8, 2025 **APPROVED 11-0**
- December 15, 2025 **APPROVED 11-0**

COURTESIES: None**PROCLAMATIONS:** None**COUNCIL REPORTS:** None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI

PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-PUBLIC HEARING" Agenda Items: 1, 3 and 4 ONLY. Speaker sign-in required.
(Comments are limited to three (3) minutes or as set by the Mayor. Please sign the roster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium. Comments on items listed as public hearing items will be heard ONLY during the designated public hearing time for each respective item. For items not on this agenda, public comment will be taken at the end of the agenda.)

1. **CONSENT AGENDA** -- Separations: 1E and 1I

A. Mayor Nelson recommends that Council confirm the following appointments:

1.	Name	Board/Commission	Term		REVISED TERM
			Begins	Ends	
1	John Scheuering	Animal Control Board	01/01/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
2	Frans Andersson	Animal Control Board	01/01/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
3	Steve Tostenrud	Aviation and Transit Board	01/01/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
4	Ron Spence	Aviation and Transit Board	01/01/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
5	James Mariska	Aviation and Transit Board	01/01/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
6	Stephanie Donovan	Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee	01/01/25	12/31/28	12/31/2027
7	Kristy Halderman	Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee	01/01/25	12/31/28	12/31/2027
8	George Maragos	Billings BID	01/01/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
9	Shawna Bonini	Billings BID	01/01/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
10	Erin Lambert	Board of Health	01/01/25	12/31/28	12/31/2027
11	No applications	Community Development Board	01/01/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
12	Rebecca Noell	Community Development Board	09/22/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
13	Lynn Blevins	Exchange City Golf Board	01/01/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
14	Tafuna Tusi	Housing Authority	01/01/25	12/31/30	12/31/2029
15	Phyllis Crawford	Housing Authority (Elderly)	01/01/25	12/31/27	12/31/2026
16	Tammy Schwabe	Human Relations Commission	01/01/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
17	Maia Dickerson	Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Board	01/01/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
18	Jami Clark	Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Board	01/01/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
19	Melissa Henderson	Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Board	01/01/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
20	Eugenia Waller	Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Board	01/01/25	12/31/29	12/31/2028
21	Stephen Eliason	Police Board	01/01/25	12/31/28	12/31/2027
22	Rich McFadden	Police Board	01/01/25	12/31/28	12/31/2027
23	Jim Ronquillo	Yellowstone Planning Board - Ward 1	01/01/25	12/31/27	12/31/2026
24	Dennie Stephenson	Yellowstone Planning Board - Ward 3	01/01/25	12/31/27	12/31/2026
25	John Staley	Yellowstone Planning Board - Ward 4	01/01/25	12/31/27	12/31/2026
26	David Nordel	Yellowstone Planning Board - Ward 5	01/01/25	12/31/27	12/31/2026

12* - Unexpired term of Valerie Courtney

APPROVED 11-0

B. Bid Awards:

1. **W.O. 26-08: WRF Digester Gas Piping, Buried Pipe Replacement.** (Opened 12/16/25) Recommend COP Construction. **APPROVED 11-0**
- C. **Contract with DOWL for W.O. 25-01: Contract 1, 2025 Water Main Replacement.** **APPROVED 11-0**
- D. **Amendment No. 32, Airport Taxilane;** Morrison-Maierle. **APPROVED 11-0**
- E. **Billings Police Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement.** **APPROVED 10-1, KENNEDY OPPOSED**
- F. **Purchase of one (1) 2026 Vactor for Public Works;** Joe Johnson Equipment. **APPROVED 11-0**
- G. **Purchase of two (2) 2026 Elgin Broom Bear Sweepers for Public Works;** Joe Johnson Equipment. **APPROVED 11-0**
- H. **Donation to Police Department from Rimrock Credit Union for Camp Blue.** **APPROVED 11-0**
- I. **Preliminary Plat** Clearwater Estates Subdivision, 3rd Filing. ***Quasi-Judicial APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**
- J. **Preliminary Plat Extension** for Fifty-Four West Subdivision. ***Quasi-Judicial APPROVED 11-0**
- K. **Bills for the Weeks of:**
 1. November 25, 2025 **APPROVED 11-0**
 2. December 1, 2025 **APPROVED 11-0**
 3. December 9, 2025 **APPROVED 11-0**

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. **PUBLIC HEARING AND AMENDMENT** with Lockwood Water and Sewer. Staff recommends approval. **APPROVED 9-1, NICHOLSON OPPOSED, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**
3. **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE.** Staff recommends Council nominate and elect a Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore. **NEESE ELECTED**
4. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO COMMUNITY BOARDS AND/OR COMMITTEES AND COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES.** Staff recommends City Council determine which Councilmembers will fill vacancies and serve on various community boards and/or committees and Council subcommittees.
 - **Babcock Theater Board** - LINDLEY
 - **Big Sky Economic Development Board** - PITMAN
 - **Beartooth Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)** - NICHOLSON
 - **Bright N Beautiful** - O'DONNELL
 - **Community Development Board** - KENNEDY
 - **Downtown Billings Partnership** - AGUIRRE
 - **Health Services - Local Governing Authority** - MAYOR NELSON AND DEPUTY MAYOR BOYETT
 - **Policy Coordinating Committee** - MAYOR NELSON
 - **Criminal Justic Coordinating Committee** - BOYETT
 - **Alternatives** - O'DONNELL

- **Legislative and Local Affairs** – SHAW, PITMAN, KENNEDY, O'DONNELL, AND LINDLEY
- **Budget and Finance** – NICHOLSON, NEESE, KENNEDY, ASPENLIEDER AND BOYETT
- **Council Operations** - MAYOR NELSON, DEPUTY MAYOR BOYETT, DEPUTY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE NEESE

- **SBBURD** - SHAW
- **EBURD** - NICHOLSON
- **Downtown Billings Urban Renewal District** - AGUIRRE

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COUNCIL INITIATIVES:

ADJOURN: 7:03 P.M.

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