

From: [Jodi Walter](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] iCE
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 10:30:43 PM

I wanted to take a few moments to share my support in ICE and supporting our law enforcement. We need to ensure we bring law and order back into this state and country! Breaking the law is a crime, and we need to keep individuals accountable of their actions.

This is what I voted for and the opposition with the louder voices shouldn't overshadow what the MAJORITY of the American voted for(or who attends a meeting)

Let's make our state safer! Again, a crime is a crime. By an illegal action, there needs to be consequences.

We need to say thanks to our Law Enforcement and ICE agents! As I appreciate them!!

Jodi Walter

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Verna Santistevan](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Televised City Council Meetings
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 5:17:27 PM



Hi:

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Thank you,
Pete & Verna Santistevan

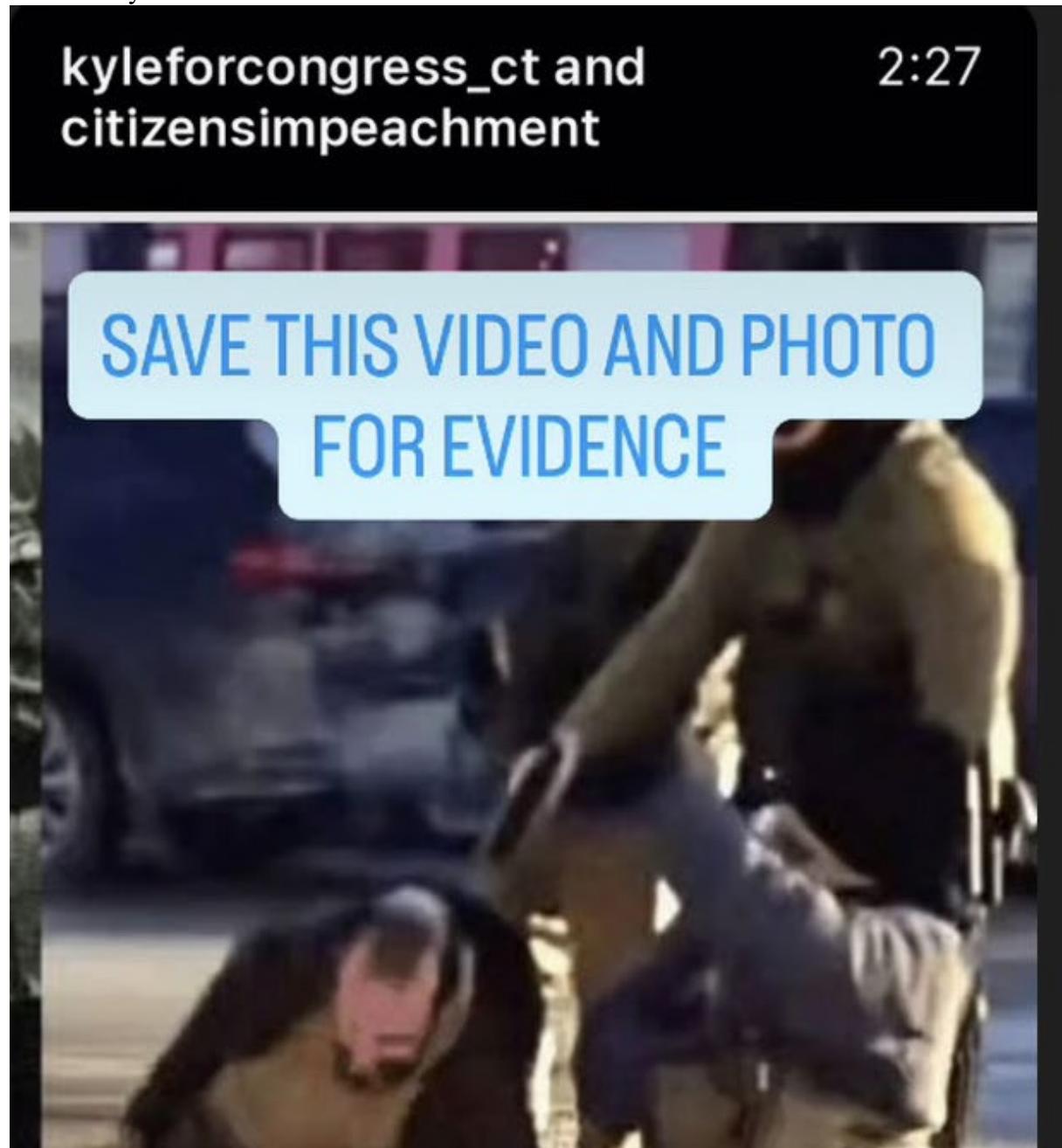
From: [Dennis Boyd](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Absolutely No to ICE in Billings
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 5:56:36 AM

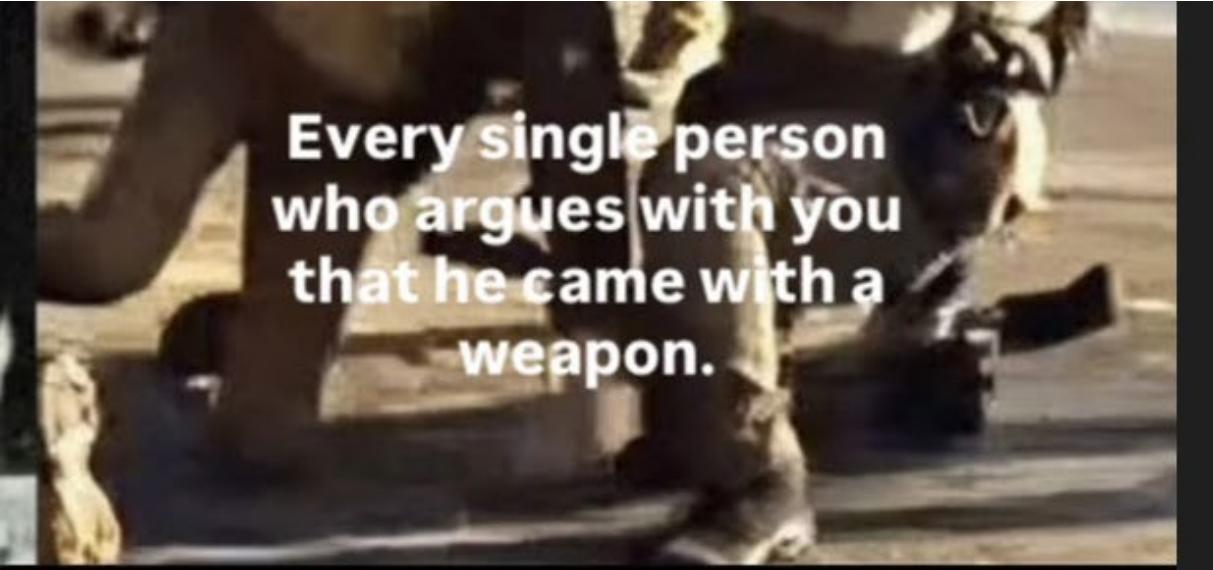


I'm writing to appose any decision to allow U.S. Border Patrol or ICE Thugs to patrol the streets of our communities. We as a nation have witnessed the abuse, cruelty and the blatant Murder of U.S. citizens by ICE Thugs. Billings does not need this!

Billings has greater issues to tackle.

Sincerely,
Dennis Boyd





**Every single person
who argues with you
that he came with a
weapon.**

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From: info@amendpark.org
To: Neese, Roy
Cc: Woltjer, Gavin; Zoeller, Andy; Kukulski, Chris; .MayorAndCouncil; lrm59102lrm@mac.com; Martin S. Smith (Real Billings); sulserm@billingsschools.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Item 1H - Amend Park Development Council (APDC) Budget
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 10:23:10 AM



Councilmember Neese,

Please see my comments after your questions below.

I and our General Manager, Terry Stapleton will be at the Council meeting this evening to answer any additional questions.

Michael Mayott
Executive Director
Amend Park Development Council.

From: Neese, Roy <neeser@billingsmt.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2026 5:42 PM
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Subject: Item 1H - Amend Park Development Council (APDC) Budget

Gavin,

How involved is someone from the parks department or parks board in advice and the creation of this budget?

The Parks and Recreation Department is not involved in the preparation of our budget. Our budget is presented to the Parks and Recreation Board in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding in place between the City and APDC. The assumption is if Parks and Recreation have a concern they voice it at the January meeting and a joint decision would be made to adjust the budget relative to the raised concern.

As I understand the City has a non-voting seat on the APDC. Can you please confirm and find out who from the city is serving in this role?

The City does not have a non-voting seat on APDC. APDC is a stand alone non-profit with IRC 501(C)(3) status.

The 2023 resolution states that there was \$1.56M spent on mowing, irrigation and trash removal from 1992 to 2023 or about \$50,000 per year. What is the current amount the city is spending on Amend Park per the agreement under section 8.1?

My copy of the 2023 MOU section 8.1 does not refer to your statement above. An early version of the MOU between the City and APDC did have this statement.

Under the terms of the MOU the City Parks and Recreation Department essentially provide all services to Amend Park they would perform at any other City owned park.

APDC pays the City Parks and Recreation Department for the costs of athletic field improvements in the area of fertilization, aerification and weed control. APDC pays the City Parks and Recreation Department to remove snow from the playing surfaces as requested by APDC. Per the MOU the cost for snow removal is \$48.38 per hour not to exceed \$150 per field.

In 2024 APDC and Parks and Recreation under past Director Michael Pigg, amended the MOU to provide for APDC to take responsibility of mowing the athletic fields. This decision provided both parties benefits. To APDC it provided the benefit of maintaining the athletic fields in multi-directional growth patterns enhancing the sustainability of the turf. To accomplish this APDC purchased a reel type industrial mower. Additionally this change enhances APDC's ability to change layout configurations necessary due to changes in field usage by multiple user groups to include soccer, rugby, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, touch football.

APDC has taken responsibility of repairing fields, mostly due to ground squirrel infestation and normal wear and tear. APDC has taken over elimination of ground squirrels through water and smoke devices. This approach along with the building of the recreation campus next to Amend Park has markedly decreased the ground squirrel population.

APDC top dressed with sand for leveling of low spots in 2025. Additionally APDC overseeded the west half of the park.

APDC has purchased the top dressing equipment to continue the maintenance of athletic fields and has budgeted the purchase of a 3 point hitch slit seeder which will allow overseeding of all of the athletic surfaces annually.

The abovementioned steps has decreased the costs of maintaining Amend Park to the City of Billings and freeing up its employees to provide services to other City owned parks.

Per the agreement between the City and APDC in section 14 the priority of excess revenue (after funding ADPC Administrative and Maintenance responsibilities) is to fund (14.3) the synthetic field replacement fund, (14.5 (there is no 14.4)) the city's cost of maintenance under section 8.1 and (14.6) any remaining funds "shall" be provided to the city for future operation and maintenance cost of Amend Park.

After reviewing the financial statements and cash flows reports I was unable to determine or (I may have missed it) where APDC is budgeting to fund the city under the agreement in section 14.3, 5 and 6.

I do see there is a \$140,000 Restricted Turf Field fund which I assume is the replacement fund, but I did not see the amount in the budget reports. Do we know how much is projected to be contributed to the Turf replacement fund?

Do we know the amount in the budget that is projected to come back to the Parks department for work performed in section 8.1?

Has the parks department provided them this amount to target?

Do we know the amount that is projected to be provided to the city per section 14.6?

APDC targets \$230,000 over a ten year period into its synthetic turf sinking fund. To date APDC has averaged \$25,000.

In reference to item 8.1 it is a bit confusing because section 9 states water service and electrical service related to irrigation of Amend Park are the responsibilities of the City.

APDC has paid directly or indirectly for the updating of shrub replacement. No new trees have been purchased or planted as all existing green space is required for athletic use.

There has been no excess funds to be provided to the City.

As you noticed in the 2025 annual report APDC spent in excess of funds it received.

APDC has not charged back to the City Parks and Recreation department for its work providing painting and mowing of

Since 2023 agreement what is the amount that APDC has provided to the city under section 14.3, 5 and 6?

Thank you.

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From: [Linda Lemire](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ICE/Department of Homeland Security
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 8:52:21 AM

Dear Mayor Nelson and City Council Members,

With recent violent actions by members of Border Patrol, ICE and denial of Homeland Security's actions in Minnesota, I feel angry, scared and so very concerned for my community: people of color, immigrants, workers, family, friends. How is the Billings Police Department prepared to act if ICE arrives in Billings? How can the actions of this organized and armed white supremacy faction known as ICE be addressed before it happens Billings?

Not In My Town needs to be taken to a new higher level. Please, please keep ICE out of Billings.

In all sincerity,

Linda Lemire

From: [Hannah Heser](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] YCC zoning request
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 4:10:56 PM



Billings City Council-

I am writing to ask for your consideration AGAINST the rezoning of the lots proposed by the Yellowstone Country Club (YCC) and surveyed by Performance Engineering from parks and open space to residential. The land in question is the last remaining open space under the lower rims in Billings city limits.

I attended the zoning meeting at the YCC on Wednesday January 21st and the majority of the sentiment from the YCC HOA was to leave the zoning as park and open space. The trails on this land connect the upper rims to the lower rims and is a corridor for wildlife and a loved trail by much of the neighborhood. Lots 4,5,6 would also block a very beautiful landmark point of the lower rims.

The #4 goal of the City Council is "To activate parks and public spaces, maximize useful life of parks, recreation, trail assets, and neighborhood plans. To increase trail network and recreation participation." Leaving this land zoned as Park and open space is congruent with this goal. It improves the city and the neighborhood.

West end growth is unstoppable. I understand this as I grew up on the west end, and now live in the YCC as a mom of three young boys. There is a 72 house subdivision being built just down the road on 54th and Rimrock. Many of these new neighborhoods put in the mandatory small "pocket park" and call it sufficient open

space. This steady growth of houses and subdivisions is why it is so important to preserve what little natural space we have. Lets make Billings a more desirable place to live, lets give kids a place to run in nature, and lets as a community have the foresight to give future generations this gift.

This is privately owned land and maybe the YCC will close off access. Or perhaps they will still sell this land, but for what it is currently zoned as. Maybe someday the city or the county will have the opportunity to permanently make this area a natural park.

I appreciate your consideration for a better future for Billings.

Hanah Heser
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From: [Friday, Wyeth](#)
To: [MayorAndCouncil](#)
Cc: [Hoeger, Tina](#)
Subject: FW: Request for map link
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 11:42:28 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Mayor and Council Members,

Please see the email and link below from CE Manager Tina Hoeger regarding the online map to track CE case activity. This was noted today at the CC Orientation and we were asked to send it out to share, so we wanted to get it to all of you for information.

This interactive map shows CE cases as well as Building and Planning permit status, so you can use it for several different lines of inquiry.

Thank you.



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Thank you.

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Cc: Kukulski, Chris <kukulskic@billingsmt.gov>; Iffland, Kevin <ifflandk@billingsmt.gov>
Subject: Request for map link

Wyeth,

At today's orientation, I was asked to share the link to active CE cases on the planning map. Here is the link with some instructions:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/69420073ef3d476dbc7be0716b92f1e2>

On the left side of the screen, click on "Active Code violation Query" and then hit the "apply" button at the bottom. This will load all active code violations. Each entry will list the case number, description of the case/case type, owner information, and infraction date.

Please share this with council members.

Thanks.



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From: [Aspenlieder, Scott](#)
To: [Kukulski, Chris](#); [MayorAndCouncil](#)
Subject: RE: FJC Impact & Budgets/expenditures
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 5:37:57 AM

Mayor and Council

I'll be requesting that this item be removed from tonight's regular business agenda and sent to a Work Session in the near future. For me, there are modifications to the contract I'd like to see made and I'm not a fan of trying to do that on the fly on a Monday night. I think this is best to send to a work session to allow for more free flowing discussion and allow for Council to determine the metrics we'd like to see included in the contract to assure we're achieving the desired results and can explain it to the taxpayers. The way the contract is written now I think sets everyone up for disappointment without having defined expectations and targeted outcome goals. I'm happy to continue to work through this with Staff as Jennifer and I tried the back half of last year but it didn't seem to land in the contract as presented. Happy to answer any questions but would respectfully request that we pull this without getting into debate and just move it to a Work Session to really hammer it out. Thanks!

From: Kukulski, Chris <kukulskic@billingsmt.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 3:59 PM
To: [.MayorAndCouncil](#) <Mayor&Council@billingsmt.gov>
Subject: FJC Impact & Budgets/expenditures

Enclosed is the Family Justice Center (FJC) 2025 Impact Report and their budgets/expenditures for the current and prior year. The city uses proceeds (\$200,000) from our "crime prevention" fund to support the FJC. The FJC is an excellent evidence-based model to help families deal with the impacts of family violence. The Northern Lights FJC is the first FJC in Montana and is only in its 2nd year. It is not perfect and will continue to have growing pains as it matures.

I was fortunate enough to attend last year's FJC conference alongside members of our police department and the Northern Lights to learn more about the impact mature FJCs are having throughout the US and internationally. They are saving lives and breaking cycles of family violence. Sadly, prosecutor Halverson has already prosecuted the sons of fathers he prosecuted for family violence earlier in his career.

The FJC team and our staff is happy to answer any questions for clarification.



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From: [Bohlman, Denise](#)
To: [Verna Santistevan](#); [Council](#)
Subject: RE: Televised City Council Meetings
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 5:25:54 PM

Community 7 TV is on Channel 7 or Spectrum 507

From: Verna Santistevan <vernitas01@gmail.com>
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