

AGENDA

*The City of Hardin
406 N. Cheyenne Avenue
Hardin, MT 59034*

May 5, 2026

AUDIO RECORDING BEGINS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor: _____

Alderspersons: Steven Hopes _____

George Toyne _____

Clayton Greer _____

Jeremy Krebs _____

Chris Sharpe _____

Antonio Espinoza _____

CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Meeting 04/21/2026

Law Enforcement 04/21/2026

Claims

PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda items only):

MAYOR:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Personnel Committee/City Policy:** Mayor
- **Sewer & Water:** Hopes
- **Streets & Alleys:** Hopes
- **Law Enforcement:** Toyne
- **Parks & Playgrounds:** Krebs
- **Finance/Landfill:** Greer
- **Resolutions and Ordinances:** Sharpe
- **Economic Development:** Toyne

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Annual Drinking Water Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Community Cat Coalition Update
- K-9 Doghouse

NEW BUSINESS:

- Health Insurance – Agent of Record
- Local Government Review Study Commission Decision
- Billings Pavement Services - \$5,832 – South Park Project
- Northcon Pay App #10 - \$462,011.22
- Cash Pledge Report

STAFF REPORTS

- **Public Works:**
- **Finance:**
- **Police:**
- **Legal:**
- **Economic Development:**

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution NO. 2432 – Establishing Wages for Hardin Police Interim Chief

Resolution NO. 2433 – Appointing a Resident to the Hardin Police Commission

Resolution NO. -2434 – Granting Certain City Official Authority to Sign for Bank Accounts

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Notice to Destroy Weeds – April 30th to November 30th

Masonic Spaghetti Dinner – Wednesday, May 20, 2026 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Saint Jon Lodge #92 (Masonic Hall)

City of Hardin Job Openings: Full-time positions: Police Chief, Part-time Court Clerk and Temporary Seasonal.

Meeting adjourned at _____ P.M.

Closed Session - Legal

AUDIO RECORDING ENDS

Additions to the Agenda can be voted on by Council to add to the Agenda for the next Council meeting.

Agenda items will need to be submitted by Wednesday noon before a Tuesday Council meeting.

**THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY of HARDIN, MONTANA**

COUNCIL MEETING: The Regular Council Meeting for April 21, 2026 was called to order at 6:34 p.m. with Mayor Riley Ramsey presiding by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Aldermen were present: Steven Hopes, George Toyne, Clayton Greer, Jeremy Krebs, Chris Sharpe, and Antonio Espinoza.

Also present: Finance Officer/City Clerk Andrew Lehr, Public Works Director Michael Hurff, Jr., Economic Development Director Tina Toyne, Deputy City Clerk Angela Zimmer, Attorney Jordan Knudsen and Police Chief Paul George, Jr.

Also present: Several Members of the Public

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS & CLAIMS: Hopes motioned to approve the Law Enforcement meeting of April 7, 2026 as written. Motion seconded by Sharpe. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved. Greer motioned to approve the Council Meeting of April 7, 2026. Motion seconded by Hopes. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Greer made a motion to approve the claims for April 21, 2026.

	CLAIM No.	Monthly Total
January, 2026	33556, 33671	\$ 2,325.00
March, 2026	33645-33656	35,109.56
April, 2026	33657-33660, 33663-33667, 33669-33670, 33673-33678	<u>56,704.24</u>
TOTAL Submitted		\$ 94,138.80

Hopes seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

MAYOR:

Mayor Ramsey reported Chief George, Jr. put the message out that the City has moved to the Central Dispatch. He extended appreciation to the City, County, City Attorney Knudsen and Big Horn County Attorney Jeanne Torske for the work they did with the agreement. Chief George reported the former dispatch will stay active for a while; if someone were to dial the previous dispatch number, (406) 665-7900, it will forward to Big Horn County Dispatch 911. It was noted the Text to 911 will still remain active.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Policy/City Policy:

Mayor Ramsey reported he is looking to make updates to the City Personnel Policy Manual.

Sewer & Water:

Hopes reported the butterfly valve is expected to come in soon for the Water Intake.

Streets & Alleys:

Hopes reported the City crew has been street sweeping and blading alleys.

Law Enforcement:

Toyne reported the City is currently looking for a new Chief of Police and working through animal control.

Parks & Playgrounds:

Krebs reported the cornhole boards are expected to be installed in South Park in the next few weeks; Big Sky Lawn Care is spraying for weeds in the parks and City employee Markus Takes The Horse is getting the parks ready for Mother's Day. Krebs noted he is working on setting a

grand opening date for the South Park Project. The YES Coalition and Big Horn County Library have expressed interest in being part of the Grand Opening.

Finance/Landfill:

Greer reported he and Hurff are working on the sewer system at the landfill.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Economic Development:

Toyne reported the City Economic Development Director, Tina Toyne, attended a call with SK Geotechnical to review completed work and attended a project update with Cushing Terrell (CTA) and Langlas & Associates regarding the Visitor Information Center. She attended a stakeholder's update for the 150th Commemoration of the Little Big Horn Battle; attended a debriefing for a with the state concerning the Cities CDBG application that was submitted; and she completed the Montana Main Street Quarterly Report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Ramsey reported the 911 Dispatch is back to Central Dispatch and a free Bike Rodeo for kids is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Big Horn Public Health Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Ramsey reported there was discussion at the last meeting about the Police Department K-9, Thundra ♡. The only option was to send her back to the trainer; she left today. He signed a transfer affidavit today for the transfer and the possibility of a credit of up to \$15,000; she will be evaluated and the credit will be determined. Mayor Ramsey made the recommendation to Council for the release of the K-9 asset. Greer motioned to approve. Hopes seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Ramsey reported there was discussion about the feral cats; there was a lot of information received. Toyne voiced to continue to investigate the options.

Mayor Ramsey reported a letter was received from Big Horn County Commissioners; requesting an amendment of Section 6 of the Interlocal Agreement Creating a 9-1-1 Advisory Board. Big Horn County Attorney Jeanne Torske reported as a commission and the County they are working on requirements for appointment. She noted Commissioner George Real Bird III mentioned the Hardin Volunteer Fire Fighters are on the dispatch board; the County wanted to approach the 911 board and add an addendum to the agreement, by adding a member to represent Rural fire areas. The Commissioners would like a voting member, ex-officio. The other item in the letter; it is the County's understanding that during negotiations they were going to put one member of the County, a County Commissioner, and one member of the City Council on there, the 911 Board. They would like to Clarify if there needs to be a residency requirement for members of the public. The member appointed by the County is intended to be a County Commissioner and the member appointed by the City is intended to be a member of Council. She added, it is not in the letter, but clarifying if there needs to be a residency requirement for members of the public that are appointed. There was discussion about fire district representation. Knudsen asked if there have been petitions to establish fire districts. Torske noted not formally; they have people that have approached them about it. Knudsen asked about waiting until they get a petition. He hesitates to add language for rural fire districts if the petitions do not pass; amend an agreement for districts that do not exist. There was further discussion about who could be appointed to represent the districts. Knudsen noted when he drafted the agreement, the appointment from the City could be anyone from the City, leave it open. Vandersloot noted his understanding was it would be one Council member and one Commissioner. Mayor Ramsey, he understood one Council member and a community member. Torske noted she wanted clarification on what the Council and Commission meant when they said member from the County appointed by the County, one member from the City appointed by the City. She understands the position of Knudsen leaving it open for more flexibility. There was further discussion. Knudsen read Section 6, page 2, of the Interlocal Agreement regarding appointments to the 9-1-1 Advisory Board: "one from the County appointed by the County, one from the City appointed by the City, one member of the public appointed by the County, and one member of the public appointed by the City. Knudsen noted the

appropriate would be to ask for submission of amendments for Council discussion and vote on the amended agreement at an upcoming meeting. Espinoza noted it doesn't have to be written in there; leave it. Knudsen noted, regarding fire districts, when they exist; that would be an appropriate time to make an amendment. The consensus is to move forward with creating the 9-1-1 Board. Torske noted the Commissioners will move forward with appointments.

Torske reported she has spoken with City Police Officers and County Deputies in the last two weeks. The two departments haven't been able to talk to each other. Police Chief Paul George, Jr. noted there is not a repeater in town for the County; to hear the City they have to reprogram their radios; add the City's repeater channel to their radios. It was clarified there is not a problem with dispatch; only Officers talking to Deputies.

Mayor Ramsey reported the City received a bid from Big Sky Lawn Care & Plowing LLC for the Weed Mowing Bids. Greer motioned to approve. Toyne seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Ramsey made the recommendation to appointment Shawn Riley, for a three-year term to the Police Commission. Hopes motioned to approve. Greer seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Ramsey recommended for Police Officer Edward Stafford to be appointed as Interim Chief for the City of Hardin Police Department. He clarified the department employees would contact Officer Stafford as the Chain of Command with the exception of Officer Laurie Welch; that would go to him, Mayor Ramsey. Knudsen provided further clarification. Officer Stafford noted he wants to help transition the Hardin Police Department through this time of change. Greer asked if there would be a wage valuation. Mayor Ramsey noted it will be discussed. Espinoza agreed with Greer; for his wage to go up. Greer motioned to name Officer Stafford as Interim Chief. Toyne seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved. Espinoza asked if Chief Paul George, Jr. will stay on as an advocate. Mayor Ramsey noted it will have to be discussed.

Lehr reported part of the Pilot Grant, the Sustainable Tourism Management Plan is the development of a website that was to be done in year two of the grant, there are funds left from year one to get a head start on the design. Big Horn Country Montana is the brand developed for the tourism in the County. DestinationiQ helped create the brand along with the Steering Committee. He reviewed the agreement for the design of the website to be created by DestinationiQ. Toyne motioned to approve. Espinoza seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Lehr reported The Friends of the Depot received a grant from the Department of Commerce; the state of Montana Destination of Montana Division in the amount of \$25,000. They have requested for the City to sponsor the grant for them; the City will pay the invoices and the City will be reimbursed by the grant. Hopes motioned to approve. Espinoza seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Lehr reported Friends of the Depot proposed with moving forward with the agreement with DestinationiQ in the amount of \$11,800 to promote Little Big Horn Days 2026; they will create a Meta Ad Account among other promotional items for LBHD 2026. Toyne motioned to approve. Espinoza seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Lehr reviewed the Index Savings Account for Cash Reserve. He reviewed an Analysis of Return on reserve funds. His proposal is to start an Index Savings Account with First Interstate Bank. Krebs motioned to approve. Hopes seconded. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Lehr reviewed a CD with Little Horn State Bank that is maturing in May. He reviewed the options and recommended to go forward with a twelve-month CD with Little Horn State Bank for 3.9 percent. Krebs motioned to approve. Toyne seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

Public Works:

Hurff reported on April 28, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. the company Leak Detectors will be coming to Hardin to demo some equipment. There will be a walk through at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on April 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Finance:

Lehr reviewed the Quarterly Investment Account at First Interstate Bank. There is a funding agency meeting this Thursday for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project; the discussion will include Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) and Rural Development (RD) Funding.

Police:

Police Chief Paul George, Jr. reported the new dispatch was not currently able to provide a report for statistics; calls for service. He submitted a purchase order into Central Square to provide the authority to Big Horn County to access the information. Officer Joshua Garcia graduated from the Montana Law Enforcement Academy (MCLA) today and Joshua Sederes will be leaving for the academy next week.

Legal:

Economic Development:

Tina Toyne noted she can be contacted for any information the Battlefield is putting out for what they are doing for the 150th Anniversary of the Little Big Horn Battle. She will provide a report at the next meeting of the conferences she is attending.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Ordinance NO. 2026-01: Second Reading - Amending City Code Reflecting Legislative Changes to Accessory Dwelling Units and Mobile Homes. Greer motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2026-01. Hopes seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tammy Devers reported that she asked to be put on the agenda; it was skipped over. Mayor Ramsey noted he put the proposal in the agenda for Council. She asked when they would be on the agenda. Mayor Ramsey responded that he didn't approve it; for it to be on the agenda this time. He wanted to talk with Council before giving money to one organization; they have to make decisions. Devers noted they didn't ask for money to be given to them, they ask for the City to be financially responsible, maybe that wasn't clear. There was further discussion about the Community Cat Coalition. Devers reviewed how it use to work; there was money budgeted by the City. The money the City would contribute would be paid to the Animal Care Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Ramsey reported the Notice to Destroy Weeds ordinance is from April 30th to November 30th; The Special Olympics Torch Run is scheduled for Sunday, May 10, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; Sump Pump Reminder is from April through September; and Request for Proposals for Employee Group Benefits Coverage are due Friday, April 24, 2026 by 3:00 p.m. Knudsen reported the Local Government Review Study Commission is done; filed with the City.

The City of Hardin has the following Job Openings: Full-time position – Police Chief

Greer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Hopes seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Riley Ramsey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew Lehr, Finance Officer/City Clerk

City of Hardin

Law Enforcement Committee Meeting

April 21, 2026

The Law Enforcement Committee meeting began at 5:32 p.m. In attendance were Committee members George Toyne, Chris Sharpe, Steven Hopes, and Clayton Greer (5:36p.m.). Council members Antonito Espinoza, Jeremy Krebs, and Mayor Riley Ramsey were also present. City Staff members present were Finance Officer/City Clerk Andrew Lehr, Public Works Director Michael Hurff, Deputy City Clerk Angela Zimmer, Attorney Jordan Knudsen, and Police Chief Paul George Jr., and several members of the public virtually by Zoom and in person.

Animal Control

Public Comment: During meeting

Mayor Ramsey addressed concerns; one of the immediate concerns is what has been spread based on conversations the Council has had that they didn't have a lot of information on; about options with animal control. ~~A problem is when there is a discussion and the City Officials get blasted.~~ He noted that it is challenging when trying to attend to City business; he received over seventeen thousand emails within a few hours; meaning there are people that were not able to communicate with him and Council members because of those emails. He noted the people that shared the information may not have shared when a news channel ran a story that council is discussing options and that gas is out. The City is not doing that. (Greer joined the meeting). Toyne noted that at the last meeting Council had asked Knudsen to look into what the legal options are.

Public Comment:

Francis, resident, corner of 6th and Choteau reported there is a big pack of feral cats outside of her home; two of the four homes on the side of her block feed them. She noted she has had to put a lot of work and money into her lawn because of the cats; she will email the pictures to the Mayor. Something needs to be done. She provided a suggestion to help trap them.

Brandon Little Elk, resident representing the Tschirgi Estate, recommended a remedy for the cat issue; adding rabies is on an uptick, a serious issue. He noted there are three different outfits in Billings that will take the strays.

Mayor Ramsey reported he had someone reach out to him about an hour ago. The gentleman and his wife provide a service of trapping cats; they work with vets in the area to quickly spay or neuter them. He then takes them to where it is agreed upon and releases them. The Mayor

noted he will contact him if there is interest. He reviewed their process. Hopes voiced it is something to look into a little bit more. Toyne noted he would like to see the City create a feral farm program that would provide them "barn cats" to people who want them.

Tammy Devers, resident, voiced she and Toyne were both contacted by someone, Riley, that has something to do with Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter. Her proposal - there are organizations that are willing to come here with vets and equipment. It would not only be just for feral cats; it would be open to the public for \$25 per cat to spay/neuter and it includes vaccinations. They would be released back where they are trapped (TNR – trap, neuter, return). It will not fix the whole problem, but it is an option for some of it.

Eshan King, resident, asked if anyone has talked to Joe Connelly about what he did as Animal Control; he is a resource.

Tom Edwards, resident, noted he does not want his tax dollars spent on someone else animals; he likes cats, but doesn't want to waste his money on someone else's cat. The problem comes down to pet owners that are not responsible.

Karla Roods, resident, reported she shared documentation for trap and release. The City needs a plan. Animal Control should be involved in helping work with the barn cat program. There was further discussion about the "vacuum effect". Laurie Tschetter, local business owner, noted when, Becky Convery was City Attorney, they worked diligently to come up with money to spay and neuter cats and dogs; in three years they knocked the population down. She added it does work.

Chris Schneider noted it is everybody's problem and we need to work together to get through this. There are three rescues in this room right now; we are here in the community if you need help, ask us; bring all of us together.

Toyne noted to vaccinate and release them is still a risk in the community. He reported the City is one of the few in the state that have document rabies in cat populations in our state from 2020-2024; the only County in the state that has documented rabies in a cat. Toyne reviewed health risks to humans that can be caused by a diseased cat population and risks to the citizens cat population.

Karla Roods addressed community decay; adding she will be making a complaint about it.

Francis reported her daughter was attacked by a stray cat a few months ago; her face is scarred from it.

Toyne asked Knudsen what are the Cities legal rights in euthanizing. Knudsen reported Cities are allowed to euthanize. He talked to the Attorney that handles the complaints for the Board of Veterinary Medicine. They generally regulate euthanasia; the discussion was on regulation of multiple methods. She said use of drugs is common, but other methods are acceptable.

Aggressive Dogs:

Mayor Ramsey asked Council about dogs at large. He asked about having the conversation to split up Animal Control a bit. Toyne asked about a vicious dog compared to aggressive. Knudsen noted aggressive and vicious are the same animal. The First offense vicious dog; the court has the option to order euthanasia, second offense by City Code is mandatory.

Heidi Barra, resident, reported her cat was attacked by dogs. Her son witnessed it; her cat died the next day. There was a police report filed. Her son is traumatized. She shared pictures of her cat after the attack and a picture of the dog in question. Knudsen noted he has seen the investigative file; he provided brief information about the file.

King asked if the Animal Control Officer is trained to deal with aggressive dogs. Mayor Ramsey noted he is trying to sort that out.

Corrina Kirschenmann-Kuntz thanked Council for stepping up and taking this up to par; it is coming together.

K-9 House Usage or Donation:

Mayor Ramsey reported the Police K-9 house will be picked up and asked Council what their direction is on the house. There is a place to store it at the City. Consensus is to not get rid of it. Carole Fox asked about the dog. Mayor Ramsey noted she, Thundra, is being transferred to the trainer today; there is risk with an apprehension and drug dog to be re-handled by another officer. He reviewed there will be an evaluation of her with the possibility of up to a \$15,000 credit to the City.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

George Toyne, Law Enforcement Chairman

ATTEST:

Andrew Lehr, Finance Officer/City Clerk

City of Hardin

Submitted for Approval

May 5, 2026

Month	CLAIM No.	Monthly Total
February, 2026	33746	\$ 15.00
April, 2026	33679, 33700-33711, 33714-33721, 33723-33745, 33748-33749	538,212.07
May, 2026	33680-33699, 33712, 33747	2,390.46
Claims Total (Expenditures)		\$ 540,617.53
April 2026		258,225.45
TOTAL Submitted		\$ 798,842.98

Claims or Expenditures over \$5,000

per Resolution #2189

Vendor	Purpose	Check #	Amount
MORRISON-MAIERLE	March engineering services -Lodge Grass	-99306	21,033.05
JORDAN W KNUDSEN	Legal Services	42652	8,500.00
NORTHCON, INC	Construction serviecs WW Project	-99304	462,011.22
<i>Approved Previously at February 3, 2026 Meeting</i>			
IMEG CONSULTANTS CORP	Wayfinding implementation plan	42651	7,730.00
<i>Approved Previously at February 3, 2026 Meeting</i>			
TRAVELSTORYSGPS, LLC	Audio tour	-99305	7,250.00

CITY OF HARDIN
Claims Report

For the Accounting Period: February, 2026

Vendor	Claim #	Check	Amount
PAYA SERVICES INC	33746	-99314	15.00

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Claims Report

For the Accounting Period: April, 2026

Vendor	Claim #	Check	Amount
TURN ONE	CL 33679	42670	1,750.00
BARBARA STEWART	CL 33700	42639	35.30
HEALTHEQUITY	CL 33701	-99310	124.00
CENTURYLINK	CL 33702	-99309	213.15
HAWKINS, INC	CL 33703	-99308	50.00
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	CL 33704	-99307	493.50
MICHAEL HURFF Jr	CL 33705	42658	86.72
STAHLY ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES INC	CL 33706	42667	833.75
MORRISON-MAIERLE	CL 33707	-99306	21,033.05
BUFFALO TIPI TRADING POST	CL 33708	42635	150.00
MONTANA SEPTIC	CL 33709	42660	3,750.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	CL 33710	42659	1,587.90
PINK HILL LLC	CL 33711	42664	400.00
BIG SKY LINEN & UNIFORM INC	CL 33714	-99313	187.20
KAMINSKY, SULLENBERGER & ASSOCIATES INC	CL 33715	42654	375.00
CITY WATER DEPT	CL 33716	42645	559.22
HARDIN DO IT BEST	CL 33717	42649	480.74
IBS, INC.	CL 33718	42650	143.48
KOIS BROTHERS EQUIPMENT CO.	CL 33719	42656	981.70
LYNN'S SUPERFOODS	CL 33720	42657	48.93
* CASH	CL 33721	42636	32.00
CHEYENNE ESPINOZA	CL 33723	42644	47.53
BRIAN OLD CROW JR	CL 33724	42640	159.60
CALEB HAWLEY	CL 33725	42641	44.50
SHAWNITA BIXBY	CL 33726	42666	9.33
CERTIFIED LABORATORIES	CL 33727	42643	431.95
CenturyLink	CL 33728	42642	1,207.15
JOE JOHNSON EQUIPMENT LLC	CL 33729	-99312	29.87
NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	CL 33730	42662	321.63
NORTHWEST SCIENTIFIC, INC.	CL 33731	42663	113.70
RDO EQUIPMENT	CL 33732	42665	155.35
BLACK MOUNTAIN SOFTWARE INC	CL 33733	-99316	100.00
JOSHUA GARCIA	CL 33734	42653	1,349.60
JORDAN W KNUDSEN	CL 33735	42652	8,500.00
KENNEY DESIGN WORX	CL 33736	42655	200.00
BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	CL 33737	42638	551.63
MT LTAP	CL 33738	42661	25.00
TORGERSON'S	CL 33739	42668	173.60
APG YELLOWSTONE NEWS GROUP	CL 33740	42637	535.47

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Vendor	Claim #	Check	Amount
TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO	CL 33741	-99311	4,974.23
HEALTHEQUITY	CL 33742	-99315	350.73
CUSHING TERRELL	CL 33743	42646	3,957.56
IMEG CONSULTANTS CORP	CL 33744	42651	7,730.00
TRAVELSTORYSGPS, LLC	CL 33745	-99305	7,250.00
NORTHCON, INC	CL 33748	-99304	462,011.22
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	CL 33749	-99303	4,666.78
			538,212.07

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For the Accounting Period: May, 2026

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JACK WEICHMAN	CL 33680	42615	100.00
BOB SCHOEN	CL 33681	42616	100.00
PAT BRECKENRIDGE	CL 33682	42617	100.00
TERRY BULLIS - MSSB	CL 33683	42618	100.00
DENNIS FOX	CL 33684	42619	100.00
HARRY KAUTZMAN	CL 33685	42620	100.00
ROB BRYSON	CL 33686	42621	100.00
KENTON G KEPP	CL 33687	42622	100.00
JAY LUNDBERG	CL 33688	42623	100.00
DANIEL J KLINGENSTEIN	CL 33689	42624	100.00
LARRY W VANDERSLOOT	CL 33690	42625	100.00
JIM WEDEL	CL 33691	42626	100.00
TIM A WAGNER	CL 33692	42627	100.00
TEDDY J BURROUGHS	CL 33693	42628	100.00
KATHERINE M JOHNSON	CL 33694	42629	50.00
SANDRA K BIERY	CL 33695	42630	50.00
JERRY WEMPLE	CL 33696	42631	100.00
MARK BETTS	CL 33697	42632	100.00
RON NEDENS	CL 33698	42633	100.00
KEVIN CANNON	CL 33699	42634	100.00
WISPWEST.NET	CL 33712	42672	230.24
VISIONARY BROADBAND	CL 33747	42671	260.22
			2,390.46

CITY OF HARDIN

Check Report

5/5/2026

Vendor	Claim #	Check	Amount
JACK WEICHMAN	CL 33680	42615	100.00
BOB SCHOEN	CL 33681	42616	100.00
PAT BRECKENRIDGE	CL 33682	42617	100.00
TERRY BULLIS - MSSB	CL 33683	42618	100.00
DENNIS FOX	CL 33684	42619	100.00
HARRY KAUTZMAN	CL 33685	42620	100.00
ROB BRYSON	CL 33686	42621	100.00
KENTON G KEPP	CL 33687	42622	100.00
JAY LUNDBERG	CL 33688	42623	100.00
DANIEL J KLINGENSTEIN	CL 33689	42624	100.00
LARRY W VANDERSLOOT	CL 33690	42625	100.00
JIM WEDEL	CL 33691	42626	100.00
TIM A WAGNER	CL 33692	42627	100.00
TEDDY J BURROUGHS	CL 33693	42628	100.00
KATHERINE M JOHNSON	CL 33694	42629	50.00
SANDRA K BIERY	CL 33695	42630	50.00
JERRY WEMPLE	CL 33696	42631	100.00
MARK BETTS	CL 33697	42632	100.00
RON NEDENS	CL 33698	42633	100.00
KEVIN CANNON	CL 33699	42634	100.00
BUFFALO TIPI TRADING POST	CL 33708	42635	150.00
* CASH	CL 33721	42636	32.00
APG YELLOWSTONE NEWS GROUP	CL 33740	42637	535.47
BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	CL 33737	42638	551.63
BARBARA STEWART	CL 33700	42639	35.30
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CenturyLink	CL 33728	42642	1,207.15
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CITY WATER DEPT	CL 33716	42645	559.22
CUSHING TERRELL	CL 33743	42646	3,957.56
HARDIN DO IT BEST	CL 33717	42649	480.74
IBS, INC.	CL 33718	42650	143.48
IMEG CONSULTANTS CORP	CL 33744	42651	7,730.00
JORDAN W KNUDSEN	CL 33735	42652	8,500.00
JOSHUA GARCIA	CL 33734	42653	1,349.60
KAMINSKY, SULLENBERGER & ASSOCIATES INC	CL 33715	42654	375.00
KENNEY DESIGN WORX	CL 33736	42655	200.00
KOIS BROTHERS EQUIPMENT CO.	CL 33719	42656	981.70
LYNN'S SUPERFOODS	CL 33720	42657	48.93
MICHAEL HURFF Jr	CL 33705	42658	86.72

CITY OF HARDIN

Check Report

5/5/2026

Vendor	Claim #	Check	Amount
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	CL 33710	42659	1,587.90
MONTANA SEPTIC	CL 33709	42660	3,750.00
MT LTAP	CL 33738	42661	25.00
NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	CL 33730	42662	321.63
NORTHWEST SCIENTIFIC, INC.	CL 33731	42663	113.70
PINK HILL LLC	CL 33711	42664	400.00
RDO EQUIPMENT	CL 33732	42665	155.35
SHAWNITA BIXBY	CL 33726	42666	9.33
STAHLY ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES INC	CL 33706	42667	833.75
TORGERSON'S	CL 33739	42668	173.60
TURN ONE	CL 33679	42670	1,750.00
VISIONARY BROADBAND	CL 33747	42671	260.22
WISPWEST.NET	CL 33712	42672	230.24
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	CL 33749	-99303	4,666.78
NORTHCON, INC	CL 33748	-99304	462,011.22
TRAVELSTORYSGPS, LLC	CL 33745	-99305	7,250.00
MORRISON-MAIERLE	CL 33707	-99306	21,033.05
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	CL 33704	-99307	493.50
HAWKINS, INC	CL 33703	-99308	50.00
CENTURYLINK	CL 33702	-99309	213.15
HEALTHEQUITY	CL 33701	-99310	124.00
TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO	CL 33741	-99311	4,974.23
JOE JOHNSON EQUIPMENT LLC	CL 33729	-99312	29.87
BIG SKY LINEN & UNIFORM INC	CL 33714	-99313	187.20
PAYA SERVICES INC	CL 33746	-99314	15.00
HEALTHEQUITY	CL 33742	-99315	350.73
BLACK MOUNTAIN SOFTWARE INC	CL 33733	-99316	100.00

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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report



City of Hardin MT0000235

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

For more information regarding this report please contact **Trevor Lutt at 406-598-2802.**

Public Participation Opportunities: If you would like to learn more about our water, you can attend the City Council meetings held on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30PM in Council Chambers.**

Sources of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their healthcare providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high-quality drinking water, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Source Water Information for City of Hardin
which is classified as a *Surface Water* system

The source water assessment report for your water system provides additional information on your source water's susceptibility to contamination. To access this report please go to:
<https://deq.mt.gov/water/Programs/dw-sourcewater>
On the webpage scroll down and look under the subtitle "Montana Source Water Protection Viewer" and click the blue box with the same name. This will open the Montana Source Water Protection Viewer in a new tab on your internet browser. Once in there, click the grey box called "Source Water Reports" at the top.

City of Hardin utilizes the listed water sources below:

Water Source Name	Water Source Type
INTAKE BIG HORN RIVER - SOUTH	Source Water Intake

Water Quality Test Results Definitions

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs is based on running an annual average of monthly samples.

Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that the addition of a disinfectant is necessary for the control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

N/A: Not applicable.

ND: Not detectable at testing limit.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) – Measure of the clarity or cloudiness of water. Turbidity more than 5 NTU is just noticeable to the typical person.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) – Measure of the radioactivity in water.

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): SMCLs are established as guidelines to assist public water systems in managing their drinking water for aesthetic considerations, such as taste, color, and odor. These contaminants are not considered to present a risk to human health at the SMCL.

Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

The State of Montana DEQ requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Therefore, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one-year-old.

Lead and Copper								
Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2025	1.3	1.3	0.026	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Regulated Contaminants

Contaminant Group: Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Year	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2025	0.70	0 - .8	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

The chlorine highest level detected reflects the highest running annual average calculated each month during the CCR year. The range is the min/max of the monthly average during the CCR year.

Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2025	22	11 - 21	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2025	38	17 - 44	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Contaminant Group: Inorganic Contaminants

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Year	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	2024	0.06	.06 - .06	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2025	0.50	.4 - .5	4	4	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2025	0.10	.1 - .1	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	2024	1	1 - 1	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.

Contaminant Group: Radioactive Contaminants

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Year	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & Uranium	2024	2.40	2.4 - 2.4	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Uranium	2024	3.90	3.9 - 3.9	0	30	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

Total Organic Carbon

The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set, unless a TOC violation is noted in the violations section.

Turbidity					
	Date	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Level Detected	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Highest single measurement (NTU)	2025	1.0 NTU	0.202 NTU	N	Soil runoff
Lowest monthly % meeting limit	2025	0.3 NTU	100%	N	Soil runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

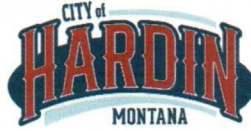
Unregulated Contaminants					
Unregulated Contaminant	Collection Year	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels	Units	Likely Source of Contamination
Lithium	2024	9		ppb	Medical, pharmaceutical

Our water system has sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants as part of the EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR). Unregulated contaminants are those that don't yet have a drinking water standard set by the EPA. The purpose of monitoring for these contaminants is to help EPA decide whether the contaminants should have a standard in the future.

As our customers, you have a right to know that these data are available. If you are interested in examining the results, please contact: Trevor Lutt

Results can also be found by visiting the EPA's UCMR 5 Data Finder website:
<https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/fifth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule-data-finder>

Violations			
Violation for Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)			
Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.			
Violation Type	Violation Period	Resolution Date	Violation Explanation
MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR	04/01/2025 to 06/30/2025	07-14-2025	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.
This violation was returned to compliance when an acceptable DBP sample was collected and the report was submitted to the State of Montana DEQ.			
Violation for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)			
Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.			
Violation Type	Violation Period	Resolution Date	Violation Explanation
MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR	04/01/2025 to 06/30/2025	07-14-2025	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.
This violation was returned to compliance when an acceptable DBP sample was collected and the report was submitted to the State of Montana DEQ.			



Riley Ramsey, Mayor

Andrew Lehr, Finance Officer/City Clerk | Michael Hurff Jr., Public Works Director

April 30, 2026

Re: "Employee Group Health Benefits"

Dear Mayor and Members of the Council,

Over the past several months, City staff have conducted a thorough and deliberate review process, including issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP), to evaluate options for Employee Group Health Benefits. Through this process, proposals were received from HUB International and Southwestern Montana Insurance Center, LLC. Both organizations submitted competitive proposals that include medical, dental, vision, life insurance, and additional ancillary services.

While both proposals present viable options, a key distinction between the vendors is responsiveness and the level of detail provided in their proposed benefit packages. HUB International has proposed fully insured plan options through JPT, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana, and PacificSource. In contrast, Southwestern Montana Insurance Center, LLC proposed a level-funded plan utilizing Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana.

Given the approaching open enrollment period and upcoming budget considerations, staff recommend moving forward with HUB International as the City's Employee Group Benefits broker. Should Council concur, staff will continue working with HUB International to further evaluate carriers and negotiate plan options in preparation for the upcoming enrollment cycle.

We look forward to Council's direction on how you wish to proceed.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Lehr".

Andrew Lehr
Finance Officer / City Clerk

05/01/2026

RE: City of Hardin
Broker of Record

This is to confirm that as of this date, we have appointed Dante Olson NPN#20069600 as our exclusive insurance broker with respect to our Health & Welfare Plans (see attached for a list of coverages and policy numbers). This appointment rescinds all previous appointments and authority contained herein shall remain in full force until canceled in writing.

HUB is hereby authorized to negotiate directly with any interested company with respect to changes in the insurance policies and in closing, changing, increasing, or canceling insurance carried under temporary binders or cover notes. We understand however, that HUB will not share responsibility for any deficiencies in the employee benefit plans to which this letter applies until they have had a reasonable opportunity to make a review and to provide us with their recommendations.

This letter also constitutes your authority to furnish the representative(s) of HUB with all information they may request as it pertains to our benefit plan such as, but not limited to, applications, contracts, premiums, rating schedules, and all other financial data they may wish to obtain for their study of our present insurance policies to which this letter applies. Please address all future policy notices and service issues to:

HUB International Mountain States Limited
License #3001602287
2703 Connery Way
Missoula, MT 59808
406-532-8764

Please note that the appointment on HUB entitles them to any commissions effective this date forward. Please direct commission checks to the following address:

HUB International Mountain States Limited
PO Box 2158
Riverside, CA 92516

Sincerely,

Drew Lehr
Finance Officer

Mayor Ramsey
Mayor

Following is a list of in-force policies:

Coverage Type	Carrier/Vendor	Policy/Group Number
Medical		
Dental		

Vision		
Life/AD&D/Vol Life/Vol AD&D		
Disability – LTD/STD		
EAP		
Stop Loss		
TPA for Self-Funded Plans		
Rx Carve-Out		
H.S.A Banking		
Voluntary / Worksite Benefits		
Section 125 FSA		
COBRA		
Accident		
EASE		

**MUNICIPAL STUDY COMMISSION
FINAL REPORT
AMENDING THE PLAN OF GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FOR SELF-GOVERNING POWERS**

**CITY OF HARDIN STUDY COMMISSION
FINAL REPORT**

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I. INTRODUCTION

To the Citizens of the City of Hardin:

The City of Hardin Study Commission elected by the voters on November 5, 2024, or thereafter appointed, presents this final report to you, the citizens of Hardin.

The purpose of the study commission, as defined in state law, is "to study the existing form and powers of local government and procedures for delivery of local government services and to compare them with other forms available under the laws of the state." After completing these two phases of the study it is the responsibility of the study commission to submit a final report recommending no change, propose an amendment to the existing form of government, or offer an alternative form of government to the qualified electors.

If some change is deemed necessary, the study commission may submit such proposed change to the electors. In every phase of this review this study commission sought advice and information from as many people in the city as possible. They solicited opinions and recommendations from local government officials, community organizations, and citizens. All study commission meetings were open to the public. Commission members appeared before various community organizations to explain the work of the commission and to hear the viewpoints, ideas, and concerns of those present. The study commission held public hearings and conducted a survey of citizen attitudes to determine community opinion.

Our recommendations reflect the thoughts and opinions of those who participated in public hearings, those who attended our regular meetings, and those who responded to the survey, in addition to the independent efforts of this study commission. In this final report we present our unanimous recommendation for an amendment to the present plan of government providing for a self-governing charter government. We propose no other change to the present plan of the City Government.

The question of adopting this amendment to the self-governing charter government will be placed on the ballot November 3, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

City of Hardin Commissioners

II. REPORT SUMMARY

Findings of the Study Commission:

After a thorough study of the city government including extensive interviews with the Mayor and Council members and discussions with numerous citizens before, during, and after a public hearing attended by citizens of the city, the City of Hardin Study Commission found that:

1. The current Commission-Executive form (council-mayor) which consists of:
 - a. Council/commission elected directly by the citizens by wards.
 - b. Executive (mayor) elected directly by the citizens.
 - c. Co-equal branches of government.

Is currently serving the City of Hardin, and presents a limited style of government.

2. Adopting Self Governing powers and adopting a self-government charter may allow the City to exercise any power not prohibited by the Montana constitution, law, or charter.

Recommendation:

In view of the above findings, the Study Commission recommends that the City of Hardin amend to provide for Self-Governing Charter Government form consisting of:

- a. Written document establishing executive, legislative, and administrative structure and organization of the local government superior to statutory provisions.
- b. Can look like any of the other forms or be a structure unique to the local government, but the Commission recommends retaining the current Commission-Executive form of government with a council members elected from wards, and an elected Mayor.
- c. Must adopt self-governing power with Charter form.

APPENDIX A:

Certificate Establishing the Existing Plan of Government for the City of Hardin

If retained by the voters, the government of the City of Hardin shall be organized under the following provisions of § 7-3-113, MCA, which authorizes the municipal Commission-Executive form of government:

§ 7-3-113. Statutory basis for municipal council-mayor government. (1) For the purpose of determining the statutory basis of existing units of local government, each unit of local government organized under the general statutes authorizing the municipal council-mayor form of government, which does not adopt a new form, shall be governed after May 2, 1977, by the following sections:

(a) 7-3-201; (b) 7-3-202(1); (c) 7-3-203; (d) 7-3-212(2); (e) 7-3-213(3); (f) 7-3-214(2); (g) 7-3-215(2); (h) 7-3-216(2); (i) 7-3-217(2); (j) 7-3-218(2); (k) 7-3-219(2); (l) 7-3-220(1); (m) 7-3-221(3); (n) 7-3-222(2); (o) 7-3-223(2).

(2) This form has terms of 2 years for all elected officials. The size of the commission shall be six (6).

Commission-Executive Government

§ 7-3-201. Commission-executive form. The commission-executive form (which may be called the council-executive, the council-mayor, or the commission-mayor form) consists of an elected commission (which may be referred to as the council) and one elected executive (who may be referred to as the mayor) who is elected at large.

§ 7-3-202. Nature of government. The plan of government submitted to the qualified electors shall determine the powers of the local government unit by authorizing: (1) general government powers;

§ 7-3-203. Duties of executive. The executive shall:

- (1) enforce laws, ordinances, and resolutions;
- (2) perform duties required by law, ordinance, or resolution;
- (3) administer affairs of the local government;
- (4) carry out policies established by the commission;
- (5) recommend measures to the commission;
- (6) report to the commission on the affairs and financial condition of the local government;

- (7) execute bonds, notes, contracts, and written obligations of the commission, subject to the approval of the commission;
- (8) report to the commission as the commission may require;
- (9) attend commission meetings and may take part in discussions;
- (10) execute the budget adopted by the commission; and
- (11) appoint, with the consent of the commission, all members of boards, except the executive may appoint without the consent of the commission temporary advisory committees established by the executive.

§§ 7-3-204 through 7-3-210 reserved.

§ 7-3-213. Supervision of personnel. The executive may:

- (3) appoint, with the consent of a majority of the commission, all department heads and remove department heads and may appoint and remove all other department employees;

§ 7-3-214. Veto power. The executive may:

- (2) veto ordinances and resolutions, subject to override by a two-thirds vote of the commission;

§ 7-3-215. Preparation of budget. The executive may:

- (2) prepare the budget in consultation with the commission and department heads.

§ 7-3-216. Administrative supervision and control. The executive may:

- (2) exercise control and supervision of all departments and boards to the degree authorized by ordinance of the commission.

§ 7-3-217. Financial officer. A financial officer (who may be called the treasurer):

- (2) shall be appointed by the executive with the consent of the council; NOTE: Position consolidated with Clerk as Clerk-Treasurer.

§ 7-3-218. Selection of commission members. The commission shall be:

- (2) elected by district in which candidates must reside and which are apportioned by population;

§ 7-3-219. Type of election. Local government elections shall be conducted on a:

- (2) nonpartisan basis.

§ 7-3-220. Presiding officer of commission. The commission must have a presiding officer who must be:

- (1) elected by the members of the commission from their own number for a term established by ordinance;

§ 7-3-221. Presiding officer of commission. The presiding officer of the commission:

(3) is the executive, who shall decide all tie votes of the commission but may not have another vote (the presiding officer of the commission shall preside if the executive is absent);

§ 7-3-222. Terms of commission members. Commission members shall be elected for:
(2) overlapping terms of office.

§ 7-3-223. Size of commission and community councils. The size of the commission, which shall be a number not less than three, shall be established when the form is adopted by the voters, and: (2) community councils to advise commissioners may be authorized by ordinance.

§ 7-3-224. Terms of elected officials. The term of office of elected officials may not exceed 4 years and shall be established when the form is adopted by the voters.

We, the Study Commissioners of the City of Hardin do hereby certify that this is the existing Plan of Government as established by Section § 7-3-113, MCA. In testimony whereof, we set our hands.

Done at City of Hardin City Hall this 23rd day of April, 2026.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSIONERS

Carlynn James
Randy J. Mercer

SEAL ATTEST:

Andrew Lehn
Clerk of City of Hardin

APPENDIX B:

Certificate Establishing the Proposed Plan of Government for the City of Hardin

Upon approval of the majority of voters, the government of the City of Hardin shall be organized under the following provisions of § 7-1-101. Self-government powers:

As provided by Article XI, section 6, of the Montana constitution, a local government unit with self government powers may exercise any power not prohibited by the constitution, law, or charter. These powers include but are not limited to the powers granted to general power governments.

§ 7-1-102. Authorization for self-government services and functions. A local government with self-government powers may provide any services or perform any functions not expressly prohibited by the Montana constitution, state law, or its charter. These services and functions include but are not limited to those services and functions which general power government units are authorized to provide or perform.

§ 7-1-103. General power government limitations not applicable. A local government unit with self-government powers which elects to provide a service or perform a function that may also be provided or performed by a general power government unit is not subject to any limitation in the provision of that service or performance of that function except such limitations as are contained in its charter or in state law specifically applicable to self-government units.

SELF-GOVERNMENT CHARTER

The Constitution of the State of Montana Article XI Local Government

Section 5. Self-government charters.

(1) The legislature shall provide procedures permitting a local government unit or combination of units to frame, adopt, amend, revise, or abandon a self-government charter with the approval of a majority of those voting on the question. The procedures shall not require approval of a charter by a legislative body.

(2) If the legislature does not provide such procedures by July 1, 1975, they may be established by election either:

- (a) Initiated by petition in the local government unit or combination of units; or
- (b) Called by the governing body of the local government unit or combination of units.

(3) Charter provisions establishing executive, legislative, and administrative structure and organization are superior to statutory provisions.

Montana Code Annotated
Title 7. Local Government
Chapter 1. General Provisions

Part 1. Nature of Self-governing Local Governments and Local Government Prohibitions

§ 7-1-111. Powers denied.

A local government unit with self-government powers is prohibited from exercising the following:

- (1) any power that applies to or affects any private or civil relationship, except as an incident to the exercise of an independent self-government power;
- (2) any power that applies to or affects the provisions of 7-33-4128 or Title 39, except that subject to those provisions, it may exercise any power of a public employer with regard to its employees;
- (3) any power that applies to or affects the public school system, except that a local unit may impose an assessment reasonably related to the cost of any service or special benefit provided by the unit and shall exercise any power that it is required by law to exercise regarding the public school system;
- (4) any power that prohibits the grant or denial of a certificate of compliance or a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Title 69, chapter 12;
- (5) any power that establishes a rate or price otherwise determined by a state agency;
- (6) any power that applies to or affects any determination of the department of environmental quality with regard to any mining plan, permit, or contract;
- (7) any power that applies to or affects any determination by the department of environmental quality with regard to a certificate of compliance;
- (8) any power that defines as an offense conduct made criminal by state statute, that defines an offense as a felony, or that fixes the penalty or sentence for a misdemeanor in excess of a fine of \$500, 6 months' imprisonment, or both, except as specifically authorized by statute;
- (9) any power that applies to or affects the right to keep or bear arms;
- (10) any power that applies to or affects a public employee's pension or retirement rights as established by state law, except that a local government may establish additional pension or retirement systems;
- (11) any power that applies to or affects the standards of professional or occupational competence established pursuant to Title 37 as prerequisites to the carrying on of a profession or occupation;
- (12) except as provided in 7-3-1105, 7-3-1222, 7-21-3214, or 7-31-4110, any power that applies to or affects Title 75, chapter 7, part 1, or Title 87;
- (13) (a) any power that applies to or affects landlords, as defined in 70-24-103 and 70-33-103, when that power is intended to license landlords or to regulate their activities with regard to tenants beyond what is provided in Title 70, chapters 24, 25, and 33; or
(b) any power to deviate from or add to the exclusive application of the provisions of:
 - (i) the Montana Residential Landlord and Tenant Act of 1977, Title 70, chapter 24;
 - (ii) residential tenants' security deposit law in Title 70, chapter 25; or
 - (iii) the Montana Residential Mobile Home Lot Rental Act, Title 70, chapter 33.
- (14) subject to 7-32-4304, any power to enact ordinances prohibiting or penalizing vagrancy;
- (15) subject to 80-10-110, any power to regulate the registration, packaging, labeling, sale,

storage, distribution, use, or application of commercial fertilizers or soil amendments, except that a local government may enter into a cooperative agreement with the department of agriculture concerning the use and application of commercial fertilizers or soil amendments. This subsection is not intended to prevent or restrict a local government from adopting or implementing zoning regulations or fire codes governing the physical location or siting of fertilizer manufacturing, storage, and sales facilities.

(16) subject to 80-5-136(10), any power to regulate the cultivation, harvesting, production, processing, sale, storage, transportation, distribution, possession, use, and planting of agricultural seeds or vegetable seeds as defined in 80-5-120. This subsection is not intended to prevent or restrict a local government from adopting or implementing zoning regulations or building codes governing the physical location or siting of agricultural or vegetable seed production, processing, storage, sales, marketing, transportation, or distribution facilities.

(17) any power that prohibits the operation of a mobile amateur radio station from a motor vehicle, including while the vehicle is in motion, that is operated by a person who holds an unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio station license and operator's license, "technician" or higher class, issued by the federal communications commission of the United States;

(18) subject to 76-2-240 and 76-2-340, any power that prevents the erection of an amateur radio antenna at heights and dimensions sufficient to accommodate amateur radio service communications by a person who holds an unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio station license and operator's license, "technician" or higher class, issued by the federal communications commission of the United States;

(19) any power to require a fee and a permit for the movement of a vehicle, combination of vehicles, load, object, or other thing of a size exceeding the maximum specified in 61-10-101 through 61-10-104 on a highway that is under the jurisdiction of an entity other than the local government unit;

(20) any power to enact an ordinance governing the private use of an unmanned aerial vehicle in relation to a wildfire;

(21) any power as prohibited in 7-1-121(2) affecting, applying to, or regulating the use, disposition, sale, prohibitions, fees, charges, or taxes on auxiliary containers, as defined in 7-1-121(4);

(22) any power that provides for fees, taxation, or penalties based on carbon or carbon use in accordance with 7-1-116;

(23) any power to require an employer, other than the local government unit itself, to provide an employee or class of employees with a wage or employment benefit that is not required by state or federal law;

(24) any power to enact an ordinance prohibited in 7-5-103 or a resolution prohibited in 7-5-121 and any power to bring a retributive action against a private business owner as prohibited in 7-5-103(2)(d)(iv) and 7-5-121(2)(c)(iv);

(25) any power to prohibit the sale of alternative nicotine products or vapor products as provided in 16-11-313(1);

(26) any power to control the amount of rent charged for private residential or commercial property. Private residential property does not include property in which the local government

unit has a property interest or in which the local government unit has an interest through a housing authority.

(27) any power to require additional licensing when the state is the original issuer of the license;

(28) any power to prohibit or impede the connection or reconnection of an electric, natural gas, propane, or other energy or utility service provided by a public utility, municipal utility, cooperative utility, or other energy or fuel provider;

(29) any power to prohibit the purchase or use of any fuel derived from petroleum, including but not limited to methane, propane, gasoline, and diesel fuel, or the installation or use of any vehicles, vessels, tools, or commercial and residential appliances that burn or transport petroleum fuels; or

(30) any power to require that buildings be constructed to have solar panels or wiring, batteries, or other equipment for solar panels or electric vehicles.

§ 7-1-112. Powers requiring delegation.

A local government with self-government powers is prohibited the exercise of the following powers unless the power is specifically delegated by law:

(1) the power to authorize a tax on income or the sale of goods or services, except that, subject to 15-10-420, this section may not be construed to limit the authority of a local government to levy any other tax or establish the rate of any other tax;

(2) the power to regulate private activity beyond its geographic limits;

(3) the power to impose a duty on another unit of local government, except that nothing in this limitation affects the right of a self-government unit to enter into and enforce an agreement on interlocal cooperation;

(4) the power to exercise any judicial function, except as an incident to the exercise of an independent self-government administrative power;

(5) the power to regulate any form of gambling, lotteries, or gift enterprises.

§ 7-1-114. Mandatory provisions.

(1) A local government with self-government powers is subject to the following provisions:

(a) all state laws providing for the incorporation or disincorporation of cities and towns, for the annexation, disannexation, or exclusion of territory from a city or town, for the creation, abandonment, or boundary alteration of counties, and for city-county consolidation;

(b) Title 7, chapter 3, part 1;

(c) all laws establishing legislative procedures or requirements for units of local government;

(d) all laws regulating the election of local officials;

(e) all laws that require or regulate planning or zoning;

(f) any law directing or requiring a local government or any officer or employee of a local government to carry out any function or provide any service;

(g) except as provided in subsection (3), any law regulating the budget, finance, or borrowing procedures and powers of local governments;

(h) Title 70, chapters 30 and 31.

(6) These provisions are a prohibition on the self-government unit acting other than as provided.

(7) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1)(g) and except as provided in subsection

(3)(b), self-governing local government units are not subject to the mill levy limits established by state law.

a. (b) The provisions of 15-10-420 apply to self-governing local government units.

We, the Study Commissioners of the City of Hardin do hereby certify that this is the Proposed Plan of Government approved by the study commissioners of the City of Hardin.

In testimony whereof, we set our hands. Done at City of Hardin City Hall this 23rd day of April, 2026.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSIONERS

Carlynn Jones
Randy Merrién

SEAL ATTEST:

Andrew Lehn

Clerk of City of Hardin

APPENDIX C:

Certificate Establishing the Date of the Special Election at Which the Amended Plan of Government Shall Be Presented to the Electors of the City of Hardin

The amended plan of government proposed by the Local Government Study Commission shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Hardin at a special election to be held with the general election on November 3, 2026. We, the Study Commissioners of the City of Hardin, do hereby certify that this is the date of the special election approved by the Study Commissioners of City of Hardin.

In testimony whereof, we set our hands. Done at City of Hardin City Hall this 23^d day of April, 2026.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSIONERS

Carolyn Dawes
Larry D. Mercier

SEAL ATTEST:

Andrew Lehr
Clerk of City of Hardin

APPENDIX D:

Certificate Establishing the Official Ballot for the November 3, 2026, Special Election

Instructions to voters: Place an "X" in the box which expresses your preference.

OFFICIAL BALLOT ON THE AMENDED PLAN OF the City of Hardin GOVERNMENT

Vote for One.

____ FOR adoption of a self-governing charter government in the form of a Commission-Executive with ward-based election of the City of Hardin City Council members and the at-large election of a Mayor, as proposed by the City of Hardin Study Commission.

____ FOR the existing form of government consisting of a general powers Commission-Executive with ward-based election of the City of Hardin City Council members and the at-large election of a Mayor.

We, the Study Commissioners of the City of Hardin do hereby certify that this is the official ballot approved by the Study Commissioners of the City of Hardin.

In testimony whereof, we set our hands. Done at City of Hardin City Hall this 23rd day of April, 2026.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSIONERS

Carlynn James
Randy J. Mercer

SEAL ATTEST:

Andrew Lehn

Clerk of City of Hardin



Billings Pavement Services

Public Works (City of Hardin)
Southwest Park, 16 N Miles Ave, Hardin, MT 59034
Hardin, MT 59034

(406) 679-0015
publicworks@hardinmt.com

ESTIMATE	#29
EXPIRATION DATE	May 31, 2026
DEPOSIT DUE	\$1,150.00

CONTACT US
1100 Noblewood Dr
Billings, MT 59101

(406) 998-9880
billingspavementservices@gmail.com

ESTIMATE

Services	amount
Crack Fill Prep Clean and remove surface dirt/rocks and prep cracks for filling	\$0.00
Asphalt - Crack Fill Premium Hot rubber fills the cracks to prevent moisture from getting underneath.	\$0.00
Seal Coat Spray a heavy coat of proprietary sealant for the overall protection and longevity of the asphalt.	\$0.00
Additional Transport Traveling and hauling equipment beyond normal region	\$0.00
Total Cost Sum of all services and material to be provided	\$5,832.00

Subtotal	\$5,832.00
Total	\$5,832.00
Deposit	\$1,150.00

Thank you for choosing us and the opportunity to serve you! We guarantee superior workmanship and your full satisfaction. If you're happy with the results, we'd greatly appreciate a quick review—it helps us grow. We're always ready for your next project—contact us anytime!

Contractor's Application for Payment

Owner:	City of Hardin	Owner's Project No.:	C301316
Engineer:	HDR Engineering, Inc.	Engineer's Project No.:	10332175
Contractor:	Northcon, Inc.	Contractor's Project No.:	HAY502
Project:	Hardin WWTP Upgrades		
Contract:	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades		

Application No.:	10	Application Date:	4/29/2026
Application Period:	From 4/1/2026	to	4/30/2026

1. Original Contract Price	\$	13,385,736.00
2. Net change by Change Orders	\$	524,800.00
3. Current Contract Price (Line 1 + Line 2)	\$	13,910,536.00
4. Total Work completed and materials stored to date (Sum of Column G Lump Sum Total and Column J Unit Price Total)	\$	5,336,098.60
5. Retainage/MT Gross Receipts		
a. 5% X \$ 5,336,098.60 Work Completed =	\$	266,804.93
b. X \$ - Stored Materials =	\$	-
c. Total Retainage (Line 5.a + Line 5.b)	\$	266,804.93
6. Amount eligible to date (Line 4 - Line 5.c)	\$	5,069,293.67
7. Less previous payments (Line 6 from prior application)	\$	4,602,615.67
8. Amount due this application	\$	466,678.00
9. Less MT Gross Receipts Tax (1%)	\$	4,666.78
10. Current Payment Due	\$	462,011.22
11. Balance to finish, including retainage (Line 3 - Line 4 + Line 5.c)	\$	8,841,242.33

Contractor's Certification

The undersigned Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge, the following:

- (1) All previous progress payments received from Owner on account of Work done under the Contract have been applied on account to discharge Contractor's legitimate obligations incurred in connection with the Work covered by prior Applications for Payment;
- (2) Title to all Work, materials and equipment incorporated in said Work, or otherwise listed in or covered by this Application for Payment, will pass to Owner at time of payment free and clear of all liens, security interests, and encumbrances (except such as are covered by a bond acceptable to Owner indemnifying Owner against any such liens, security interest, or encumbrances); and
- (3) All the Work covered by this Application for Payment is in accordance with the Contract Documents and is not defective.

Contractor:	Northcon, Inc.
Signature:	
Date:	4/26/2026

Recommended by Engineer

By:	
Title:	Chief Operating Officer
Date:	4/29/2026

Approved by Owner

By:	
Title:	
Date:	

Approved by Funding Agency

By:	
Title:	
Date:	

By:	
Title:	
Date:	

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			(D + E) From Previous Application (\$)	This Period (\$)				
Original Contract								
1	Mobilization	345,968.00	290,451.00	20,000.00		310,451.00	90%	35,517.00
2	Mobilization Subs	153,630.00	106,072.60	-		106,072.60	69%	47,557.40
3	General Conditions	470,488.00	454,744.00	10,000.00		464,744.00	99%	5,744.00
4	Divisions 1 (16 Months)	1,813,900.00	1,072,448.00	123,000.00		1,195,448.00	66%	618,452.00
5	Demobilization	138,387.00				-	0%	138,387.00
	HEADWORKS					-		-
6	Excavation	170,000.00	148,000.00	7,500.00		155,500.00	91%	14,500.00
7	Building Work Concrete	299,288.00	217,750.00	57,000.00		274,750.00	92%	24,538.00
	HEADWORKS MECHANICAL							
8	Labor	22,317.00				-	0%	22,317.00
9	Material	13,911.00				-	0%	13,911.00
10	Equipment	144,920.00				-	0%	144,920.00
11	Duct Wrap	8,180.00				-	0%	8,180.00
12	Crane	3,500.00				-	0%	3,500.00
13	Test & Balance	3,485.00				-	0%	3,485.00
14	Permit	2,215.00				-	0%	2,215.00
15	Project Management	50,550.00	5,000.00			5,000.00	10%	45,550.00
	HEADWORKS ELECTRICAL							
16	Light Fixtures	18,000.00				-	0%	18,000.00
17	Switchgear	75,000.00				-	0%	75,000.00
18	Controls	110,000.00				-	0%	110,000.00
19	Material	72,500.00	11,322.00	3,250.00		14,572.00	20%	57,928.00
20	Labor	115,000.00	15,905.00	14,400.00		30,305.00	26%	84,695.00
	HEADWORKS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION					-		
21	Precast Wall Panels	235,000.00	34,000.00	-		34,000.00	14%	201,000.00
22	Labor	120,000.00				-	0%	120,000.00
23	Cabinets	33,000.00	5,701.00	-		5,701.00	17%	27,299.00
24	Roofing	97,500.00				-	0%	97,500.00
25	Doors	25,000.00				-	0%	25,000.00
26	Metal Works/Decking/Fiberglass	130,000.00		-		-	0%	130,000.00
27	Fire Stop and Sealants	12,000.00				-	0%	12,000.00
28	Mechanical Hardware	975,000.00				-	0%	975,000.00
29	Labor	93,000.00	9,000.00	-		9,000.00	10%	84,000.00
30	Plumbing	65,000.00				-	0%	65,000.00

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			(D + E) From Previous Application (\$)	This Period (\$)				
	ADMIN/UV							
31	Excavation	45,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00		25,000.00	56%	20,000.00
32	Concrete Work	250,000.00	50,000.00	14,000.00		64,000.00	26%	186,000.00
	ADMIN/UV MECHANICAL							
33	Labor	23,530.00				-	0%	23,530.00
34	Material	12,000.00				-	0%	12,000.00
35	Equipment	28,237.00				-	0%	28,237.00
36	Duct Wrap	2,400.00				-	0%	2,400.00
37	Test & Balance	3,485.00				-	0%	3,485.00
38	Project Management	50,550.00	5,000.00			5,000.00	10%	45,550.00
	ADMIN/UV ELECTRICAL							
39	Light Fixtures	9,200.00				-	0%	9,200.00
40	Switchgear	145,000.00				-	0%	145,000.00
41	Controls	165,000.00				-	0%	165,000.00
42	Materials	48,000.00	15,300.00	-		15,300.00	32%	32,700.00
43	Labor	81,000.00	26,198.00	-		26,198.00	32%	54,802.00
	ADMIN/UV BUILDING CONSTRUCTION							
44	Precast Wall Panels	95,000.00	10,000.00	-		10,000.00	11%	85,000.00
45	Labor	60,000.00				-	0%	60,000.00
46	Roofing	43,500.00				-	0%	43,500.00
47	Cabinets	12,000.00				-	0%	12,000.00
48	Doors	12,600.00				-	0%	12,600.00
49	Metal Works/Decking/Fiberglass	50,100.00				-	0%	50,100.00
50	Fire Stop and Sealants	5,000.00				-	0%	5,000.00
51	Mechanical	360,000.00	36,000.00	-		36,000.00	10%	324,000.00
52	Plumbing	7,000.00				-	0%	7,000.00
53	Material	8,000.00				-	0%	8,000.00
54	Labor	5,000.00				-	0%	5,000.00
	ADMIN/UV BUILDING ELECTRICAL							
55	Light Fixtures	32,150.00				-	0%	32,150.00
56	Switchgear	134,000.00				-	0%	134,000.00
57	Controls	220,000.00				-	0%	220,000.00
58	Generator	246,150.00				-	0%	246,150.00
59	Material	100,000.00				-	0%	100,000.00
60	Labor	225,000.00	16,340.00	-		16,340.00	7%	208,660.00

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 Engineer: HDR Engineering, Inc.
 Contractor: Northcon, Inc.
 Project: Hardin WWTP Upgrades
 Contract: Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Owner's Project No.: C301316
 Engineer's Project No.: 10332175
 Contractor's Project No.: HAY502

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			(D + E) From Previous Application (\$)	This Period (\$)				
61	Labor to Move Blowers	5,000.00	4,200.00			4,200.00	84%	800.00
	CLARIFIER COMPLEX					-		-
62	Material	15,000.00	10,000.00	2,000.00		12,000.00	80%	3,000.00
63	Labor	50,000.00	30,000.00	5,000.00		35,000.00	70%	15,000.00
64	Excavation	203,000.00	161,200.00	10,000.00		171,200.00	84%	31,800.00
65	Concrete Work	675,000.00	665,000.00	10,000.00		675,000.00	100%	-
	CLARIFIER COMPLEX ELECTRICAL							
66	Material	30,000.00				-	0%	30,000.00
67	Labor	25,000.00	2,865.00	-		2,865.00	11%	22,135.00
	CLARIFIER 1 NEW CLARIFIER							
68	Labor	75,000.00	11,500.00	-		11,500.00	15%	63,500.00
69	Material	495,000.00	270,500.00	-		270,500.00	55%	224,500.00
	CLARIFIERS 2 AND 3							
70	Labor	55,000.00				-	0%	55,000.00
71	Material	310,000.00				-	0%	310,000.00
72	Coatings	100,000.00				-	0%	100,000.00
	RAS VAULT & LIFT STATION							
73	Material	270,700.00				-	0%	270,700.00
74	Concrete Work	112,000.00				-	0%	112,000.00
75	Excavation	25,000.00				-	0%	25,000.00
76	Labor/Demo	12,000.00				-	0%	12,000.00
	RAS VAULT & LIFT STATION ELECTRICAL							
77	Electrical	2,500.00				-	0%	2,500.00
78	Labor	8,500.00				-	0%	8,500.00
	DIGESTER							
79	Material	405,000.00				-	0%	405,000.00
80	Coatings	20,000.00				-	0%	20,000.00
81	Labor	55,000.00				-	0%	55,000.00
	DIGESTER ELECTRICAL							
82	Material	2,500.00				-	0%	2,500.00
83	Labor	8,500.00				-	0%	8,500.00
	OXIDATION DITCH							
84	Demo	92,645.00				-	0%	92,645.00
85	Concrete Work	75,000.00				-	0%	75,000.00
86	Material	205,000.00				-	0%	205,000.00

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			(D + E) From Previous Application (\$)	This Period (\$)				
87	Metal Fab and Install	75,000.00				-	0%	75,000.00
88	Labor	33,000.00				-	0%	33,000.00
89	Coatings	75,000.00				-	0%	75,000.00
	OXIDATION DITCH ELECTRICAL							
90	Material	2,500.00				-	0%	2,500.00
91	Labor	8,500.00				-	0%	8,500.00
	SITEWORK/PIPE WORK							
92	Site Material	750,000.00	392,500.00	122,000.00		514,500.00	69%	235,500.00
93	Labor/Equipment	390,000.00	123,000.00	35,000.00		158,000.00	41%	232,000.00
94	Concrete Work	150,000.00		20,000.00		20,000.00	13%	130,000.00
95	Bypass Pumping	300,000.00	243,000.00	5,000.00		248,000.00	83%	52,000.00
96	Shoring	250,000.00	244,992.00	2,000.00		246,992.00	99%	3,008.00
	SITEWORK/PIPE WORK ELECTRICAL							
97	Material	54,750.00	53,645.00	4,665.00		58,310.00	107%	(3,560.00)
98	Labor	122,000.00	19,225.00	16,425.00		35,650.00	29%	86,350.00
Original Contract Totals		\$ 13,838,736.00	\$ 4,775,858.60	\$ 491,240.00	\$ -	\$ 5,267,098.60	38%	\$ 8,571,637.40

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Change Orders								
1	Change Order 1 for \$453,000 Included In Original Contract Values per Approved SOV					-		-
2	Pipe seperation and clarifier clean up	71,800.00	69,000.00	-		69,000.00	96%	2,800.00
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Change Order Totals		\$ 71,800.00	\$ 69,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,000.00	96%	\$ 2,800.00
Original Contract and Change Orders								
Project Totals		\$ 13,910,536.00	\$ 4,844,858.60	\$ 491,240.00	\$ -	\$ 5,336,098.60	38%	\$ 8,574,437.40

RESOLUTION NO. 2432

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA ESTABLISHING WAGES
FOR THE HARDIN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE**

WHEREAS, the City Council (hereinafter "Council") of the City of Hardin, Montana (hereinafter "City") has previously appointed Edward Stafford as the Interim Chief of Police for the Hardin Police Department

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that Stafford's duties will increase significantly with the appointment, and the Council desires to increase Stafford's hourly wages while he is serving as the Interim Chief of Police.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA:

That the wages for Edward Stafford, serving as Interim Chief of Police shall be:

\$36.05 / per hour, with an effective date of April 22, 2026

Once a permanent Chief of Police is hired, Stafford shall return to his role as a patrol officer for the Hardin Police Department, and shall return to his previous wage of \$33.00 set by resolution.

The Council further resolves that employees of the City shall have the authority to make any actions necessary to effectively execute this resolution, pursuant to the Personnel Policies Manual, for the resolution to have full intended effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hardin, Montana, and
APPROVED this 5th day of May, 2026.

YEA VOTES _____

NAY VOTES _____

CITY OF HARDIN

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2433

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, APPOINTING A RESIDENT TO THE
HARDIN POLICE COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City Council (hereinafter "Council") of the City of Hardin, Montana (hereinafter "City") is required to appoint three residents of the City to serve on the Hardin Police Commission, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 7-32-4151 (2025);

WHEREAS, the term of one member of the Hardin Police Commission, previously appointed, has expired;

WHEREAS, the members of the Police Commission must be appointed in May of each year, and must serve three-year terms, with only one member being appointed annually after the initial appointment, per § 7-32-4152.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA:

The Council re-appoints the following resident to the Hardin Police Commission with the following term:

- | | |
|----------------|-------------|
| 1. Shawn Riley | 3-year term |
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The City shall continue to compensate each Commissioner \$50 per month while that Commissioner serves on the Hardin Police Commission.

The Council further resolves that the Commission and the employees of the City shall have the authority to make any actions necessary to effectively execute this resolution, for the resolution to have full effect, and in accordance with state and local laws.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hardin, Montana, and APPROVED this _____ day of May, 2026.

YEA VOTES _____	NAY VOTES _____
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CITY OF HARDIN

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2434

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, GRANTING A CERTAIN CITY OFFICIAL
AUTHORITY TO SIGN FOR BANK ACCOUNTS AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT
HELD BY THE CITY OF HARDIN AND REMOVING OTHER**

WHEREAS, the City Council (hereinafter "Council") of the City of Hardin, Montana (hereinafter "City") desires grant authority to a certain city official the authority to sign bank documents on behalf of the City;

WHEREAS, Cheyenne Espinoza was hired to the position of Utility Billing Clerk of the City of Hardin;

WHEREAS, Kristi Wedel is no longer the Utility Billing Clerk of the City of Hardin but is still on record as having authority to sign on bank accounts or certificates of deposit held by the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA:

1. Kristi Wedel, is no longer the Utility Billing Clerk of the City of Hardin and shall no longer possess any authority to sign on any bank accounts and certificates of deposit for the City.
2. Cheyenne Espinoza has been hired as Utility Billing Clerk of the City of Hardin and has authority to sign on all bank accounts and certificates of deposit for the City.

The Council further resolves that employees of the City shall have the authority to make any actions necessary to effectively execute this resolution, for the resolution to have full effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hardin, Montana, and APPROVED this _____ day of May, 2026.

YEA VOTES _____

NEA VOTES _____

CITY OF HARDIN

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Angela Zimmer, Deputy City Clerk

From: k roods <k.roods07@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 11:00 AM
To: Riley Ramsey; Angela Zimmer, Deputy City Clerk
Subject: Masonic Spaghetti Dinner

Good morning!

Would you please add the Masonic Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to the May 5th council agenda under the announcements. Details below.

Masonic Spaghetti Dinner
May 20,2026 (Wednesday)
4:30 PM- 7PM
Saints John Lodge #92 (Masonic Hall)
425 North Crow, Hardin MT

Thank you !!

Karla Roods

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