Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

October 23, 2026

Letter of Interest for Ward 2 City Council Appointment

I am writing to express my interest in being appointed to the vacant Ward 2 City Council seat. I understand that this appointment would end December 2027, at which time the seat would be filled by being placed on the November 2027 ballot.

Hardin is more than the place I live. It is my home, my community, and a place I care deeply about. Over the years, I have participated in community projects, serving on various boards and held the ward 3 Council seat for 5 years, working alongside residents who also want to see Hardin thrive. Those experiences have strengthened my belief that local government works best when elected officials are accessible, prepared, and genuinely committed to serving the people they represent.

Last year, I chose to run for the Ward 3 seat because I wanted to be part of the conversations and decisions shaping our community's future. Through that experience, I had the opportunity to speak with many residents, listen to their concerns, and learn what matters most to them; turns out our concerns align. Those conversations only deepened my commitment to public service and my desire to help make a positive difference.

I believe I can bring a thoughtful, practical, valuable and collaborative approach to the Council discussions. I understand the importance of listening before acting, asking questions, and making informed decisions that are in the best interests of both Ward 3 citizens and the city as a whole. As a woman who has lived, worked, raised a family in this community, I am prepared to serve immediately and to dedicate the time and effort necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the position while working respectfully and collaboratively with fellow members.

I currently serve on the City-County Planning Board, County Planning Board/Chairman and the Big Horn Dispatch Board/Community Member (no meetings as of yet). I have worked for the City of Hardin in the City Parks; the Street Crew (during the period where we laid sewer and water lines, replaced streets and laid in asphalt, repaired streets), Sewer Treatment Plant Operator, Finance Officer and Served 5 years as a City Councilwoman. Thereafter, I worked in new construction pipeline. I worked across Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, California, Utah and Nevada where I worked with large gas companies (ONEOK, Kern River, Targa, WBI, CENEX) as a 3rd party inspector (Certified Welding Inspection/ Certified Coating /Corrosion Inspection or Occupational Safety. 3rd party inspection provides independent unbiased verification that processes meet required quality, safety and regulatory standards.

It would be an honor to represent my community and continue working to advance Hardin into community we are all proud to call home. Here's a more personal version that speaks from the heart while still sounding professional and respectful:

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Karla Roods

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Ward 2 Resident
Hardin, Montana

Mayor Riley Ramsey,

I am subitting my name for the position of City Council, Ward two.

My name is Randy Mercier, I have lived in Hardin since 1990. Hardin is my home and I would like to beable to help make it a better town.

I see growth happening in Hardin, and I would like to be a part of it.

I am retired. I worked 17 years for Hardin School district. And also worked building the power plant, worked on the Hardin prison.

I am involved in the City goverment study group.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Randy Mercier

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October 29, 2026

Subject: Letter of Intent – City Council Member, Ward 2

Dear City Officials and Residents of Hardin,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as City Council Member for Ward 2 in Hardin, Montana.

As a member of this community, I care about the future of Hardin and the people who call it home. My wife, Olivia Kunz, was raised here, giving our family a strong personal connection to the community. I also worked at the Hardin power plant for 11 years, which gave me valuable work experience and strengthened my ties to the people and community of Hardin.

My goal in serving on the City Council would be to listen to residents, address community concerns, and support meaningful improvements throughout our city. I would like to see continued attention to street and infrastructure repairs, clean and safe neighborhoods, improved city services, responsible budgeting, and local business growth. I believe progress comes from working together and putting the needs of our community first.

I would be honored to represent Ward 2 and work alongside fellow council members and residents to help move Hardin in a positive direction. I intend to serve with honesty, responsibility, and a genuine commitment to making our city a better place for everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Garrett Lamach
Interested Candidate for City Council Member, Ward 2
Hardin, Montana