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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING #1697**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026 @ 7:00 PM**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Prayer by Elam Byler
- Roll Call
- Welcome/Announcements
- Approve minutes for Council Meeting # 1696 dated March 2, 2026.

**REPORTS:**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

- City Administrator

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

- Building
- Cemetery/Parks
- Fire
- Lights/Streets/Sidewalks
- Ordinance
- Water/Sewer

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** This is an opportunity for the public to offer comments related to issues that are not currently on the agenda that the council has jurisdiction over. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The mayor will introduce each new agenda item with a description of the item and an explanation for the recommended action to be taken. Following council discussion on each item, there will be an opportunity for public comment. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes concerning the agenda item being discussed only.

1. Promotion of Officer Donald Luthey to rank of Sergeant.
2. Eagle Scout - Certificate of Acknowledgment.
3. Approve Workforce Expo 2026 request for Lincoln Blvd. closure (both sides) on April 21st until 2:30pm April 22nd. (Heather Neumann)
4. Approve submission for congressional directed spending funds to replace patrol cars, radios, and upgrade camera system.
5. Approve all claims received to date.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Each item will be introduced by the mayor (or assigned liaison) with a description of the item. Following council discussion on each item, there will be an opportunity for public comment. No action will be taken. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes concerning each item.

**GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:** Public comment will not be taken during this portion of the meeting

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The manner of Addressing Council:

- Each person, not a Council member, shall address the Council at the time designated in the agenda or as directed by the Council, by stepping to the podium or microphone, giving that person's name and address in an audible tone of voice for the record, unless further time is granted by the Council, shall limit the address to the Council to three minutes.
- All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member of the Council or Staff with no personal remarks allowed.
- No person, other than the Council and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter any discussion either directly or through a member of the Council, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.
- Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks or who shall become boisterous or disruptive during the council meeting shall be forthwith barred from further presentation to the council by the presiding officer unless permission to continue is granted by a majority vote of the council.

**ATTENTION:**

To access this meeting electronically with **ZOOM**,

Dial: 253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 4042719951

Password: 151041

Posted: 3/12/26

Rural NW Montana Workforce Expo 2026 Planning Committee

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February 27, 2026

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**RE: Request to block Lincoln Blvd for Workforce EXPO**

Dear Mayor Taylor and Council Members,

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, Libby will be hosting the Rural NW Montana Workforce Expo, supported by the Libby Job Service, the LOR Foundation, and the Thompson Falls Job Service. The Workforce Expo will take place at the Libby Memorial Center and will bring together local area job seekers with top businesses and educational institutions. It will allow people to learn about current and upcoming job opportunities and career paths in Libby and surrounding areas and highlight local businesses and organizations. We expect to host 40-60 vendor booths, as well as 550 high school students and members of the public as visitors.

**Our Expo Planning Committee would like to request approval to block both sides of Lincoln Blvd, from Mineral Avenue to Louisiana Avenue, from the evening of April 21<sup>st</sup> until 2:30 pm on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.** This would allow our vendors the opportunity to set up prior to our 8 am start time on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We would also like to ask for the City's help in setting up and tearing down the blockades.

Thank you very much for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Heather Neumann, member of the Workforce Expo 2026 Planning Committee



— U.S. SENATOR *for* MONTANA —  
**TIM SHEEHY**

**Congressionally Directed Spending Requests (or “earmarks”)**

- Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) is the Senate term for earmarks, while Community Project Funding (CPF) is the House term
- Accounts accepting CDS/CPF projects are determined by the Appropriations subcommittee and can change year to year
- They are funding *opportunities* for a specific recipient, in a specific location, for a specific purpose
  - “\$825,000 for the City of Columbus to replace a sewer main”
  - “\$2,500,000 for the Milk River Irrigation Project Joint Board of Control to modernize canal infrastructure”
  - “\$100,000 for the Treasure County Sheriff’s office to purchase new search and rescue equipment”

**Typical Timeline**

- While each year’s timeline varies depending on Committee guidelines and past years’ funding (or Continuing Resolutions), we anticipate the Office of Senator Sheehy to release applications in early spring, with an early-March deadline.
  - Each project application will then undergo extensive review and consideration.
  - We will notify applicants in the late spring if your project was submitted by Senator Sheehy to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
  - *The Committee then determines which projects will be funded. Not all requests submitted by Senator Sheehy will receive funding.*
- Applicants are encouraged to contact the office ([Appropriations@sheehy.senate.gov](mailto:Appropriations@sheehy.senate.gov)) as early as possible for their mandatory, 15-minute project consultation call.

*All deadlines, guidance, and requirements are subject to change in accordance with the Senate Appropriations FY27 Guidance*

## **Things to Remember**

- Only **non-profit** organizations and local, state, and Tribal governments are eligible to submit projects.
  - For-profit companies and corporations are not eligible.
- CDS is intended to be a **one-time** funding source.
- Successful projects will not receive funds for **up to a year (or more)** after the appropriations bills are signed into law.
- Once a successful project is included in a final spending package, you will have to complete a grant application with the agency before the funds are disbursed.
- Projects must comply with permitting and regulatory hurdles in order to receive funds.
- CDS funds *cannot* be used to reimburse expenses completed before final agency approval.
- Every year the fiscal situation is different. We will help you adjust your funding request to an appropriate level.
- Some subcommittees require matching funds – please read the guidance.
- Applicants are discouraged from applying for projects that
  - Cover salaries and benefits for employees
  - Are for beautification purposes
  - Provide construction for jails, detention facilities, election facilities, or buildings to conduct local government services
- Projects should have broad community support
  - Applicants will be required to submit a minimum of 5 letters of community support with their application
- **CDS is a funding opportunity, not a guarantee.**

## **Resources**

- To view projects submitted by Senator Sheehy in FY26, please visit our website: <https://www.sheehy.senate.gov/services/appropriations-cds-requests/>
- To view general guidance and projects approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, please visit the Senate Appropriations website: <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/fy-2026-appropriations-requests-and-congressionally-directed-spending>

## **Questions or Interest in Applying?**

Please contact Meredith Moore at [Appropriations@sheehy.senate.gov](mailto:Appropriations@sheehy.senate.gov)

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**House Appropriations Committee**  
**Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding – Eligible Accounts**

**Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies**

**Department of Agriculture – Farm Production and Conservation Programs**

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (Conservation Operations)

**Department of Agriculture – Research, Education, and Economics**

- Agricultural Research Service (Buildings and Facilities)

**Department of Agriculture – Rural Development**

- Rural Housing Service (Community Facilities)
- Rural Utilities Service (Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants)
- Rural Utilities Service (Rural Water and Waste Disposal Grants)

**Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies**

**Department of Commerce**

- NIST – Scientific and Technical Research
- NOAA – Coastal Zone Management

**Department of Justice**

- COPS Technology and Equipment
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (Byrne)

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration**

- Safety, Security, and Mission Services

**Energy and Water Development**

**Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works)**

- Investigations
- Construction
- Mississippi River and Tributaries
- Operation and Maintenance

**Department of the Interior/Bureau of Reclamation**

- Water and Related Resources

## **Homeland Security**

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency**

- Federal Assistance – Emergency Ops. Centers
- Federal Assistance – Pre-Disaster Mitigation

## **Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**

### **Environmental Protection Agency**

- STAG – Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- STAG – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

## **Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies**

### **Department of Health and Human Services**

- Health Resources and Services Administration

## **Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies**

- Army
- Navy and Marine Corps
- Air Force and Space Force
- Defense-Wide Agencies
- Army National Guard
- Air National Guard
- Army Reserve
- Navy Reserve
- Air Force Reserve

## **Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies**

### **Department of Housing and Urban Development**

- Community Development Fund – Economic Development Initiatives

### **Department of Transportation**

- Airport Improvement Program
- Highway Infrastructure Projects
- Transit Infrastructure Projects
- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements
- Port Infrastructure Development Program