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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING #1700**  
**MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026 @ 7:00 PM**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Prayer by Barry Kratz
- Roll Call
- Welcome/Announcements
- Approve minutes for Council Meeting #1698 dated April 6 and #1699 date April 20, 2026.

**REPORTS:**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

- City Administrator
- Streets
- Police
- Clerk/Treasurer

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

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

**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. Approve Igniters Car Club request for annual Street Closure & Noise Variance Request, August 14 and 15.
2. Introduction Fire Engine Storage/display at Fireman's Park. - Steve Lauer

3. Approve all claims received to date.
4. Approve all business license applications received to date.
  - a. HARMONN, 176 Spencer Hill Ave, Individual, Light construction, land cleaning, and excavation, stump grinding.
  - b. The Hidden Chapel, 1207 Utah Ave., LLC, Event Space with Commercial Kitchen.

**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: 4/30/26



## 2026 Streets Crew Paving and Painting Projects

City Council Briefing

Proposed project list for prioritization, coordination, and seasonal scheduling.

**Painting Program**

Crosswalks, stop bars, curb markings, parking layout, and school loading areas.

**Paving Program**

Utility cut restoration, localized pavement repairs, drainage corrections, and overlays.

**Key Considerations**

Weather, emergency water leaks, ongoing projects, and work sequencing may affect timing.

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### Briefing Overview

Review proposed 2026 painting and pavement location needs.

Review proposed 2026 paving locations, including utility restorations and repair areas.

Highlight coordination needs, possible expanded scope, and field conditions that may affect delivery.

Confirm priorities so the Streets Crew can sequence work through the construction season.

This briefing is intended as a working plan and may be adjusted as projects are completed or priorities shift.

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### 2026 Painting Program

**Program Focus**

Improve visibility, traffic control, school safety, and parking layout.

Complete pavement markings including crosswalks, stop bars, centerlines, fog lines, curb markings, and parking stalls.

Sequence painting work around completed paving, punch-list items, and previously approved signage installation.



Concept image for downtown crosswalk and pavement marking work.

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### Painting Locations and Coordination Notes

Location	Primary Work	Coordination Note
Mineral Ave	Full corridor striping, crosswalks, parking layout, centerline/fog line, curb paint	High-visibility downtown corridor
Main Ave	Crosswalks, stop bars, and no-parking curb paint around Post Office and courthouse	Public access and turnover
Asa Wood / Ida Ave	Bus loading and pickup markings	School safety timing
Central School / Louisiana & 8th	Bus loading and pickup markings	School safety timing
Spruce Street	Striping and previously approved signage	After punch-list repairs are complete
Tennis Court Lot	Parking lot striping	After paving is complete
City Hall Lot	Parking lot and curb markings	Coordinate with public access and parking needs

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### 2026 Paving Program

**Program Focus**

Restore utility cuts and previously disturbed pavement.

Address localized street reconstruction, apron work, drainage-related failures, and cul-de-sac corrections.

Coordinate paving around leak investigations, possible utility replacements, and timing associated with reservoir and street restoration work.



Representative paving work

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### Paving Locations and Coordination Notes

Location	Primary Work	Coordination Note
Hammins Ave & 6th St	Patch street openings (2)	Utility cut restoration
Larch St / Louisiana to Utah	Pave 1/2 block	Localized resurfacing
Louisiana Ave	Repair 5-6 old water digs; some dig-out and repave	From Spruce to south side of Poplar
Dakota Ave (8th to Lincoln)	Full-width paving; possible water service replacements (2)	Coordinate utility work first
Utah & Spruce	Excavate leak / possible storm sewer issue; repair and repave	Subsurface issue investigation
8th Street	Pave 1/2 block single lane west from California to alley	Lane-limited work area
5th St / California	Rebuild west-side apron	Intersection apron work
Cabinet Heights Road	Possible patching / temporary overlay	Pending Lower Reservoir repairs and reconstruction timing
Renwood cul-de-sac	Raise catch basins, raise road surface, and repave	Drainage correction
Minor projects	Alleyway inlets/outlets and rehab touch-ups	As needed; crew time dependent

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### Paving Priorities, Dependencies, and Risk Areas

<p style="background-color: #2c3e50; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Highest Need</p> <p>Street openings, old water digs, and disturbed pavement should be restored early.</p> <p>Utah/Spruce and Renwood involve drainage or elevation correction, not just surface repair.</p>	<p style="background-color: #2c3e50; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Potential Expanded Scope</p> <p>Dakota Ave may include water service replacements, increasing cost and coordination needs.</p> <p>Cabinet Heights Road may remain temporary until Lower Reservoir timing is confirmed.</p>	<p style="background-color: #2c3e50; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Routine / Smaller Work</p> <p>Larch, 8th Street, and the 5th Street apron are targeted paving fixes.</p> <p>Alleys, inlets/outlets, and rehab touch-ups can be grouped efficiently.</p>
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### Representative Repair Areas




California Ave and 5th Street



Louisiana Ave and Larch Street



Cabinet Heights Road



Roadway damage / gravel surface condition

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### Closing Notes

- Projects are dependent on weather conditions.
- Project schedules may be impacted by unforeseen issues that arise throughout the season.
- Unplanned maintenance needs, such as water leaks, may require immediate response and affect priorities.
- Ongoing projects and overlapping work may also influence timing, sequencing, and crew availability.

The Streets Crew will continue to adjust work priorities as needed to respond to field conditions and community needs.

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## Libby Cemetery Expansion Project

Council Brief | Spring 2026 Update

Construction began the first week of April under favorable weather conditions.

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### Project Purpose

Expansion + service readiness

#### Why this project matters

- Expands usable cemetery space for long-term community needs.
- Creates access roads and serviceable layout for maintenance and future burials.
- Improves site appearance, drainage control, and operational access.

**April**

Construction start

**Crew**

Street crew led earthwork

**Next**

Irrigation, hydroseed, lights

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### Work Completed to Date

Streets crew progress

**1 Stripped vegetation and topsoil**

Initial clearing and topsoil removal prepared the expansion area for grading.

**2 Roughed in roadways**

Crews shaped the internal roadway layout and working surface.

**3 Coordinated site utilities**

Flathead Electric was contacted to plan additional poles and lighting.

Favorable weather allowed the project to advance quickly through site preparation, roadway layout, and utility coordination.

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### Current Site Status

Berm, roadways, topsoil

The project has come together over the last few weeks.

- Perimeter berm formed near Flower Creek
- Gravel roadways installed
- Topsoil hauled, placed, and shaped for final finish

Perimeter berm and roadway work are key foundations before finish work begins.

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### Next Phase

Finish work + site readiness

#### Planned work ahead

- **Site cleanup**  
Final grading, cleanup and preparation for finish work.
- **Expand irrigation**  
Install/extend irrigation coverage for the new addition.
- **Hydroseeding**  
Woody's Landscaping hydroseeding to establish turf.
- **Lighting**  
Flathead Electric pole and light installation.

Goal: transition from earthwork to finished, maintainable cemetery expansion.

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### Known Vendor Scope

Woody's Landscaping estimate

Estimate dated April 16, 2026

#### Finish-work pricing received for irrigation and hydroseeding

<b>\$15,400</b>	<b>\$7,866.75</b>	<b>\$23,266.75</b>
Sprinkler system installation: 44 heads for two new cemetery quadrants and creek embankment	Hydroseeding: 46,275 sq. ft. at \$0.17/sq. ft.	Total estimate for sprinkler + hydroseed scope

City responsibilities noted in the estimate include water tie-in, backflow prevention, power outlet for the sprinkler timer, and sleeve installation under the new road for piping or cabling.

Source: Woody's Landscapes, LLC estimate #2249

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### Council Takeaway

The City streets crew has completed major early-stage earthwork and positioned the project for final finish work.

Next steps: cleanup, irrigation expansion, hydroseeding, and light installation.

Project remains weather-dependent and subject to field conditions during final work.

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April 14, 2026

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RE: Street Closure and Noise Ordinance Variance Request

For "Ignite the Nites" Car Show 2026

The Igniters Car Club respectfully requests permission to close Mineral Avenue from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street (including the cul-de-sac). And Lincoln Boulevard from Mineral Avenue to Montana Avenue, on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9pm.

Igniters Car Club members will be stationed along the route to monitor traffic and allow passage of any emergency services vehicles. All traffic will flow in its normal lanes of traffic, in a continuous loop along the entire route.

Additional we request permission to close Mineral Avenue from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street, (including the cul-da-sac), on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 am to 4 pm for the 2026 "Ignite the Nites" car show.

The Igniters Car Club also request a permit for relief under Chapter 9.60.040(B) as some of the vehicles invited to cruise on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9pm may be deemed to be in violation of Libby Municipal Code, Chapter 9.60 Noise.

Thank you.

Igniters Car Club