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**Committee Meeting
AGENDA**

June 2, 2026

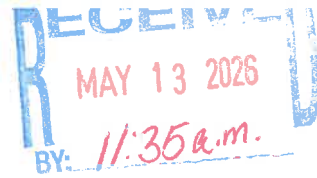
Council Chambers
401 N. Cheyenne

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Resolutions or Ordinances 6:00 p.m.
 - Ordinance No. 2021-02 – Marijuana Ordinance

Meeting adjourned at _____ P.M.

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Montana Legislature House Bill 890**



To the Honorable Members of the Hardin City Council,

I am writing in support of updating the current cannabis ordinance in Hardin to allow for a third licensed cannabis dispensary within the commercially zoned areas of the city.

As the cannabis industry continues to mature across Montana, Hardin has an opportunity to support responsible economic growth while maintaining local oversight and community standards. Allowing an additional dispensary in appropriately zoned commercial areas would create several meaningful benefits for our community.

First, increasing the number of licensed dispensaries encourages healthy competition. Competition benefits consumers through improved pricing, better product selection, higher customer service standards, and increased accessibility for adult consumers and registered medical patients. A limited market can unintentionally restrict consumer choice and reduce incentives for businesses to innovate and improve.

Second, permitting a third dispensary would contribute positively to the local economy. A new business would generate additional tax revenue, licensing fees, employment opportunities, and commercial investment within Hardin. These revenues can support city infrastructure, public safety, and other community priorities without increasing the tax burden on residents.

Third, allowing another dispensary within existing commercial zoning areas maintains appropriate separation from residential neighborhoods while utilizing areas already designated for business activity. Commercial zoning is specifically intended to accommodate regulated retail businesses, and cannabis establishments operating under Montana law are legal, licensed, and subject to extensive compliance requirements.

In addition, expanding opportunities for locally owned cannabis businesses helps keep revenue circulating within the Hardin community rather than driving consumers to surrounding areas. Supporting responsible local entrepreneurship strengthens the city's long-term economic resilience and demonstrates that Hardin is open to fair and balanced business development.

I respectfully ask the City Council to consider amending the current ordinance to allow a third cannabis dispensary within commercially zoned areas of Hardin while continuing to uphold reasonable operational and public safety standards.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued service to the residents and businesses of Hardin.

Sincerely,

Hardin Resident

Cody Meeks

(406) 671-0833

RED LINE AMENDMENTS

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HARDIN CITY CODE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA, ADULT-USE MARIJUANA, AND OTHER MARIJUANA BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, the City Council (“Council”) of the City of Hardin (“City”) previously adopted Ordinance 2010-15, which amended the City Code of the City of Hardin allowing for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries within the city limits based upon the Medical Marijuana Act of 2004;

WHEREAS, the laws regulating Medical Marijuana have changed many times since 2004;

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, the voters of the State of Montana approved Constitutional Initiative 190, which legalized the possession and use of marijuana for recreational use by adults;

WHEREAS, the Montana Legislatures has approved HB 701, entitled “An Act Generally Revising Laws Related to the Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana,” and creating the Montana Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act which alters CI-190 and numerous other laws related to medical marijuana adult-use recreational marijuana, and related marijuana businesses.

WHEREAS, the Council desires to repeal the previous zoning ordinances related to medical marijuana in order to craft new zoning ordinances that will comply with HB 701, and to consider medical marijuana, adult-use marijuana, and other marijuana related business zoning issues prior to the effective date of HB 701.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA, Title 11, Chapter 1, Part 2, Section 5, and all the subsections are hereby amended. Portions underlined are to be inserted, and portions with strikethrough font are to be removed, as follows:

11-1-2-5: MEDICAL AND ADULT-USE MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, AND OTHER MARIJUANA BUSINESSES:

11-1-2-5-1: FINDINGS:

The common council of the city of Hardin, Montana, adopts this section 11-1-2-5 based upon the following findings:

- A. The voters of the state of Montana approved initiative number 148, the Montana medical marijuana act in 2004;
- B. Chapter 46, title 50, Montana Code Annotated enables persons who are in need of marijuana for specified medical purposes to obtain and use it under limited, specified circumstances;
- C. As provided by chapter 2, title 76, and chapter 12, title 16 of the Montana Code Annotated, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, it is the desire of the common council to modify the Hardin zoning ordinance to be consistent with chapter 46, title 50, Montana Code Annotated; and
- D. The state department of public health and human services has responsibility for certifying providers ~~caregivers~~ and qualifying patients for the use of marijuana.
- E. The voters of the state of Montana approved initiative number 190, the Montana Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act in 2020, which legalized the recreational use of marijuana for adults 21 years of age, or older;

11-1-2-5-2: PURPOSE AND INTENT:

It is the purpose and intent of this section 11-1-2-5 to regulate the dispensing of medical and adult-use marijuana, and other Marijuana Businesses, in order to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the residents and businesses within the city of Hardin. It is neither the intent nor effect of this section 11-1-2-5 to prevent the use of marijuana (cannabis) or condone or legitimize its use.

11-1-2-5-3: DEFINITIONS:

~~CAREGIVER: An individual eighteen (18) years of age or older who has agreed to undertake responsibility for managing the well being of a person with respect to the medical use of marijuana.~~

CULTIVATOR: A person licensed to plant, cultivate, grow, harvest, and dry marijuana and to package and relabel marijuana produced at the location for sale at a licensed dispensary.

DISPENSARY: A licensed medical marijuana dispensary, or a licensed adult-use marijuana dispensary.

LICENSED: Means to have licensing from the Montana Department of Revenue (DOR) or the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

(DPHHS) for the intended marijuana activities including cultivation, transportation, manufacturing, testing, and dispensing.

MANUFACTURER: Means a person licensed to convert or compound marijuana into marijuana products, marijuana concentrates, or marijuana extracts and package, repackage, label, or relabel marijuana products.

MARIJUANA: Means all plant material from the genus Cannabis containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or seeds of the genus capable of germination. The term does not include hemp, or hemp products.

MARIJUANA BUSINESS: Means a cultivator, manufacturer, adult-use dispensary, medical marijuana dispensary, combined-use marijuana licensee, testing laboratory, marijuana transporter, or any other business or function that is licensed by the DOR or the DPHHS.

PROVIDER: Means a person licensed by the DPHHS to assist a registered cardholder as allowed under this part. The term does not include a cardholder's treating physician or referral physician.

PHYSICIAN: A person who is licensed under title 37, chapter 3, Montana Code Annotated.

QUALIFYING PATIENT: A person who has been diagnosed by a physician as having a debilitating medical condition.

REGISTERED CARDHOLDER: Means a Montana resident with a debilitating medical condition who has received and maintains a valid registry identification card.

REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD: A document issued by the state department of public health and human services that identifies a person as a qualifying patient or caregiver.

TESTING LABORATORY: Means a qualified person, licensed by the DOR or DPHHS that provides testing of representative samples of marijuana and marijuana products and provides information regarding the chemical composition and potency of a sample, as well as the presence of molds, pesticides, or other contaminants in a sample.

11-1-2-5-4: APPLICATION:

- A. An application form for persons seeking to open and operate a ~~medical marijuana dispensary~~ Marijuana Business, in or within one mile of the municipal limits of the city of Hardin must obtain the application form from the city clerk's office. The completed application form along with the

required review fee must be submitted to the city-county planning board on or before the first day of the month at which it will appear on the planning board agenda.

- B. The planning board shall advertise and conduct a public hearing concerning the application and shall notify in writing all property owners of record within three hundred feet (300') of the location of the proposed medical marijuana dispensary.
- C. The application shall include the following information. Incomplete applications shall be grounds for denial of the application or of delay of review.
 - 1. A sketch or diagram showing the interior configuration of the premises, including a statement of the total floor area occupied by the ~~medical marijuana dispensary~~ Marijuana Business. The sketch or diagram need not be professionally prepared, but must be drawn to a designated scale drawn with marked dimensions of the interior of the premises to an accuracy of plus or minus six inches ($\pm 6''$);
 - 2. An accurate straight line drawing prepared within thirty (30) days prior to application depicting the building and the portion thereof to be occupied by the Marijuana Business ~~medical cannabis dispensary~~, and: a) the property line of any other Marijuana Business ~~medical cannabis dispensary~~; and b) the property lines of any public or private school or public park; include a list of names and addresses of all property owners of record owning property within three hundred feet (300') of the proposed location; and a copy of the geocode map of all property owners of record owning property within three hundred feet (300') of the proposed location provided by the DOR Montana department of revenue property assessment Big Horn office ~~or another similar government source~~;
 - 3. Location of where the marijuana (cannabis) is grown, which must be separate from the place it is dispensed. Growing areas are only allowed in ~~industrial and agricultural~~ zoning districts;
 - 4. Such other information as may be required by the planning board or city officials consistent with the purposes of this chapter and applicable law;
 - 5. Authorization for the city, its agents, or employees to seek verification of the information contained within the application;
 - 6. A statement in writing by the applicant that he or she certifies under penalty of perjury that all the information within the application is true;

7. Acceptance of the application does not in any way indicate final approval or granting thereof by the city.

11-1-2-5-5: APPLICATION REVIEW AND CITY ACTION:

- A. The city-county planning board shall make a written recommendation to the common council along with its findings. Final disposition of the application rests with the common council.
- B. Grounds for denial of application:
 1. The applicant failed to provide the information required herein;
 2. The applicant provided false, inaccurate, or otherwise misleading information;
 3. The Marijuana Business ~~medical cannabis dispensary~~ does not comply with zoning ordinances, or local standards; or
 4. The required application or renewal fees have not been paid.
- C. Zoning districts allowing Marijuana Business ~~medical marijuana~~ dispensaries:

A Agricultural

~~C Commercial~~ C. Commercial

I Industrial

- D. In those land use districts where a Marijuana Business ~~medical marijuana dispensary business~~ regulated by this section 11-1-2-5 would otherwise be a permitted use, it shall be unlawful to establish any such ~~dispensary business~~ if the location is:

Within one thousand (1,000) straight line feet of any type of school or public playground or within three hundred feet (300') of any residentially zoned area.

The distance from a school, public playground, or residentially zoned area shall be measured from the nearest point on the property line of the property for the proposed dispensary to the nearest point on the property line of the school, public playground, or residentially zoned area.

- E. The number of dispensaries permitted shall not exceed ~~two (2)~~ within or within one mile of the Municipal limits.

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- F. A Marijuana Business ~~medical marijuana dispensary business~~ is not and may not be approved as an accessory use to any other use permitted by this title nor as a home occupation.
- G. Cultivation is only allowed in land use districts zoned Agricultural, except for personal cultivation for personal use, as allowed by Montana Law.

11-1-2-5-6: OTHER REGULATIONS

- A. The application must acknowledge and grant authority for local law enforcement to inspect the premises of the Marijuana Business at any time to ensure compliance with any public health, safety, and welfare requirements established by the DOR, DPHHS, or the regulations of the local government.
- B. A Dispensary, whether licensed solely as a medical or adult-use Dispensary, or as a combined use marijuana licensee, may not operate between the hours of ~~6 p.m. and 8 a.m.~~
8 p.m. and 9 a.m.

DATE OF EFFECT.

The amendment to this ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from the date of its second reading and passage by the City Council as required by law.

FIRST READING AND PASSAGE By a majority vote of the members present this 7th day of September, 2021.

YEAS 4 NAYS 3

Mayor Voted YES

[Signature]
Mayor



ATTEST:
[Signature]
City Clerk

POSTED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC this 8th day of September, 2021.

Andrew Lehn
City Clerk

SECOND READING AND PASSAGE By a majority vote of the members present this 21st day of September, 2021.

YEAS 4

NAYS 1



[Signature]
Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew Lehn
City Clerk

AGENDA

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

June 2, 2026

AUDIO RECORDING BEGINS

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor: _____

Alderspersons: Steven Hopes _____ Clayton Greer _____ Chris Sharpe _____

George Toyne _____ Jeremy Krebs _____ Antonio Espinoza _____

CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Meeting 05/19/2026 Sewer and Water 5/19/2026 Law Enforcement 03/03/2026 **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 ○ Marijuana Ordinance
- **Economic Development:** Toyne

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

- Emergency Funds – Sewer Main at Mitchell Avenue and 3rd St West
- Landa Lehman – 8th Annual 4th of July Celebration Requests – road closure, dumpsters, portable restrooms, handwashing station, electricity in Plaza, and street sweeping
- River Valley Farmers Market Requests
- Transfer 2018 F250 from Police Department to Public Works - \$20,000
- Marijuana Ordinance
- Chamber of Commerce – Beer/Wine Permit, extended hours, and fee waiver for Little Big Horn Days 2026
- Chamber of Commerce – Beer/Wine Permit, extended hours, and waiver of fee for 8th Annual 4th of July Celebration
- David Blaine – Heimat Park Requests
- Interim Police Chief Wage

STAFF REPORTS

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

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution NO. 2438 - Appointing an Interim Chief of Police, and Establishing Wages

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hardin Community Blood Drive - First Alliance Church - Thursday, June 4, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

HVFD Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, June 7, 2026 8:00 a.m. – 1204 N. Custer Avenue – Hardin Fire Hall

City-County Planning Board Regular Meeting – June 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

Budget Meetings – June 23, 2026 & July 14, 15, & 16 & Continuing as needed.

South Park Grand Opening Celebration – Saturday, June 20, 2026 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – No Business is to be conducted, but there is a possibility for a quorum to be present

City of Hardin Job Openings: Full-time positions: Police Chief, Police Officer, Maintenance Worker I, Water Distribution Operator in Training I, and Part-time position City Court Clerk I – III

Meeting adjourned at _____ P.M.

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 May 19, 2026 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Riley Ramsey presiding by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Also present: Several Members of the Public

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS & CLAIMS: Hopes motioned to approve the Council Meeting of May 5, 2026 as written. Motion seconded by Greer. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Greer made a motion to approve the claims for May 19, 2026.

	CLAIM No.	Monthly Total
March, 2026	33792	\$ 45.00
April, 2026	33750-33751, 33753-33761, 33763-33769 33771-33776, 33779-33781, 33785-33788 33790, 33794-33800, 33801, 33804	140,472.59
May, 2026	33752, 33770, 33777-33778, 33791 33802-33803, 33805	<u>24,110.63</u>
TOTAL Submitted		\$ 164,628.22

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

MAYOR:

Mayor Ramsey noted Police Chief applications are being reviewed. He reported the Interim Chief of Police resigned today, his last day is tomorrow. A new Interim Chief will be appointed this evening. Knudsen noted he requested for Council to appoint an Interim Chief today; the functioning of the Police Department cannot wait. A formal appointment can be done at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Policy/City Policy:

Sewer & Water:

Hopes reported there was a committee meeting about larger uses of water and how much money the City is losing. He noted the Sewer Plant is doing good.

Streets & Alleys:

Law Enforcement:

Toyne reported the City will be posting new positions and he noticed yard signs have been put out for people to clean their yards. Espinoza asked how many officers does this leave the City now. Ramsey reported there are four.

Parks & Playgrounds:

Krebs reported he is working on an announcement for the South Park Grand Opening. The colored flyer will be the one noticed and the black and white version will be on t-shirts. The

sponsors on the flyers are not official yet. The Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. He provided information on activities for the event.

Mayor Ramsey reported Krebs has been working diligently on the event; he is donating funds from his budget to the event.

Finance/Landfill:

Greer reported the septic tank drain field is being worked on at the Landfill.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Economic Development:

Toyne reported the City Economic Development Director, Tina Toyne, is currently in Anaconda for meetings, she has been working diligently attending meetings.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Ramsey reported the City received the Newline Newsletter and information on the Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program from the Montana Department of Transportation. The City received a letter from the Crow Tribe Executive Branch.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Ramsey reported Friends of the Depot submitted requests for Little Big Horn Days 2026. Hopes motioned to accept what they need. Greer seconded. Krebs asked if they were asking for the same as last year. Alexandria Edwards, Committee member of Friends of The Depot, reported the structure of the letter is the same as last year with a little different content, less roads will be closed. She noted they understand the state will need to be contacted for additional street closures and they are asking for six portable restrooms this year. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Pilot Tourism Grant – Visitor Information Center. Nick Bowers with Cushing Terrell explained the current financial state of the Visitor Information Center. Jason Hubbard, with Langlas General Contractors, accompanied Bowers. Bowers explained when Langlas was onboarded; budgeted exercises took place that revealed the full scope of a building would be difficult within dollars available. Two options were presented to the Steering Committee that would allow for the same goals to be obtained as set forth in the grant, Bowers explained the 5 goals developed through a 3-hour work session with Steering Committee and community members. The site layout, developed by Cushing Terrell, is the Master Plan to be conducted over several years, as funding becomes available. Bowers explained where elements of the Master Plan came from, such as the Native plants and circular elements to nod to a teepee ring.

The proposed revised plan is moving away from a building, developing the site, pulling utilizes and improving the landscaping. It would transform into more of an advanced park, reserving the construction of a building for a later date. The City did submit for Coal Board funding but were not awarded. Pivoting to landscaping reduces costs that were allocated for office equipment and costs associated with architect design fees and contractor fees. Those costs have been reallocated to landscaping efforts in the proposed revision. Additionally, Langlas has reduced their fee from 6% to 5%. These changes have kept the project within the identified budget in Year 1 and Year 2.

Council Discussion: Toyne: At the end of Year 2, do we have a building on site? Bowers – The site will be developed at the end of Year 2. Krebs voiced he would rather have a building than \$800k into landscaping. Greer expressed it would cost additional buildings and costs to take care of the site. Toyne felt the cart was before the horse, and the landscaping would be ruined during the construction. Bowers explained where the stage area for the building construction would be, and the efforts to be made to reduce damage to the developed areas. Toyne asked about the soil report that was conducted on the site; Bowers explained the cost associated to the foundation of the building increased considerably. There is considerable over-excavation that needs to be performed to construct a building. The results from the Geotechnical Report were received at the time Langlas was being onboarded for Pre-Construction services. Hubbard explained the proposed foundation solution, given the results of the report.

Krebs expressed he would not like to spend 800k on landscaping. Toyne asked about the rising construction costs, Bowers and Hubbard explained it is between 3%-5% annually. Bowers explained there is an area of the site that is considered sacrificial, as the lay-down area for the contractors would be staged immediately north of the building. Bowers explained that discussions with Hubbard and his team identified that location would be least disruptive to the work that would have already been done at that point. Everything along Mitchell would remain functional during the construction, with the proposed plan. Krebs asked what the price for just a building, without landscaping and asphalt, would be. Bowers explained that a building without landscaping and asphalt could be obtained within the Year 1 and Year 2 budget, however, the building would be a small footprint of an informational area, two restrooms, a small mechanical space, and concrete at the entrance, everything else would remain as is. The total cost to construct the full Master Plan is \$4.7 million today. The Pilot Community Tourism Grant, through the Montana Department of Commerce is \$2.75 million; the City of Hardin is contracted for \$1.25 million. Alexandria explained we don't want to create a space that cannot be developed further if we were to not receive funding in years 3, 4, and 5. Alexandria also shared the evaluation of other sites that took place, and the reasoning for selecting the "triangle" as the site. Additional grant funding is being sought but has not been confirmed at this time.

Toyne asked if the funding was not used for this purpose, would the City lose it, which Drew responded that there is potential to lose the funding. A member of the public asked if the City could purchase a building for the grant, instead of using the triangle, and it was explained that the City is not in a position to purchase land. Further, the soils of Hardin could be similar throughout the City, which would not solve the situation. Mayor Ramsey explained that the schools could benefit from this greatly, especially with students who are going to lunch. Alexandria explained that there have been discussions about partnering with the school at some point to connect paths from the schools or tennis courts over to Town Pump, which would increase the safety of students and current walkability.

Krebs asked that with the plan right now, could this building be altered some other way to drop community rooms and office and just focus on the visitor center part of it? Bowers explained the entire building is broken into 4 portions of a building – or 4 phases. The items that Krebs is referring to are "nice to have's" at some point. Greer asked if money was set aside in the grant for maintenance of the property and Drew explained that is not an eligible cost within the grant.

Toyne asked for clarification of wording in the contract on the potential damage of the property of when the building is being constructed. Council discussed Toyne's concerns and Bowers clarified the process of maintaining a safe site for the general contractor and sub-contractors that will be on the site. It will be clarified in their scope of work if work beyond Phase 1 was conducted. Jeremy confirmed that no additional funding is coming out of the City funds to complete the proposed plan of the Visitor Information Center, it was confirmed. Krebs motion to approve the revised Phase 1 as presented to council, seconded by Hopes. Krebs motioned to approve. Hopes seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed. (4/0) Hopes, Greer, Espinoza, and Krebs voting Yea. Mayor Ramsey voiced motion carries.

Cody Meeks, resident, read aloud a letter he submitted requesting for the current cannabis ordinance to allow a third licensed dispensary within the commercially zoned areas of the City. First, by increasing the number of licensed dispensaries encourages healthy competition. Second, it will positively contribute to the local economy by generating additional tax revenue, licensing, fees, employment opportunities, and commercial investment within Hardin. Third, it will maintain separation from residential neighborhoods. He asked Council to consider amending the ordinance.

Knudsen noted there are three requested changes on the document submitted by Meeks. The request is to add Commercial Districts where marijuana businesses can exist; currently as written they are only allowed in Agricultural and Industrial zoned areas. The requests are to add commercial to the list, to change the number of dispensaries from two to three, and to change the times they can operate. Meeks noted the change in the time matches what the state law allows.

Greer asked where is there not residential property. Meeks reported there are some possibilities on the other side of the highway. Meeks and Hopes looked at the Zoning Map on the wall. Krebs noted the City already has two, he feels that is enough, and asked how will it contribute positively to the residents of Hardin. Meeks voiced these are professional business, he referenced where the other two business are adding Billings allows them to open in professional areas. It would add more jobs, another business that is invested in the community willing to donate and sponsor events. Krebs noted the tax revenue received over the course of last year was about \$12,000 out of \$1.2 million dollars sold in Big Horn County; not worth it; two is enough in Hardin.

There is availability for people that want recreational marijuana to get it. Hopes voiced two is more than enough. Espinoza voiced he is for this; when Meeks was with Bloom, they donated and sponsored to events etc. There was discussion about alcohol and cannabis, the effects they can have and allowing a third dispensary would allow competition. Meeks noted the plan is to bring in a real building with bathrooms. Knudsen asked if their plans are to bring in a skid type building or construct a building on a foundation. Meeks noted a 16x42 building to get up and running and then build a steel frame building.

Mark Kuntz, resident, asked Meeks some questions and noted two is plenty. He voiced there are plenty of jobs available, we don't need to create more jobs, we need to fill the positions available.

Shawna Hogan voiced there are a lot of medicinal uses for cannabis; there are a lot of people on medical marijuana who are diabetic and this is the only thing that will help them with neuropathy, it is also used for cancer. She asked why Bloom hasn't invested in their business to make it more professional.

Carole Fox expressed concern for it causing more problems with drugs for kids here. Espinoza noted anyone can come get an alcohol license, there is not a health benefit. He doesn't see why a third one, dispensary, can't be approved that has health benefits. He added alcohol seems to be the biggest problem in Hardin.

Mayor Ramsey noted the City does not issue a Business License for cannabis. Espinoza made the motion to change to what he is proposing. Knudsen voiced this is not an action item, this will require an ordinance change. He suggested, if Council wants him to draft a change to the ordinance it will go through the ordinance procedures. Espinoza motioned to send the requests to the Resolutions or Ordinances Committee. Toyne seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed. (3/2) Espinoza, Toyne, and Greer voting Aye and Hope and Krebs voting Nay.

Lehr reviewed quotes for timekeeping services from the current timekeeping system, Time Clock Plus, and the current Human Resources System, Bamboo HR. BambooHR will keep track of vacation and sick time and will make it easier for payroll staff. He noted there would be a savings of about \$1,700 per year with BambooHR. Krebs motioned to make the switch to BambooHR. Hopes seconded. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Lehr reported on the State Revolving Fund (SRF) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project; the Rural Development grant is drawing down. Bond Counsel has asked to pass a certificate as a resolution. Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars of the loan will be forgiven once the project is completely done and approved by the funding agencies and engineers. The actual loan portion is \$2.5 million dollars; a thirty-year loan. Mayor Ramsey reported the resolution should read Resolution NO. 2435. Hopes motioned to approve the Resolution. Toyne seconded. Hopes withdrew his vote; noting it will be voted on under Resolutions or Ordinances.

Lehr reported the Rural Development Bond Anticipation Loan will be carried by the SRF and issue the money, once the RD loan is fully drawn; the \$2.562 million dollars will be paid over forty years.

Mayor Ramsey reported the City received Health Insurance quotes from HUB, the City agent. He noted the recommendation is Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS); they have a lower deductible. Lehr reviewed dental, vision, and life insurance plans from the carriers; recommending to go with the Principal Plan. He reported Joint Powers Trust, the current City insurance, the health insurance portion was going to be approximately a 9% increase. BCBS will be an increase of roughly 2.5% above the current insurance. Mayor Ramsey noted the recommendation is BCBS for health insurance and the Principal Plan for dental, vision, and life. Hopes motioned to approve the recommendation. Greer seconded. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Knudsen reported every once-in-a-while he will have a conflict in City Court. Bob Snively use to handle those for him; he has been Judge for a few years now. He is requesting for the City to appoint a Special Deputy City Attorney, for the one or two times a year, to pick up the case(s). He reviewed the terms of Resolution NO. 2437, on the agenda.

Mayor Ramsey made the recommendation to appoint Officer Tyler Nedens as Interim Police. Espinoza asked how much experience he has. Ramsey reported two years adding he has a good reputation with the public. Hopes motioned to approve the appointment. Espinoza asked Knudsen if there is a problem. Knudsen noted there is no legal requirements or experience for Chief of Police other than age and POST Certified. Greer seconded. There was further discussion about the

timeline for hiring a Police Chief. Espinoza noted a Memorandum Of Understanding may be possible with the County while the City looks for a new Chief. Knudsen it would be an Interlocal Agreement adding it is lawful; lots of communities do hire the Sheriff to be the Chief of Police. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

Public Works:

Hurff reported there was a water main break over Mother's Day, it has been repaired. The water plant cleaned out the sedimentation basin and the other will be cleaned next week. Montana Rural Water loaned their leak detection equipment to the City. There have been three more curb stops replaced and three others in the application process. Hurff reported a letter was received from Montana State asking the city to do PFAS samples at the Water Treatment Plant; they were done and the results were accepted. The City also received a letter from testing done at the Waste Water Treatment Plant; the samples came in lower than what they want to see.

Hurff reported South Park Splash Pad was vandalized a few nights ago. One of the four pieces of equipment was damaged, he reached out to the company for a cost for replacement. The splash pad hasn't opened yet. He asked the public to call it in if they see something.

Finance:

Police:

Legal:

Knudsen reported Council had asked for him to send a demand letter to Rocky Mountain Power about what they owe on the Ash Contract; he got a phone call yesterday they have agreed to the basic terms of paying the current \$193,000 and change in exchange we would agree to suspend future charges, suspend that contract until things changes with power generation. He asked for payment to be made prior to Council voting on it.

Toyne noted he would like to suggest Animal Control be moved out from under the Police. Ramsey noted it has been discussed and he agrees with that.

Economic Development:

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution NO. 2435 – State Revolving Fund (SRF) A&B Loan 2026. Mayor Ramsey pointed out, on page 2, the Resolution NO. to be corrected to 2435. Greer motioned to approve the resolution. Hopes seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution NO. 2436 – Rural Development (RD) Bond Anticipation Loan 2026. Greer motioned to approve the resolution. Toyne seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution NO. 2437 – To Appoint A Special Deputy City Attorney. Greer motioned to approve the resolution. Krebs seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tammy Devers, resident and representative of the Community Cat Coalition (CCC), asked why she is not on the agenda under Unfinished Business. She noted she is changing how she will be doing this, the CCC will be a program under her rescue Hamster Boy and Tiger Lilly. They put in a proposal over a month ago, asking where it sits, a yes or a no. The cats have to be trapped, who is going to do that. Mayor Ramsey addressed her questions. Devers noted Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter offer is off the table.

Anika Risener, Big Horn County Library Director, provided a Spring Activity Guide Book and Summer Activity Guide Book. She would like to kick-off the Summer Reading Program by having a party in South Park on the 10th of June from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and invite the entire community. She will be approaching the board, before their regular board meeting, insinuating a letter of sponsorship for the South Park Grand Opening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Ramsey reported the Hardin Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. at the Hardin Fire Hall, 1204 N. Custer Avenue; the South Park Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00

p.m., the Yes Coalition sponsorship and others businesses. The Masonic Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026 from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Saint Johns Lodge #92 (Masonic Hall).

The City of Hardin has the following Job Openings: Full-time positions – Police Chief, Maintenance Worker I, and Water Distribution Operator in Training I. Part-time position Temporary - Court Clerk I-III.

Greer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Espinoza seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Riley Ramsey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew Lehr, Finance Officer/City Clerk

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City of Hardin

Sewer and Water Committee Meeting

May 19, 2026

The Sewer and Water Committee Meeting began at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Committee members Steven Hopes and Clayton Greer, Council members George Toyne, Antonio 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, and Attorney Jordan Knudsen and several members of the public.

Public Comment: N/A

Lehr reported looking at the City Water Rate Structure, it is outdated compared to other municipalities. Currently everyone pays the same \$2.75 per thousand gallons over three thousand gallons. It puts more of the burden on residential taxpayers than it does some of the businesses that have 3", 4", and 6" meters. He reviewed the analysis, noting the average cost projections are as follows: the average amount of water pumped per month. The average cost per fiscal year, the cost per month is \$73,184. A 3/4" meter (most residential households) using 17,500 gallons costs the water fund \$110.06; as 2" meter using 31,000 gallons costs the water fund \$194.07, a 4" meter using 180,000 gallons costs the water fund \$1,132.07. Currently the way the rate structure is, the same customer with the 3/4" meter pays \$61.88, 2" meter \$139.06, and 4" meter only pays \$581.51. Anyone with a 4" meter is underpaying by roughly \$600 per month, this is the discrepancy on what is being paid compared to what the water department is paying every month. He wants to make it equitable. A 4" meter has more impact and draw on the system. He also looked at the water fund in general, the fund balance declined for Fiscal Years 2021-2024. He reviewed the projected rate increase for FY 2027, for the different size meters. Toyne asked how many 2" and 4" meters there are. Lehr reported about four or five 4" meters and twenty to thirty on the 3" meter, with roughly 1,050 of the accounts are 3/4" meter.

Mayor Ramsey noted the area of focus is the larger lines using more water, that is where the losses are occurring. It is costing the City money to have larger meters. Krebs noted the City is losing money, something has to be done.

Mayor Ramsey asked if there was Public Comment. There was none.

There was discussion about setting a hearing at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Steven Hopes, Sewer and Water Chairman

ATTEST:

Andrew Lehr, Finance Officer/City Clerk

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City of Hardin

Law Enforcement Committee Meeting

March 3, 2026

The Law Enforcement Committee meeting began at 5:32 p.m. In attendance were Committee members Antonio Espinoza and Clayton Greer. Chris Sharpe was excused. Council members George Toyne, Jeremy Krebs, Steven Hopes, and Mayor Riley Ramsey were also present. City Staff members present were Finance Officer/City Clerk Andrew Lehr, Public Works Director Michael Hurff, Economic Development Director Tina Toyne, Attorney Jordan Knudsen, and Police Chief Paul George Jr., and several members of the public.

The discussion was in regards to Dispatch.

Alderman Espinoza vocalized that when the meeting was called, he was under the impression to discuss 911 iNet, not necessarily Dispatch. Mayor Ramsey confirmed that would be discussed during the meeting.

The discussion began with reviewing the proposed revisions to the Interlocal Dispatch Services Agreement between Big Horn County and the City of Hardin. Discussion began with Section 6, Paragraph 3 regarding the verbiage “or other county employees.” Attorney Knudsen proposed the verbiage to be broad, but not inclusive of all departments. Recommendation was to keep “or other county employees” and to add “using dispatch services.” The recommendation was discussed and agreed upon. The verbiage will be extended identically for city employees using dispatch services.

Attorney Torske discussed the Advisory Board Members, as outlined in the agreement, and suggested the Disaster and Emergency Services Director from the County be added. Knudsen explained that adding an additional member would make the board and even 10. Mayor Ramsey suggested a neutral Chairperson, Commissioner Larry Vandersloot suggested to have the Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) Director to serve as ex-officio. Discussion took place and all parties agreed.

Commissioner Vandersloot and Attorney Torske confirmed that Commissioner George Real Bird III reviewed the document and did not provide any suggestions.

Knudsen discussed an error that Drew identified in Paragraph 12, first sentence, the word “not” should be removed. Discussion took place and all parties agreed.

Mayor Ramsey asked if the County is ok with approving something as an intent to move forward, given that the timeline is not clearly identified. Brian Mehus, of 911 iNet, attending by virtual meeting, discussed the options the City of Hardin has going forward. Mehus explained the State of Montana is looking to establish a State Site in Big Horn County, but the

timeline and confirmation of that is not identified. Mehus confirmed that a repeater could be delivered and installed within the April 7th timeline demanded. Toyne asked the price difference for the temporary repeater versus a permanent repeater solution. Mehus explained the temporary repeater could stay in place as a long-term backup, if the State was to establish a site. Mayor Ramsey asked for confirmation that with the temporary repeater officers can communicate with one another. Mehus confirmed. Toyne asked if the temporary repeater will be a used repeater or new. Mehus explained there is a quote for a new repeater, but given the timeline, it may not be delivered and installed by the demanded timeline, therefore, a quote for a used (or temporary) repeater is being produced. Mehus confirmed that the used repeater will have the same capabilities of a local, conventional, P25 repeating channel. Chief George asked if tying into the State Channel will repeat our State Channel frequency. Mehus explained there are two options. The conventional channel can be used to talk locally or to tie to the State Trunked Talker. Both the new and used repeaters have this capability. Further discussion regarding the County next steps and configuration took place between Mehus, Commissioner Vandersloot and Sheriff Jeramie Middlestead.

Torske shifted discussion back to the Interlocal Agreement stating that the presiding member needs to be updated to George Real Bird III.

Mayor Ramsey explained that our current dispatch expires on April 9th. The company wanted an answer by March 1st, it is March 3rd, their certifications are being held in Montana for our benefit. Knudsen stated that they set a deadline, we did not adhere to that deadline. They are not obligated to renew as an answer was not provided by the set deadline. Mehus continued explaining the benefits to being on the State system, required hardware, and next steps to continuing that discussion, confirming that he can source the local repeater in alignment with the timeline of April 9th. Sheriff Middlestead explained where the County is with the extension of the current County Repeater and the timeline. Middlestead shared that the County is willing to share a channel with Hardin PD, which would allow HPD to communicate with dispatch and Big Horn County. Discussion regarding coverage and Hardin PD access continued. Mehus confirmed that a local Repeater would minimize the coverage issues.

Knudsen explained that Council could table the Interlocal Dispatch Services Agreement or approve with certain contingencies, but voiced concern about having legitimate contingencies and associate risks with reliance. Espinoza motioned to recommend to table the Interlocal Dispatch Services Agreement, Toyne seconded. Unanimous approval.

Knudsen asked about the annual rent of the land on Radio Hill. Torske explained that it is \$1,000 per year for the City. The City can piggy-back on the contract the County has arranged with the land owner, confirming competency. Torske could not confirm if the agreement was finalized. Knudsen suggested that be added into the Interlocal Dispatch Services Agreement. Torske was unable to confirm the term of the agreement for the land. Toyne asked if the State creates a State Site, does the City continue to pay for the back-up or does the State take over the lease? Krebs explained that the contract is between the County and the Land Owner. Torske suggested including verbiage “for the term of the Interlocal Dispatch Services Agreement.” Krebs asked if the Commissioners are in agreement with the Interlocal Dispatch Services Agreement, as it stands. Torske shared the proposed changes identified this evening would have

to be presented to Commissioner Real Bird III. Knudsen confirmed that DES would be ex-officio, not a presiding officer. Torske agreed.

Public Comment: N/A

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Antonio Espinoza, Law Enforcement Chairman

ATTEST:

Andrew Lehr, Finance Officer/City Clerk

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City of Hardin

Submitted for Approval

June 2, 2026

Month	CLAIM No.	Monthly Total
April, 2026	33807	\$ 631.65
May, 2026	33752, 33770, 33777-33778, 33783, 33791, 33802,33803, 33805-33806, 33808-33813, 33815, 33840-33859, 33861-33865, 33866- 33875, 33877	149,710.17
June, 2026	33814, 33816-33832, 33834, 33837-33838	2,000.00
Claims Total (Expenditures)		\$ 152,341.82
May 2026		296,796.47
TOTAL Submitted		\$ 449,138.29

Claims or Expenditures over \$5,000
per Resolution #2189

Vendor	Purpose	Check #	Amount
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTU	May Debt Payment 2020 USDA Loan	-99300	6,024.00
US BANK - PETRODATA	June 2026 Sewer Debt Payment	-99280	18,800.00
US BANK - PETRODATA	June 2026 Sewer Debt Payment	-99279	9,288.75
US BANK - PETRODATA	June 2026 Sewer Debt Payment	-99278	21,385.00
CRASH CHAMPIONS	Repair of Police Vehicle- paid by insurance	42710	13,215.00
JORDAN W KNUDSEN	Legal Services	42729	8,500.00
MILLENNIUM ELECTRIC	12" Valve Intake	42732	6,737.85
BIG HORN COUNTY TREASURER	Victim Witness, court fees to BHC	42716	20,541.53

CITY OF HARDIN
Claims Report

For the Accounting Period: April, 2026

Vendor	Claim #	Check	Amount
SYMBOLARTS LLC	CL 33807	42739	631.65

631.65

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Claims Report

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CUSHING TERRELL	CL 33752	42707	4,999.00
AMAZON.COM	CL 33770	-99294	248.94
MOORE GREASE MONKEY TOYS, LLC	CL 33777	42709	109.99
DRIFTSCAPE CORP.	CL 33778	-99288	4,473.00
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HEALTHQUITY	CL 33806	-99283	335.36
CENTURYLINK	CL 33808	-99282	213.15
ANDREW LEHR	CL 33809	42714	149.99
MISTY OLD COYOTE	CL 33810	42733	87.50
CLAYTON GREER	CL 33811	42721	1,058.23
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC	CL 33812	42724	469.00
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	CL 33813	-99274	1,414.29
APG YELLOWSTONE NEWS GROUP	CL 33815	-99281	425.40
BELLA OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	CL 33840	42715	4,200.00
KAMINSKY, SULLENBERGER & ASSOCIATES, INC	CL 33841	42730	375.00
EDWARD STAFFORD	CL 33842	42723	595.50
US BANK - PETRODATA	CL 33843	-99280	18,800.00
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CRASH CHAMPIONS	CL 33846	42710	8,897.66
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IBS, INC.	CL 33848	42728	825.29
ECOLAB INC	CL 33849	42722	95.53
BIG SKY LINEN & UNIFORM INC	CL 33850	-99287	187.20
C & B OPERATIONS LLC	CL 33851	42718	17.10
GRAINGER	CL 33852	42725	185.17
HARDIN BUILDING CENTER	CL 33853	42726	68.64
HARDIN DO IT BEST	CL 33854	42727	293.25
LYNN'S SUPERFOODS	CL 33855	42731	140.22
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	CL 33856	42734	1,296.50
TINA M TOYNE	CL 33857	42740	98.66
LAURIE WELCH	CL 33858	42712	132.00
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	CL 33859	42736	1,170.99
HEALTHQUITY	CL 33861	-99277	209.96
AMAZON.COM	CL 33862	-99286	72.10
BILLINGS PAVEMENT SERVICES	CL 33863	42717	4,682.00
BIG HORN COUNTY TREASURER	CL 33864	42716	7,258.70
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MUNI WORTH INNOVATIONS	CL 33867	-99276	2,425.00
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	CL 33868	42713	460.00
CenturyLink	CL 33869	42719	1,207.15
NORTHERN CHIROPRACTIC PC	CL 33870	42737	135.00
STAHLY ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES INC	CL 33871	42738	347.00
MILLENNIUM ELECTRIC	CL 33872	42732	6,737.85
MOUNTAIN ALARM	CL 33873	42735	464.50
JORDAN W KNUDSEN	CL 33874	42729	8,500.00
CITY WATER DEPT	CL 33875	42720	572.97
APG YELLOWSTONE NEWS GROUP	CL 33877	-99275	95.20
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JACK WEICHMAN	CL 33816	42745	100.00
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TERRY BULLIS - MSSB	CL 33819	42759	100.00
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HARRY KAUTZMAN	CL 33821	42744	100.00
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KENTON G KEPP	CL 33823	42750	100.00
JAY LUNDBERG	CL 33824	42746	100.00
DANIEL J KLINGENSTEIN	CL 33825	42742	100.00
LARRY W VANDERSLOOT	CL 33826	42751	100.00
JIM WEDEL	CL 33827	42748	100.00
TIM A WAGNER	CL 33828	42760	100.00
TEDDY J BURROUGHS	CL 33829	42758	100.00
KATHERINE M JOHNSON	CL 33830	42749	50.00
SANDRA K BIERY	CL 33831	42756	50.00
JERRY WEMPLE	CL 33832	42747	100.00
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MAYOR
Riley Ramsey



PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Michael Hurff Jr.
FINANCE OFFICER/CITY CLERK
Andrew Lehr

Date: May 26th 2026

To: City Council
Re: Sewer Backup Emergency Funding Request

The City of Hardin Streets Department has determined that the main sewer line located along Mitchell Avenue and 3rd Street West has suffered a catastrophic failure. Gravel and sand intrusion have completely obstructed the flow of wastewater within the line. City crews are currently on site working to restore temporary flow conditions so that a camera inspection can be conducted to fully assess the extent of the damage.

The affected sewer main is located approximately 20 feet below grade, which exceeds the capabilities and equipment capacity of the current City crew to safely and effectively repair.

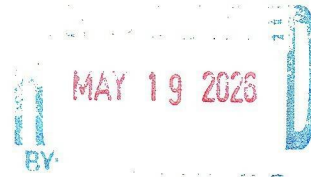
Evan Donnot with Northcon Inc. has the personnel, equipment, and experience necessary to respond to this emergency situation and has indicated willingness to assist immediately. Their crew would mobilize equipment currently located at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and perform the necessary excavation and repairs to restore proper sewer service and protect public health and safety.

I am requesting authorization for up to \$60,000 in emergency funding and permission to contract with Northcon Inc. for emergency sewer repair services in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Hardin.

Respectfully,

Michael Hurff Jr.
Public Works Director
City of Hardin, Montana

LANDA LEHMAN



206 N. Center Ave | Hardin, MT 59034 | thefarmersdaughtergs@gmail.com

May 19, 2026

Dear Members of Hardin City Council,

I am excited to announce we are in the process of planning the 8th Annual 4th of July Celebration and Cornhole Tournament located downtown Hardin. We are looking forward to celebrating America's 250th birthday in a big way!

I would like to request assistance from the City in hosting the event by providing the following:

- 2 large Dumpsters (one on the South end of the street, one on the North end)
- 4 garbage canisters (with lids and wheels)
- 4 Porta Potties with handwashing station placed in alley behind grass area
- Blockades to close the street
- 8 extra orange candles to use for cornhole tournament score boards
- Street Sweepers clean the street (you have done this in the past and it's amazing the how much nicer it looks!) And also, please clean down the center of the street where the cornhole boards will be set up.

I would also like to request permission to have the 200 block/street closed Friday, July 4th from 7a.m. to 7p.m., the use of the city park located on the 200 block with electricity, and permission to use the flag pole for the flag raising ceremony and to fly the American Flag throughout the event (please make sure the ropes/cables are set up to use).

The event will run similar to the previous years with the cornhole tournament, community BBQ, lawn games, watermelon eating contest, free bingo, and this year we will be adding Patriotic Trivia and hosting a birthday party for America's 250th! The beer garden will be handled by

another organization who is responsible for getting their own beer permit as well as the BBQ who will be responsible for their own food permit/license.

The last few years have brought between 350-450 people to downtown Hardin (with 35-45 teams in the cornhole tournament!) and we look forward to hosting again in downtown Hardin! Thank you so much for your help every year and your dedication to our community events. I (and the community) greatly appreciate your assistance in helping celebrate Independence Day! Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Landa Lehman
St. Xavier Rodeo Association

RECEIVED
MAY 27 2026

Cheri Suchodolski
River Valley Farmers Market Manager
rvfm.hardin@gmail.com



05/26/2026

Dear City Council Members,

On behalf of the Helping Hands Food Bank in Hardin, we would like to request temporary road closure for the River Valley Farmers Market. The closure is needed on the 200 block of North Center Avenue in front of the Plaza between the hours of 3:30pm and 8:30pm every Thursday in August and September of this year.

The past few years, the road closure for the markets were seamless, and vital to a smooth market environment. Therefore, we would like to propose the same set up for this year. The city would put out the road closure materials each Thursday morning/mid-day and pick up Friday morning after the market. The River Valley Farmers Market volunteers would take on the responsibility of physically setting up the road barriers and taking them down. Additionally, we are also requesting the restrooms (handicap accessible), handwashing station and picnic tables as done in past years.

Thank you for considering this request and ensuring the safety of our residents while promoting a healthy, not hungry community. We look forward to working with you.

Best regards,

Cheri Suchodolski

RVFM Market Manager

Description #1 2018 Ford F250 - Police
 Description #2 1FT7W2B63JEC17007
 Asset A/C# 186000 - Machinery & Equipment
 Date Acquired 10/09/2023 Depr Yr: 3
 Status Code A - Active
 New / Used New
 Valuation 0.00
 Pers Prop Value 0.00
 Activity Type G - Governmental Activities Assets
 Function Type PS - Public Safety- 42
 Sort Code 3
 Sort Code 4
 Sort Code 5
 Sort Code 6
 Sort Code 7
 Sort Code 8
 Accum. A/C# 186100 - M&E Accumulated Depreciation
 Expense A/C# 9000.28000 - Governmental Activity Depreciation Exp
 User Defined #1
 User Defined #2
 Transfer Codes 12 Months allocated to this account

Group Select Codes
 Group #1 Not Included
 Group #2 Not Included
 Group #3 Not Included
 Group #4 Not Included
 Group #5 Not Included

Special Tax Codes
 Date Created 12/22/2023 - 10:43 AM
 Date Modified 3/20/2026 - 10:42 AM

Method 1	Book (B)
Depr Method / Conv	SLP / FM
Depr Life	5.0000
Listed Code	N - Not Listed
Bus Percent	100.00
Cost	30,000.00
Sec 263A Cost	0.00
Salvage	0.00
ITC Code	O - ITC Omitted
ITC Amount	0.00
Qual Section 179	No
Excl Auto Assign 179	No
Section 179 Amount	0.00
Include in MQ Calc?	No
Depr Basis	30,000.00
Beg Acc Depr	10,500.00
Qual AFY / Percent	Not Qualified
AFY Amount	0.00
Current Depr	6,000.00
Ending Depr	16,500.00
Curr Depr Override	No - Calculated
Trade Adjustment	0.00
Gain or (Loss)	0.00
Net Book Value	13,500.00
Next Yr Depr - 2027	6,000.00

Use Internal Months YTD when calculating depreciation: No

Life - in Months	60.00
Months - YTD Beg of Yr	12.00
Months - Current Year	12.00
Months Left Beg of Yr	36.00



2018 Ford F250 Super Duty Crew Cab Pricing Report

Style: XL Pickup 4D 6 3/4 ft

Mileage: 150,000

KBB.com Consumer Rating: 4.5/5

Vehicle Highlights

Fuel Economy: N/A

Engine: V8, Flex Fuel, 6.2 Liter

Transmission: Auto, 6-Spd TorqShft-G

Drivetrain: 4WD

Country of Assembly: United States

Country of Origin: United States

EPA Class: Standard Pickup Trucks

Max Seating: 6

Doors: 4

Body Style: Pickup

Sell to Private Party

Private Party Range
\$21,617 - \$24,517
Private Party Value
\$23,017

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Valid for ZIP code 59034 through 05/22/2026

Your Configured Options

Our pre-selected options, based on typical equipment for this car.

✓ Options that you added while configuring this car.

Exterior Color

✓ Black

Engine

✓ V8, Flex Fuel, 6.2 Liter

Transmission

✓ Auto, 6-Spd TorqShift-G

Drivetrain

4WD

Braking and Traction

ABS (4-Wheel)

Hill Start Assist Control

AdvanceTrac

Comfort and Convenience

Air Conditioning

Cruise Control

✓ Keyless Start

Alarm System

Keyless Entry

Power Door Locks

Power Windows

Entertainment and Instrumentation

AM/FM Stereo

CD/MP3 (Single Disc)

✓ SiriusXM Satellite

✓ Navigation System

✓ Premium Sound

Safety and Security

Backup Camera

Dual Air Bags

Head Curtain Air Bags

Side Air Bags

Steering

Power Steering

Tilt & Telescoping Wheel

Wheels and Tires

Oversized Premium

Wheels 20"+

Cargo and Towing

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✓ Running Boards

Lighting

✓ Daytime Running
Lights

Accessory Packages

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EPA Class: Standard Pickup Trucks

Max Seating: 6

Doors: 4

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Trade in to a Dealer

Trade-in Range
\$16,017 - \$19,167
Trade-in Value
\$17,567



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Special Events / Public Beer & Wine Permit Application

Event Information

Date of Event: June 26 & 27, 2026 Time of Event: From: 10:00 a.M To: 12:00 a.M (est) ^{Midnight}

Estimated Number of Participants: 3,000K

Location: Custer Park South Park Heimat Park Wilson Park Other Plaza ^{Hardin Depot}
200-400 Blocks Center

Nature of Event: (Describe in detail)
Little Bighorn Days 2026 - Friday kids Day(am) evening Concert.
Saturday - parade, car show, games. Street dance.

Please Check if you are a non-profit group, United States military or veteran group, community benefit group, or similar entity requesting a Permit Fee waiver per City Code 6-3-3.

Organizer Information:

Name of Event/Function: Little Bighorn Days - Beer Garden

Address: Plaza, Hardin Depot (10E Railway), 200-400 N Center Ave

Daytime Phone: 406-679-0695 Contact Phone: 406-679-0028
Rhonda Lehr Alex Edwards

By signing below, the organizer acknowledges and agrees to the following:

- 1. Organizer agrees to hold the City and its employees harmless** from any and all claims, actions lawsuits, damages, or injury to person or person's property occurring during the course of or pertaining to the Special Event caused by the conduct of employees or agents of applicant.
- 2. Organizer is responsible for the immediate cleanup and restoration of the area upon which the event was conducted** and can be charged with criminal offense punishable by a fine of \$500 and/or six months in jail if the trash and/or refuse is not properly cleaned up.
- 3. Organizer will not permit persons under the age of 21, to possess, purchase or drink alcoholic beverages.**

Rhonda Lehr
Contact's Name (Print)

[Signature]
Contact's Signature

The application must be approved by local law enforcement.

[Signature] Interim Chief
Signature of Local Law Enforcement

Per Resolution 2146: The fee for said permit shall be \$_____ which must be paid prior to the permit being issued by the City.

FOR CITY USE ONLY:			
Application fee:	Amount: _____	Check No.: _____	Date: _____
Permit Fee Waiver Granted:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Council Approval needed – Per Resolution NO. 2146 Mayor: _____		
Permit Approved/Denied:	City Clerk: _____	City Council: _____	

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Event Information

Date of Event: July 4, 2026 Time of Event: From: 10:00 a .M To: 6:00 p .M.(est)

Estimated Number of Participants: up to 300

Location: Custer Park South Park Heimat Park Wilson Park Other: plaza
200N Center

Nature of Event: (Describe in detail)

4th of July celebration - Beer Garden

Please Check if you are a non-profit group, United States military or veteran group, community benefit group, or similar entity requesting a Permit Fee waiver per City Code 6-3-3.

Organizer Information:

Name of Event/Function: 4th of July celebration

Address: Plaza & 200N Center Block

Daytime Phone: 406-679-0695 Contact Phone: 406-679-0028
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Permit Approved/Denied: City Clerk: _____ City Council: _____

David R. Blaine
Crow Times President and Founder
(406) 647-9578
Crowtimes2025@gmail.com

May 28th, 2026

Mayor Riley Ramsey and Members of the City Council
City of Hardin
406 N. Cheyenne Ave.
Hardin, MT 59034

Subject: Request for Park Space and Time for Crow Times "Movies in the Park" Events
Dear Mayor Riley Ramsey and City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of Crow Times to formally request the use of space at the City Park and possibly the Big Horn County Fairgrounds to host a series of free "Movies in the Park" nights for the children and families of Hardin.

We are planning to host these events for at least two days this summer, with the exact dates to be determined in coordination with city schedules. To ensure a smooth operations process and a safe environment for families, we are requesting a four-hour block of time for each event. To maximize safety and accommodate our setup requirements, we request that a portion of this four-hour block include hours when the park is officially closed to the general public.

Crow Times will fully manage and host the events. Our dedicated team of volunteers will handle all responsibilities regarding equipment set up and tear down. In addition to the film screenings, we plan to provide snacks and or meals to attending youth. Due to limited supplies, these refreshments will be distributed strictly on a first-come, first-served basis.

To bring this successful community gathering to fruition, we respectfully request:

- Approval to utilize the park grounds during the specified standard and closed hours.
- Access to a reliable power source for our screen and projection equipment.
- Coordination regarding public safety and local noise ordinances during the event hours.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued partnership in creating meaningful summer activities for the youth of Hardin. I look forward to discussing this proposal further at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

David R. Blaine
Crow Times President and Founder

Crow Times "Movie in the Park" Nights Rules & Community Expectations

Welcome! Our mission at Crow Times is to nurture a positive, safe, and healthy joyful environment for all families who attend. To ensure a smooth, fun, and secure evening for our children and community, we enforce a strict Zero-Tolerance Policy.

By entering the event grounds, all attendees agree to abide by the following guidelines:

Behavior & Safety

No Bullying: Any form of verbal or physical bullying will not be tolerated.


No Harassment: Respect your neighbors; harassment of any sort is strictly banned.

No Horseplay: Running recklessly, roughhousing, or any actions that can cause injury to another person are prohibited.

Prohibited Substances

No Drugs or Alcohol: This is a strictly substance-free, family-focused event.

No Smoking or Vaping: Smoking and vaping of any kind are completely prohibited on the event grounds.

 **ENFORCEMENT NOTICE: If you are seen violating any behavior or substance rules, you will be asked to leave immediately and may be barred from attending future Movies in the Park events.**

Event Supervision

Volunteer Walkthroughs: Crow Times volunteers will perform continuous walkthroughs throughout the night.

Event Supervision: Staff and volunteers are on-site to supervise all areas and maintain a safe space.

Here to Help: If you see an issue or need assistance, please locate a Crow Times volunteer immediately.

Refreshments & Logistics

First-Come, First-Served: Snacks and meals are available on a first-come basis.

Limited Supplies: Food items are limited, so please arrive early.

Keep It Clean: Please use the provided trash receptacles to keep our park beautiful.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping this event safe, healthy, and joyful for Hardin's youth!

RESOLUTION NO. 2438

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA APPOINTING AN INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE, AND ESTABLISHING WAGES

WHEREAS, the City Council (hereinafter "Council") of the City of Hardin, Montana (hereinafter "City") has approved the appointment of Tyler Nedens as the Interim Chief of Police for the Hardin Police Department

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that Tyler Nedens' duties will increase significantly with the appointment, and the Council desires to increase his compensation 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 Tyler Nedens, serving as Interim Chief of Police, shall be provided compensation as Interim Chief of Police, as follows:

\$36.05/hr, with an effective date of May 20, 2026.

Once a permanent Chief of Police is hired, Tyler Nedens shall return to his role as a patrol officer for the Hardin Police Department, and shall return to his previous wage rate 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 2nd day of June, 2026.

YEA VOTES _____

NAY VOTES _____

CITY OF HARDIN

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk



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Regular Meeting

6/8/2026 at 7:00pm

1. Call to order
2. Submission of minutes from March & April 2026
3. Submission of financial statement(s) & bill(s) to be paid
4. Old Business
 - a. County Commissioners appointed member update
5. New Business
 - a. County Growth Policy update
 - b. Zoom virtual meeting expense
 - c. Assembling meetings with no applications for review
 - d. City: Drew Lehr and Alex Edwards
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment