

Town of Denton
Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2026

The Denton Town Council met on Monday, June 15, 2026, in the Denton Library. Mayor Stephenie Stolle called the meeting to order at 6:57p.m.
Council Members Present: Beau Carter, Curtis Hershberger, Bjorn Flategraff and Stefani Pineda.

Council members absent: April Todd and Jenn Ostin.

Staff Present: Lorri Shafer, David Deines and Kellie Davis

In attendance: Greg Steckler from Core Engineering, Sheila Tesarek.

AGENDA: A Motion was made to adopt the Agenda (Pineda/Carter-unanimous) Public Comment- none. All in favor. Motion passes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Motion J. under New Business was moved to accommodate a visitor.

A Motion was made to waive the Town Hall rental fee for the Denton Booster Club. (Carter/Pineda) Public Comment. Sheila Tesarek spoke about the contributions the Booster Club has made to the community. The Club would like to have the Town Hall 10/22/2026 through 10/26/2026 After a brief discussion a Motion was made to waive the rental fee for the additional days but charge for the day of the dinner (10/23/2026). (Carter/Hershberger) All in favor. Motion passes.

Lorri Schafer spoke about the safety concerns at the Pool Park. The slide and the teeter totter do not have fall protection. Many parents voiced their concerns to her. The Council discussed the situation and stated that the slide and teeter totter should be removed.

Greg Steckler from Core Engineering spoke about the lagoon project. He told the Council that the last pond needs to fill up. The actuator will be returned to the manufacturer; the wrong one was sent. It will be returned and the correct one will be sent to us at no charge. We can still discharge without one.

We are in limbo right now; he discussed closing out early.

APPROVE MINUTES

The May 18, 2026 and June 1, 2026 Minutes were approved (Pineda/Carter-unanimous) Public Comment-none. All in favor. Motion passes.

COMMUNICATION

PWD Report- David Deines stated he's met with DEQ about their recommendations at the treatment plant. The DEQ report states that the flow from the springs went from 100/gallons a minute to 20/gallons a minute, there is air in the system still. There is a possibility that we may have to drill a new well. There are turbidity issues and the pump needs to be adjusted.

He told the Council that the sprinkler that the pool park runs during the daytime and if anyone sees it on to contact him so he can adjust the timing.

He reported that the gravel roads in town are being graded and that he would like a couple of loads of gravel brought in for Main and Helena. Once those are done, he would like to work on the alleys. He was informed he could use the gravel at the wastewater plant.

He said that there are fire hydrants that are out on commission, 3 that are marked and 2 that are unmarked. He ordered 1 hydrant and 2 parts kits.

Montana Rural Water has offered to help locate curb stops, manholes and hydrants in town, by using GPS, currently Broadway Ave. is done. They will return to map another section, in the future.

Clerk's Report- The Clerk told the Council that she and the Mayor would be attending a Municipal Summit training in Great Falls on 06/18/2026. She is learning the new Procurement Policy.

She has requested a work cell phone (it will remain at the desk) and a backup laptop.

Montana Rural Water Systems came to do a Rate Analysis on the water. With the continual water loss, and higher operational costs the Town needs to look into raising the water rates. Bobbie Shular stated she would like to discuss the analysis with the Mayor and Council at our July meeting.

Grant Reports

- a. Sewer- Greg stated that we may be able to close the Grant out early. Lorri stated she would like him to try and complete this.
- b. EECBG- Greg stated that he has completed the RFP and contacted the Lewistown News Argus to place the ad. It will run 4 times, starting on Saturday, 06/20/2026. We will have to submit Procurement Policy, Flow Downs and Statement of Work, weekly reports and they do not offer an extension for completion. There was a training available online.
- c. Montana 250 Grant Program- we will need to follow the Procurement Policy.

Accountant's Report- Accountant's Report- Lorri gave the Council the May Bank Reconciliation, the Budget to Actual and the Warrant Report for the Council review and approval. She told the Council that funds were getting tight on the budget. The new budget will be completed in August. Her and the Mayor are working on the FY27 Wage Budget. She also stated that we will have to address the water loss. We will need to raise the water rate.

Mayor's Report-

Letters to the Council-

NEW BUSINESS:

A Motion was made to approve Resolution #441 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ACH AND ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER AND TO ADOPT AN ACH AND ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER POLICY.

(Flategraff/Pineda-unanimous) Public Comment-none. All in favor. Motion passes.

A Motion was made to approve Resolution #442 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CREDIT CARD RECEIPTS.

(Pineda/Carter-unanimous) Public Comment-none. All in favor. Motion passes.

A Motion was made to lease Denton Block 001 Lot 001-012 (Carter/Pineda) Public Comment-none. All in favor. Motion passes.

The Motion was made to table accepting bid for Denton Block 001 Lot 001-012 for pasture lease (Carter/Pineda) Public Comment-none. All in favor. Motion passes.

A Motion was made to write off 2 outstanding water accounts (AYE.020.139 & KAN 010.90)

(Pineda/Flategraff-unanimous) Public Comment-none. All in favor. Motion passes.

A Motion was made to table approving Land Use Agreement for 1200 Main Ave. (Pineda/Flategraff)-

Public Comment-none. Hershberger, Flategraff, Pineda yay. Carter -abstain) Motion passes.

A Motion was made to accept Snowy Mountain Lock & Door estimate (1023, 1024 & 1025)

(Carter/Pineda-unanimous) Public Comment. All in favor. Motion passes.

A Motion was made accept HDC quote for Town fire truck (Carter/Pineda) After a brief discussion a

Motion was made to table the acceptance (Hershberger/Pineda) Public Comment. All in favor. Motion passes.

A Motion was made to table the approval of the FY27 Wage Budget (Flategraff/Carter-unanimous)

Public Comment. All in favor. Motion passes.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

A quote was given to the Town for repairs to the gazebo roof. The Mayor approved the quote, and the Clerk will contact the contractor.

A Motion to was made to table the Highmark claim. (Carter/ Pineda-unanimous) Public Comment- none.

All in favor. Motion Passed.

The Council did not have an update on the cemetery sign.

Council member Hershberger told the Council that he placed a manual valve at the bulk fill station. He stated that the Town would continue to use the Honor System to account for the water taken. PW Deines stated that he would like to place a camera on the FD building to help monitor the bulk fill station.

OTHER:

APPROVE CLAIMS:

A Motion was made to approve claims #19108-19151 with the exception of #19126. (Pineda/Carter-unanimous) Public Comment-none. All in favor. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA BUT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL. -None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Stephenie Stolle, Mayor

Kellie Davis, Town Clerk