

Mayor Rolane Christofferson reviewed and approved the following payroll as prepared by Clerk Lynn Schilling:

Payroll Register

88714	Rolane Christofferson	January 2026 Payroll	380.02
17352	Scott Christofferson	January 2026 Payroll	138.52
17353	Marek Dinges	January 2026 Payroll	277.05
17354	Brett Dorak	January 2026 Payroll	115.44
88713	Joshua Dyer	January 2026 Payroll	2621.63
17355	Adolph Fischer Jr.	January 2026 Payroll	1108.20
88712	Allen Henry	January 2026 Payroll	2717.49
17356	Zackary Huber	January 2026 Payroll	230.87
88711	David Johnson	January 2026 Payroll	2702.46
17357	Karlene Kinsey	January 2026 Payroll	116.67
17358	Jordan Lassle	January 2026 Payroll	277.05
17359	Nathan Lassle	January 2026 Payroll	207.79
17360	Tom Magalsky	January 2026 Payroll	67.89
17361	Tom Magalsky	January 2026 Payroll	277.05
17362	Neva Rathbun	January 2026 Payroll	138.52
17363	James Schilling	January 2026 Payroll	253.96
88710	Lynn Schilling	January 2026 Payroll	3333.70
17364	Tanner Schillinger	January 2026 Payroll	184.70
17365	Tanner Stickel	January 2026 Payroll	277.05
17366	MMIA- Insurance	January 2026 Payroll- Insurance	3684.20
17367	Dept. of Revenue	January 2026 Payroll- State Tax	436.00
88709	Colonial Life	January 2026 Payroll- Insurance	367.77
88708	EFTPS	January 2026 Payroll- Tax Deposit	4184.43
88707	PERS	January 2026 Payroll	2818.23

The Claims Committee met at Terry Town Hall at 5:30 p.m. with Neva Rathbun and Tom Magalsky reviewing claims. **The following claims were submitted for payment:**

Claims

6057	MDU	January 2026 Utilities	3334.72
6058	City of Glendive	Landfill Services	2863.30
6059	Cross Petroleum	January 2026 Fuel	1040.40
6060	Mid-Rivers Communications	January 2026 Statement	187.53
6061	Tongue River Electric	Power @ Landfill and Lagoons	139.58
6062	Town of Terry	Sewer	195.00
6063	Boss Office Products	Office Supplies	739.90
6064	Bruce Lantis Tree Service	Stump Removal @ Murn Park	4000.00
6065	Dan's Welding & Repair	Part	10.19
6066	Downtown Water User's	Annual Maintenance Fee	200.00
6067	Elan Financial Services	January 2026 Statement	2151.84
6068	Farmers Union Oil Co	January 2026 Statement	32.68
6069	J.P. Cooke Co.	2026 Dog Tags	95.95
6070	Lewis Family Hardware	January 2026 Statement	589.09
6071	Miles City Motor Supply	January 2026 Statement	227.77
6072	Lynn Schilling	Reimbursement for Mileage- EPEDC	58.00
6073	The Chemnet Consortium	Annual Random Selection Fee	175.00
6074	Tom Pisk Construction	Supplies- Shop	36.00
6075	Watts Insurance	TVFD Life & Accident Policy	141.12
6076	John Hrubes	Legal Services- January 2026	553.20
6056	MT Dept. of Environmental Quality	WW Operator Exam Fee	70.00
Total			\$ 44,966.78

Receipts for the month of January, 2026:

12889 Carol/Allen Lachenmaier	Farmland Lease	750.00
12890 Save Our Pool	Donation	250.00
12891 Rodney Mrnak	Rural Garbage Contract	400.00
12892 Prairie Co. Treasurer	Taxes & Assessments	51935.86
12893 State of Montana	Fuel Allocation	6059.05
12894 Stockman Bank	Interest	2221.58
12895 State of Montana	VGM Permit Distribution	75.00
12896 Rural Garbage Contracts	Rafter J Ranch Horses	300.00
	D. Hudson	400.00
UB894 Journal Voucher	Sewer Receipts	<u>31325.39</u>
	Total	\$ 93,716.88

The Terry Town Council met in session at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Rolane Christofferson presiding. Council Members present were Karlene Kinsey, Neva Rathbun, Tom Magalsky, and Scott Christofferson. Also present were Clerk Lynn Schilling, Public Works Director David Johnson, Town Attorney John Hrubes, Fire Chief Junior Fischer, Hank Dalton, Darren Frey (Terry Tribune), Vera Sackman, Dale Galland, Dan Kirkpatrick, Bailey Kortum, Nevada Coon, Russell Schwartz, Prairie County Sheriff Keifer Lewis, Randy and Shari Robertson (arrived at 6:35 p.m.).

Mayor Rolane Christofferson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment- None.

Minutes from the January 15th, 2026 meeting were approved. (Magalsky/Rathbun)

Claims approved through Claims Committee. (Rathbun/Christofferson)

The Cash/Bank Reconciliation was approved. (Kinsey/Rathbun)

After review of the Stockman Bank Investment Fund account \$1,092,760.80 will be the amount in the Stockman Bank Investment Fund for the month of February. (Christofferson/Rathbun) Interest is deposited at the end of each month.

Balance as of 1/30/26--\$1,092,760.80 Interest paid 1/30/26--\$2,221.58 Balance as of 12/31/25—\$1,042,703.27 Credits-\$91,083.53 Debits-\$41,026.00

Unfinished Business

Regarding the wastewater treatment project, PWD David Johnson reported that the electrician got the louvre working to circulate air throughout the UV disinfection building.

Fire Chief Junior Fischer reported on the fire department. They continue to work on the ISO paperwork. He inquired about Town Attorney John Hrubes' review of the draft agreements. Town Attorney John Hrubes stated that his only comment was that nothing is stated on if a party fails to uphold part in the agreement. Prairie County Sheriff Keifer Lewis stated that he is unsure if he is the fire warden for the county. He will be meeting with the Commissioners to sort that out. Fire Chief Junior Fischer reported that they held a joint training with Fallon that was well attended earlier in the week. They discussed ways that Fallon personnel could assist at responses if needed. The cascade system is all cleaned, however, it seems to have an air leak now. They will continue to monitor and see if it requires further repairs.

Mayor Rolane Christofferson discussed the request from the Montana Department of Transportation to change the parking along Spring Street from Towne Avenue to Logan Avenue from angle parking to parallel parking.

Russell Schwartz, Kemptom Hotel owner, spoke against a change limiting parking. He spoke about the history of his hotel and roadways. He stated that it is not up to the state, but the local jurisdiction, to enact or not enact an ordinance on parking. He stated the local authority could permit angled parking on a roadway and discussed the Montana Code Annotated section he was referring to. He stated a secondary defense would be a grandfathered exemption as the parking and use of his hotel has been continuous. He referred to some other cities and towns who have allowed angle parking. He further stated that he did some math and surveying of his parking and believes that a change to parallel parking would result in the loss of six to seven (6-7) parking spaces. Roy Rogers will lose a higher percentage of available parking due to the overhead doors and required spacing on each side. Deanna, owner of Roy Rogers, asked for him to speak for her also and that there are consequences that will hurt their businesses. He closed by urging the Town Council to think this through.

Dale Galland, owner of Prairie Unique, stated that the proposed changes in parking will not affect the parking by his store, however, he is concerned about effects to everyone if there are negative impacts. He stated that we finally have a main street district with viable businesses. Nobody can afford to lose anything, and anything that affects one of us will affect all of us. He stated that he believes the parking issue will be a very huge negative. We have a number of reasons for people to come to our community, but they need a place to park when they get here. He urged the Town Council not to pass the ordinance.

Prairie County Sheriff Keifer Lewis stated that one thing to think about is that pickup sizes have increased substantially from 11' to 22' in length. Parked vehicles cannot be over the fog lines onto the street nor can they be on the sidewalk as that is an ADA issue. He agreed that going to a parallel parking system may make them lose too much in parking. He stated that he believes they may be able to increase the angle to accommodate larger pickups. He further stated that they do need to allow for visibility by alleys and intersections and have the lines there to guide parking. He urged the Town Council to slow down in moving forward with an ordinance, while all options are explored. He discussed scheduling a meeting between himself, PWD David Johnson, MT DOT, and local businesses about snow removal. Council Member Scott Christofferson discussed the state signing off on any ordinance affecting the parking on Spring. Town Council members discussed the need to do something, as there is a safety hazard in that area, but it was decided to delay moving forward with an ordinance until all options are explored.

Prairie County Sheriff Keifer Lewis reported on public safety for the month of January. They had 47 in-office visits, 295 phone calls to their phones. They had 92 calls for services, with seven (7) resulting in cases being built. February appears to be starting off just as busy. He did get approved for a vehicle grant in the amount of \$140,000 for two (2) new vehicles. He is also working on three (3) new grants for an additional patrol vehicle, search and rescue gear, and a new coroner van.

Regarding the Town/Fire Hall, Clerk Lynn Schilling reported she has inspected the fire extinguishers.

Public Works Report:

- PWD David Johnson reported that the new garbage truck is working fine, and that they were able to take it in to get the recall addressed a couple of weeks ago.
- PWD David Johnson reported that all other equipment is functioning ok.
- Mayor Rolane Christofferson reported that the stumps at the park were ground out by Bruce Lantis. When it freezes, they will get in there to clean up and fill in holes.

Mayor Rolane Christofferson stated that we should find out about the FWP grant in March regarding the playground project. The town did receive a Main Street program grant to construct the pavilion.

There was one submitted building permit from Tony and Vicky Line.

New Business

Clerk Lynn Schilling reported that the dog/cat vaccination clinic will be held in the middle of March.

Mayor Rolane Christofferson discussed advertising for the part-time clerk/treasurer position. She will schedule a compensation board meeting to look at the budget and discuss hours and wage for the position.

Mayor Rolane Christofferson stated that there is a board training being held by the Miles City Library in Miles City at MCC on March 10th if anyone would like to attend.

Clerk Lynn Schilling reported that no letters were sent for delinquent sewer accounts.

Public Comment: Vera Sackman stated that the shrubs around the bandstand in the park are all dead and asked if they could be removed. She further stated that the homemakers will assist if needed with grass or rocks to be placed around the building. She also inquired about placing permanent lights on the bandstand. Mayor Rolane Christofferson stated that the shrubs will be removed and permanent lights would be fine, although there have been some instances of vandalism at the park in the past.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.
(Kinsey/Christofferson)

ATTEST:

Lynn Schilling, Clerk

Rolane Christofferson, Mayor