



Montana's Sunrise City

115 2nd Street S.E., Sidney, Montana - 406-433-2809

Public Safety Committee Meeting 3-24-26

March 24, 2026 4:30 PM

Committee meetings are open to the public attending in person. If the public does not wish to participate in person, they are also invited to participate via a Zoom meeting or via phone:

Meeting ID: 713 080 5898

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1. Call to Order

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present.

3. Committee Members Present

Buxbaum, Rasmussen, and Creek.

Others Present:

Mayor Norby, Chief Kraft, FM/BI Rasmussen, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin

4. Correction or Approval of Minutes

a. February 24th, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Mrs. Creek noted she should not be on the motions as a voting member and Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated she will correct.

Motion made by Buxbaum, Seconded by Rasmussen.

Voting Yea: Buxbaum, Rasmussen

5. Visitors

Ivy Cross

6. Monthly Reports

a. February 2026 Police Department Report

Chief Kraft provided the February 2026 Police Department Report.

7. New Business

Nothing.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Public Safety CIP Account Goals and Policies

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin presented the financial policy for the Capital Savings and detailed the public safety accounts, stating the Public Works Committee has recommended approval of the public works accounts and the policy as a working policy that will not only be reviewed yearly, but subject to updates at any time. Chief Kraft stated he worked on the policies and also recommends approval and FM/BI Rasmussen stated he also recommends approval.

Motion was made to recommend approval of the Public Safety portion of the Capital Reserve Funding Policy as a work in progress policy.

Motion made by Buxbaum, Seconded by Rasmussen.

Voting Yea: Buxbaum, Rasmussen

b. Nuisance Code Update

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin presented the Nuisance Code Update from the Nuisance Committee and explained the new process. The Public Safety Committee reviewed the code update and recommended the following final changes:

1. Add a weather hazard clause giving more time to property owners to clean up their properties and fix damage such as windows, fences and roofs.
2. 8-3-3B #2 will add in working with the County Sanitarian for assistance and guidance on properties with utility services shut off.
3. 8-3-4D will keep fire marshal listed.
4. 8-3-5B will require a court order to enter the premises.
5. 8-3-6H(1) is confusing, clear up wording to make clear that the civil citation is to warn of the intent to get a court order to authorize restraint, removal etc.
6. 8-3-6I(2) change to must have court order even for emergency abatements.

Motion was made to recommend approval of the updated ordinance.

Motion made by Rasmussen, Seconded by Buxbaum.

Voting Yea: Buxbaum, Rasmussen

The Public Safety Committee also discussed the strategic approach the committee will be taking to tackle the numerous properties, the financing of the Nuisance program, contractors for property

abatement and how they will be chosen and managed and the use of social media as an education tool on expectations.

9. Comments and Questions from the Committee

Nothing.

10. Adjournment

at 5:15pm.

Meeting Guidelines

- We ask that all participants be respectful and courteous.
- Please direct comments to the Council as a whole.
- When speaking, please state your name for the record.
- Be mindful of others by keeping comments concise and avoiding repetition.
- The presiding officer may guide speaking time to help the meeting run smoothly.
- Disruptive behavior may result in removal from the meeting.