

TOWN OF DRUMMOND SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Drummond Wastewater Resolution 2026-3

Drummond Town Hall, 114 A Street, Drummond, MT 59832

JULY 6, 2026 - 2:00PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gail Leeper called the July Special Town Council Meeting to order at 2:00pm. Present were Mayor Leeper & Council Members McLure, and Clute, O'Dell; Clerk Treasurer Wight. Council Member Speer was in attendance via telephone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Leeper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Calvin Wight

GUEST COMMENT:

None

ACTION ITEM:

RESOLUTION 2026-3

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$952,000 SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, CONSISTING OF \$500,000 SERIES 2026A BOND AND \$452,000 SERIES 2026B BOND, CONFIRMING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF AND THE SECURITY THEREFOR AND MAKING CERTAIN DESIGNATIONS AND COVENANTS IN RESPECT OF THE BONDS.

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to waive the reading of RESOLUTION 2026-3. Council Member O'Dell made a motion to waive the reading of RESOLUTION 2026-3. Council Member McLure seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Roll Call Vote:

Waive Reading Resolution 2026-3	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Gail Leeper	n/a		
Council President McLure	Yea		
Council Member Clute	Yea		
Council Member O'Dell	Yea		
Council Member Speer	Yea		

Mayor Leeper discussed with the Council, we are required to close the USDA RD loans in preparation to begin drawing USDA RD grant funding for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project.

Mayor Leeper asked Clerk-Treasurer Wight to provide financial figures regarding USDA RD. Clerk-Treasurer Wight provided the Council with the following information, we are closing USDA RD \$500,000 and \$452,000

collectively \$952,000 because we must make payment January 1, 2027, which is a six-month span between the closing and the payment. So, we are leaving currently \$17,639.86 on one of the loans. No more funds are to be drawn on the loan. We are closing both of those out with first semi-annual payment due January 1st. We will also be required to put funds into the reserve accounts semi-annually until such time as we reach the annual payment amount due for both of those loans. In addition, we are required to place funds annually in an asset reserve for the life of the loan.

These funds cannot be accessed without prior authorization from USDA RD. The Town also cannot take out any sewer fund loans without first asking USDA.

Once USDA RD loans are closed the Town will begin drawing on the \$4,072,000 in grand funds from USDA RD, which is the last revenue source for the project.

The Town has expended everything else, with the exception of the MCEP funds there is still \$58,573.50 on the table, we cannot utilize those funds until MCEP provides authorization as a certain percentage was required to be held back.

Mayor Leeper continued, We have read the resolution closing the USDA RD funds and Town Attorney Tim Dick has read the contract and okayed it, Mayor Leeper did not find it necessary for him to attend the Special Meeting as he okayed the resolution.

Council Member O'Dell asked for clarification on what was being left on the loan, in which Clerk-Treasurer Wight responded we are leaving \$17,639.86 the loan. To date on the project through Draw 19 we have expended \$5,351,490.35, we have remaining on the project \$4,148,510.86. With Draw 20 we are pulling on the USDA RD Grant Funds.

Clerk-Treasurer Wight added we still have the MCEP funds and contingency, the \$17,639.86 left on the loan will be moved into the contingency. Wight continued Triple Tree was notified, that USDA RD has required loan close to be closed; ensuring their January 1st payment. The Town cannot draw on USDA RD 2026A or 2026B loan funds due to closing the loans out, thus the reason to reassign \$17,639.86 to contingency.

Council Member O'Dell asked what was left in contingency, which Clerk-Treasurer Wight explained ALLWEST Testing, Energy Laboratories, laptop and sewer sample refrigerator all came from contingency which the Town did not have in the annual budget. Adding, she would reference Triple Tree's report for the exact figure to provide him.

Mayor Leeper added that the lagoon fence and lift station's new electric board are anticipated to come from contingency.

Council Member Clute continued we need a bypass at the lift station. Mayor Leeper added, Engineer Koon will attend the next meeting for more clarification.

Mayor Leeper asked if there were any further questions or discussions, which there were not.

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-3 A RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$952,000 SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, CONSISTING OF \$500,000 SERIES 2026A BOND AND \$452,000 SERIES 2026B BOND, CONFIRMING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF AND THE SECURITY THEREFOR AND MAKING CERTAIN DESIGNATIONS AND COVENANTS IN RESPECT OF THE BONDS. Council Member Clute made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-3. Council Member Speer seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

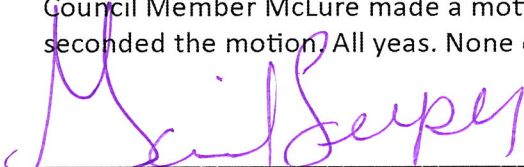
Roll Call Vote:

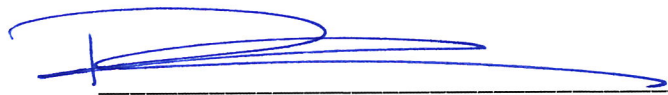
RESOLUTION 2026-3	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Gail Leeper	n/a		
Council President McLure	Yea		
Council Member Clute	Yea		
Council Member O'Dell	Yea		
Council Member Speer	Yea		

Resolution 2026-3 adopted and passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member McLure made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:08pm. Council Member Clute seconded the motion. All yeas. None opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.



GAIL LEEPER, Mayor

ROBIN WIGHT, Town Clerk/Treasurer/Paralegal