

Regular Council Meeting
Town of Valier Town Council
Valier Civic Center
September 8, 2025

Mayor Glenn Wunderlich presided.

Council Members present: Steve Nelson, Janelle Nelson, Bob Cannady, and Rick Tomsheck

Town Staff present: Stephanie Sullivan Clerk/Treasurer and Josh Clifford public works

Guests Present: Tawnee Hartwell, Carol Green, Josh Reed, Jeff Mayers, and Deputy Gaug.

Mayor Wunderlich brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. Mayor Wunderlich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wunderlich called for any corrections or additions to the August 18, 2025, regular town council meeting minutes. None heard. Alderwoman J. Nelson moved to approve the August 18, 2025, regular town council meeting minutes. Alderman S. Nelson second. Mayor Wunderlich called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Comment.

Josh Reed, school superintendent for the Valier Public Schools, gave a brief update on what's been going on at the school and some upcoming events.

3. Law Enforcement Report.

Jeff Mayers gave a brief update on the Sheriff's Department.

4. Library Report.

Tawnee Hartwell was present to give a brief update on what's going on at the library.

5. Public Works Report.

Josh Clifford gave the water report. The Town pumped 4,584,300 gallons of water for the month, for an average of 147,881 gallons per day. Bulk water sold 56,670 gallons for month. The water sample was good for the month. The water levels in the wells are about average for this time of year.

6. Mayor Wunderlich opened the discussion on the possibility of raising the water rates to address a short fall in the bond reserve in the water fund. After a lengthy discussion the council determined we need to start the procedure to increase the water rates. The last time they were raised was in 2018 and the cost has gone up steadily since then. The council also determined there should be a rate increase on bulk water rates also. A resolution will be brought to the council next meeting to start this process.

RESOLUTION #211

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF VALIER
FISCAL YEAR Ending June 30, 2026

WHEREAS, pursuant to Montana Code Annotated 7-6-4024, the Town Council of the Town of Valier, Montana has held public hearings on the proposed budget of the Town of Valier fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Budget Law contained in Title 7, Chapter 6, Part 40 of the Montana Code

Annotated, the Town Council of said Town of Valier has held hearings and passed resolutions as applicable under the above sections.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Town council that the Budget be approved and that checks/warrants be issued in accordance with laws pertaining thereto.

IT IS HEREBY MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED by the Town Council that the resolution set forth above be adopted for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, (Attachment A); and

WHEREAS the above resolution adopting the budget was passed by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Budget Law contained in Title 7, Chapter 6, Part 40 of the Montana Code Annotated, provides for the fixing of various tax levies to raise funds sufficient to meet said expenditures authorized in the budget; and

WHEREAS the Montana Department of Revenue is required to certify to the Town Council the value of a mill in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Revenue has provided the Town Council with a certified value of a mill in the Town; and

WHEREAS, with the certified millage for the Town, it is possible to establish the precise number of mills which must be levied to fund the final Town budget; and

WHEREAS the value of a mill Town-wide is \$707.08; and

WHEREAS, money, other than payments from agency funds, may not be drawn from the treasury of the Town and an obligation for the expenditure of money may not be incurred, except pursuant to an appropriation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the final Town budget as set out in the attachments be hereby adopted as the final budget subject to conditions set forth below.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED by this Town Council that the levies be fixed and adopted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, based on the value of a mill of \$707.08, Town-wide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED pursuant to Municipal Budget Law contained in Title 7, Chapter 6, Part 40, that the Town Council here by delegates appropriation authority to the Mayor of the Town of Valier for expenditure of funds from any or all of the following:

- a. debt service funds;
- b. enterprise funds;
- c. internal services funds;
- d. trust funds;
- e. federal, state, and private grants accepted and approved by the governing body;
- f. special assessments; and
- g. donations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Pondera County Treasurer, Pondera County Clerk & Recorder, and the Department of Administration, and that the proper taxing authorities are hereby requested to levy and collect a total of 142.93 mills, of which 139.68 are non voted mills and 3.25 are permissive mills for group benefits in accordance with 15-10-420(9)(a)(VI) , hereby determined to be necessary for the operation of the Town of Valier, Montana, for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

INTRODUCED, PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Valier, Valier, Montana, on the 8th day of September 2025, effective July 1, 2025.

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Valier and approved by the Mayor of the Town of Valier this 8th day of September 2025.

MAYOR, GLENN WUNDERLICH

Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Sullivan

7. Mayor Wunderlich suspended the regular Town Council meeting and opened the public hearing @7:54P.M. to go over the final budget for Fy 25-26. After a brief discussion, Mayor Wunderlich called for a vote on the motion. Alderwoman J. Nelson made a motion to approve the final budget. Alderman S. Nelson second. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wunderlich closed the public hearing and reopened the regular Town Council meeting @ 8:29 P.M.

8. Consent Items:

A. Regular Business Claims: Mayor Wunderlich called for a motion to pay the bills, check#34233-34273. Alderman S. Nelson made a motion to pay the bills. Alderman Tomsheck second. Mayor Wunderlich called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Business Licenses:

None

C. Permit to Build:

1. Sam and Priscilla Robinson- 515 Marias Ave. are building a dog enclosure.

2. Dina Mann- 620 Minnesota Ave. is building a patio cover.

Mayor Wunderlich called for a motion to accept the building permits. Alderman S. Nelson made a motion to accept the building permits.. Alderman Tomsheck second. Mayor Wunderlich called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Council Concerns.

Alderwoman J. Nelson reminded the council that the Growth Policy needs to be on the October Agenda.

10. Announcements.

Next regular Town Council meeting will be held on Monday October 12, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Valier Civic Center.

11. Adjourn.

There being no more business to come before the Town Council, Mayor Wunderlich adjourned the meeting at 8:54 pm.

ATTEST:

Glenn Wunderlich, Mayor

Stephanie Sullivan, Clerk/Treasurer