

**Special Council Meeting  
Town of Valier Town Council  
Valier Town Office  
Tuesday March 25, 2025**

Mayor Glenn Wunderlich: presided.

Council members present: Steve Nelson, Janelle Nelson, Angi Dodge, and Rick Tomsheck

Town Staff present: Stephanie Sullivan Clerk/Treasurer

Guests present: 48 members from the community including Sheriff Robert Skorupa and Undersheriff Robert Bender

Mayor Wunderlich brought the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Wunderlich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the upcoming law enforcement contract and the Town of Valier ordinance enforcement situation.

Alderswoman J. Nelson spoke with Judge Cody Shaw as he was not able to attend the public meeting per Montana code of Judicial rules 3.2 and 2.11. Judge Shaw stated he would be more than willing to adjudicate our ordinance violations but has not to date received any from the Pondera County Sheriffs Office.

Sheriff Robert Skorupa stated the Sheriffs office would be more than willing to enforce our town ordinances but can not pick and choose which ones to enforce. He then presented the council with two very outdated (1965) ordinances. One being 6-4-2 Concealed weapons and the other being 6-1-18 Lottery.

Several community members voiced their questions and concerns such as contracting to have a Code Enforcement Officer and in lieu of fines having the individual do community service. Some questions and concerns around those ideas are the feasibility of hiring a Code Enforcement officer on top of already having to pay the Sheriff's Office their contract fee. If the individual does community service what is the cost to pay Workman's comp on them.

Amy Wangseng wondered who is able to condemn some of the abandoned buildings in town. A community member made a phone call during the meeting to the Fire Marshal, and he stated the Towns Fire Chief has the authority to condemn a building.

Bob Kovatch suggested we form a committee to go over the Town's ordinance book to get them up to date.

The council will be looking into the suggestions voiced in the meeting and will revisit them at a later date.

Adjourn: 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glenn Wunderlich, Mayor

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Stephanie Sullivan, Clerk/Treasurer