

JOURNAL OF COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
February 3, 2026 -- Regular City Commission Meeting
Civic Center Commission Chambers, Room 206 -- Mayor Reeves Presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL/STAFF INTRODUCTIONS:

City Commission members present: Cory Reeves, Joe McKenney, Rick Tryon, Shannon Wilson, and Casey Schreiner.

Also present were City Manager Greg Doyon and Deputy City Manager Jeremy Jones, Planning and Community Development Director Brock Cherry, Finance Director Melissa Kinzler and ARPA Project Manager Sylvia Tarman, Acting Fire Chief Jeremy Virts, Deputy City Attorney Rachel Taylor, Police Chief Jeff Newton, and Deputy Clerk Darcy Dea.

AGENDA APPROVAL

There were no proposed changes to the agenda by the City Manager or City Commission. The Commission approved the agenda as presented.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURE/EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

None.

MILITARY UPDATES

1. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MONTANA AIR NATIONAL GUARD (MANG).

Colonel Jason Green, Commander of the 120th Airlift Wing, made the following announcements:

- Currently, there are 17 people training for the new C-130 J aircraft.
- Construction is underway on an approximate \$38 million Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants (POL) Complex.
- MANG coordinated with the State for a new landing zone near Power, MT.
- There will be deployments coming this spring.
- The Joint Leadership Summit will be this weekend in Helena, MT.

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- MANG, partnering with the community, brings approximately \$184 million annually to the city and looking over the next five to seven years approximately \$300 to \$350 million worth of construction.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

2. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The following City of Great Falls residents spoke in support of a draft resolution, based on Helena City Resolution 21062, focused on restoring public trust, safety, accountability, and transparency in immigration enforcement. The resolution includes provisions related to identification and unmasking, resource restrictions, prohibition of 287(g) agreements, protection of sensitive information, and limits on enforcement activities:

- Melissa Smith
- Gerry Jennings
- Helena Lovic
- Dan Wilkinson
- Mary Kerber
- Polly Kuglin
- Chyenne Osmandson
- Kitty Wright

Those in support of local law enforcement agencies working together with ICE, DHS, DOJ or federal agents were **Wade Stout**, City resident; and, **Jim Stone**, City resident.

Those in support of City leadership demanding that federal agents take a lawful and humane approach to immigration enforcement, as they have in Helena and local law enforcement not getting involved in immigration enforcement were **Gordon Whirry**, City resident; and, **Richard Liebert**, Cascade County resident.

Those in opposition to ICE and federal agents asking for cooperation from City services and law enforcement were **Paul Jefferson**, City resident, **Katie (last name inaudible)**, **Eileen Hyndman**, Cascade County resident; **Sharon Patton-Griffin**, City resident; **Laurie Glover**, City resident; and, **Mike McCormick**, City resident.

John Hubbard, City resident, expressed concern about the elimination of the penny, Public Service Commission (PSC), City wasting money, sales tax, raising taxes, artificial intelligence (AI) stealing jobs and bringing a gun to an ICE protest.

Gerry Jennings, City resident, commented that negative information about her concerning tonight's meeting was posted on a public email that was available for anyone to see and use, which is not ethical. She cares about this community and is willing to speak up for those who are afraid.

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Jayson Oltoff, City resident, expressed appreciation to the Commission for always doing what is right.

Larry Anderson, City resident, requested that the Commission uphold the First, Fourth and Fifth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution with regard to consideration of ICE in this community.

Valynda Holland, City resident, commented that the U.S. Constitution guarantees due process; however, what we are seeing nationally and locally is a system that fails to protect people from harm, while aggressively punishing people who pose no threat at all. Ms. Holland expressed opposition to ICE presence in the community. She added that through legislation, there needs to be access to legal counsel, timely hearings, transparent detention practices, prevention of isolation or retaliatory transfers and ensure local resources are never used to violate constitutional rights.

Steve Sangwin, City resident, discussed concepts that the Federal Administration is currently doing.

Leigh Larson, City resident, expressed support of limited local engagement with ICE and funding for public safety. Ms. Larson commented that she is disappointed that other City Commissioners did not publicly address the safety issue of an official social media page that publicized the full name and phone number of a community member. Members of the community cannot be targeted or intimidated and are expected to trust the Commission. This could significantly challenge public trust and tax money for a public safety levy if members of the City Commission are quiet on citizens' privacy and safety.

David Saslav, Neighborhood Council 1, commented that he read an account written by a former FBI agent who studied policing in Minnesota and it made him appreciate the Great Falls Police Department and Great Falls Fire Rescue for always taking every effort to follow sound community engagement practices. At last month's Neighborhood Council 1 meeting, Captain Otto addressed traffic safety concerns. If federal agents appear in Great Falls, requiring law enforcement officers' assistance, he hopes that local citizens will be kept informed with complete transparency of our leaders' insistence that good community policing practices be followed at all times. Mr. Saslav commented that he is concerned about city business being conducted on social media outside the reach of those without internet or those who are blocked. Montana Code Annotate requires all City business to be conducted publicly and communications through social media be respectful.

Billie Jo Olson, City resident, commented that she supports law enforcement, first responders, ICE agents and anyone trying to make a difference. There are several gangs in Montana and other states and the public needs to give ICE agents respect and room that they need to do what they are assigned to do.

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Rose Stone, City resident, commented that she is opposed to the proposed draft resolution and she supports ICE. This is a nation of laws and illegal immigrants broke the law when they crossed the border. Those that are concerned about ICE need to stay out of their way and let them do their jobs. There are many victims of crime by illegal immigrants, and no one is standing up for those victims. There are several people who deserve to become a United States citizen; however, they need to do it the legal way.

Kathie Hansen, Cascade County resident, commented that she stands against the proposed draft resolution. This nation was built on laws and immigrants must follow those laws by coming to America legally. She supports local law enforcement and ICE for trying to keep the community safe.

Patrick Coley, City resident, commented that national security, protecting and defending the constitution is our number one priority. Part of the problem in Minneapolis was that the mayor and governor were not supporting the federal government. Also, that type of protesting is harassment to the ICE Agents.

Neal Miller, City resident, commented that if ICE comes here, they need to be well-trained and accountable when they use excessive force.

Mike Scherer, City resident, commented that vulgar protest signs are disgusting and appalling. Citizens need to let the local law enforcement agencies and ICE work together to keep the community safe, stay out of their way and let them conduct their business safely.

Marci Wolff, City resident, commented that she is a veteran who was willing to give her life for this country, is an immigrant and a person of color. She hopes this City would protect her, along with everyone.

Garry Hackett, City resident, commented that the organized group that came here tonight told its members to keep it a secret and, to him, that shows a lack of integrity and character. Mr. Hackett expressed support of local law enforcement.

Morgan Leach, City resident, opined that the problem with ICE is President Donald Trump.

Nancy Coley, City resident, commented that the rule of law has always been the strength of the United States. She is okay with people not liking what ICE is doing; however, she is not okay with people attacking ICE Agents. The people pushing these agendas could care less about illegal immigrants, there is a larger agenda at play, and they are trying to divide the United States.

Mark Frisbee, City resident, suggested naming the other Municipal Court Room after former Municipal Court Judge Nancy Luth.

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Written correspondence was received from **Lisa Lotte Hardiman**, via January 29, 2026 email, commented that the City should follow the example of Helena with regard to dealing with ICE agents.

Written correspondence was received from **Sharon and Jim Thompson**, via February 1, 2026 email, expressed appreciation to Mayor Reeves and Commissioner Tryon for standing against Great Falls Rising in their plan to disrupt the February 3, 2026 City Commission meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson commented that they honor Law Enforcement and ICE for performing their duties in protecting law abiding citizens. They requested that there be a vetting of the attendees and extra law enforcement at the February 3, 2026 City Commission meeting.

Written correspondence was received from **Gordon Whirry**, via February 2, 2026 email, commented that the City Commission public comment period is intended to be open to all residents speaking on any subject, not only those supported by the mayor. ICE and CBP activities are relevant because they are operating in Great Falls. Most Americans support lawful and humane enforcement of immigration laws, but there are many locations where that is not happening. Some masked paramilitary federal agents are acting abusively, with impunity to intimidate entire communities and frequently detain citizens, sometimes resorting to murder. Mr. Whirry suggested that the city leadership should demand that federal agents take a lawful and humane approach, as they have in Helena. Local law enforcement officers should not get involved in immigration enforcement and enable any threats to our civil liberties.

Written correspondence was received from **Terry Bjork**, via February 2, 2026 email, commented that the mayor regularly allows people to comment for three minutes about subjects that are not necessarily within the purview of the City Commission. Every resident and voter should expect to be treated equally under the precedent that has been established over the past two years.

Written correspondence was received from **Karen Thornton**, via February 2, 2026 email, expressed concern about recent actions and violation of principles by ICE. Ms. Thornton urged the Commission to prevent ICE from operating in the City, keep the community safe, uphold laws by demanding warrants before any invasion or arrest and protect the city and state from the instigation of fear and the exercise of unjust power.

Written correspondence was received from **Donna Williams**, via February 2, 2026 email, commented on several examples of decisions that cities could make in advance to avoid the chaos Minneapolis had to navigate.

Written correspondence was received from **Melissa Smith**, via February 3, 2026 email, suggested that the Commission consider taking up the draft resolution based on Helena City Resolution 21062.

Written correspondence was received from **Pamela Carroll**, via February 3, 2026 email, suggested that the Commission consider taking up the resolution to not use local law enforcement for immigration.

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Mayor Reeves called a recess at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

3. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Art Taft, Neighborhood Council 1, reported that concerns of speeding on Fox Farm Road and Meadowlark School parents avoiding cross walks and crossing guards to jaywalk children to and from school were topics discussed at the January 13, 2026 NC meeting. Great Falls Police Department Captain Otto did a stellar job answering questions about those topics, addressing issues about large vehicles on city streets and explaining how community policing is implemented. There was public input about the feasibility of a stoplight or roundabout at Park Garden and Fox Farm Road to help with traffic issues and it was agreed upon to ask for a traffic study. There is ongoing discussion concerning traffic safety issues on Linden Drive. Neighborhood Council 1 has implemented a Facebook Page to give information and greater access to the district. It was voted upon to move Council meetings to Faith Lutheran Church at 1300 Ferguson Drive, and the next meeting is Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

4. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

None.

CITY MANAGER

5. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

City Manager Greg Doyon highlighted the following:

- There was a Great Falls Police Department Swearing-In Ceremony today for Calvin Greiff.

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- The City is soliciting feedback on the City’s website for the Strategic Capital Investment Reserve program (SCIR) and there will be a (SCIR) Open House February 25, 2026 from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Gibson Room. The public comment period will close at 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2026.
- Great Falls Fire Rescue Station 2 is fully operational again after its door was damaged from an incident in June 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Minutes, January 20, 2026, City Commission Meeting.
7. Total Expenditures of \$4,520,934 for the period of January 1, 2026, through January 14, 2026, to include claims over \$25,000, in the amount of \$3,857,233.
8. Grants List.
9. Approve the cancellation of City of Great Falls checks that remain outstanding and unpaid for a period of one (1) year or longer as authorized by section 7-6-4303 MCA.

Commissioner Tryon moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that the City Commission approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mayor Reeves asked if there were any comments from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Reeves asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

There being no discussion, Mayor Reeves called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 10. ORDINANCE 3283 AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTERS 9 AND 10 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF) PERTAINING TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE CITY’S PARKING SYSTEM; AND RESOLUTION 10612 ESTABLISHING THE RATES, FEES, AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH TITLE 10 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF) PERTAINING TO THE CITY’S DOWNTOWN PARKING SYSTEM.**

Mayor Reeves declared the joint public hearing open and asked for presentation of the agenda report.

Planning and Community Development Director Brock Cherry reported that Ordinance 3283 and Resolution 10612 are both related to the operation, enforcement, and near-term financial stability of the City’s Downtown Parking Program.

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At a Special Commission meeting on December 1, the Commission was informed that the parking program operates with a recurring monthly deficit of approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 dollars and is not financially sustainable under its current structure. As of January 22, the fund's cash deficit was just over \$92,000.

At the December 1st Special Commission meeting, the Commission directed staff to take interim action to slow the growth of the deficit and facilitate broader stakeholder discussions. Specifically, the Commission directed staff to pursue Option 1A, which would increase the rate of on-street curbside parking from \$1.00 to \$1.50, and included increases to fines and penalties, elimination of courtesy tickets, adjustments to meter bagging fees, and other enforcement-related changes intended to improve cost recovery and slow the growth of the deficit. However, as staff worked through the implementation of increasing the curb-side parking to \$1.50, we identified a key constraint. The City's existing coin-operated meters cannot be reprogrammed to apply a systemwide rate increase. Because of that limitation, the proposed on-street rate increase is limited to Central Avenue, where electronic payment infrastructure already exists. That constraint is the reason the recommendation today differs from the original Option 1A direction, not a change in staff's understanding of the program's financial condition or the Commission's policy intent.

Ordinance 3283 focuses on administration and enforcement. It modernizes portions of Title 10 to better reflect current operations by eliminating the Courtesy Parking Program, clarifying the use of meter bags, and removing excessive notification requirements for vehicle booting. These changes are intended to improve consistency, clarity, and enforcement efficiency.

Resolution 10612 addresses rates, fees, and penalties as an interim step toward improved cost recovery. Under the staff-recommended option, the on-street rate on Central Avenue would increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per hour. Courtesy tickets would be eliminated and replaced with a \$10 first-time violation fine, with graduated increases for repeat violations. Meter bagging and pedlet fees would also increase.

Taken together, these changes are expected to generate approximately \$14,600 in additional monthly revenue. That won't fully close the gap, but it will slow the rate at which the deficit grows while the City works on longer-term solutions through the Parking Summit.

Staff have also provided two alternatives for consideration.

Alternative #1 applies the \$1.50 to all on-street parking spaces that already accept electronic payment via the Kiosks and Passport App. Spaces with coin-only meters will remain at \$1 per hour for now, effectively giving those users a lower rate until the meters are replaced with newer equipment that can support the increase. This option more closely aligns with the Commission's December direction and is projected to generate approximately \$16,400 per month, with revenue increasing over time as older meters are upgraded.

Alternative Two adopts the administrative and enforcement changes but does not increase on-street rates. Under that approach, additional revenue would come solely from fee and fine adjustments and is projected at approximately \$9,200 per month.

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The Commission also has the discretion to deny both actions, which would result in the existing deficit continuing to grow by \$15,000 to \$20,000 per month, with no identified funding source to offset those losses.

These recommendations are interim until a more comprehensive downtown parking strategy is identified through the Downtown Parking Summit process and implemented by the City Commission. Staff are intentionally holding off on decisions that would lock the City into a particular direction, including removing coin-operated meters or committing to new equipment, technology, service agreements, or infrastructure contracts, until the Downtown Parking Summit work is complete.

At the same time, many of the concepts being discussed by Downtown Parking stakeholders through the Downtown Parking Summit are already reflected in the actions before the Commission tonight. Those include eliminating courtesy tickets, strengthening and escalating fines and penalties for repeat violations, increasing curbside parking rates in higher-demand areas such as Central Avenue, and removing additional mailed notice requirements for booting.

Lastly, parking behavior is nuanced and often driven as much by perception and habit as by price. While these revenue projections are grounded in historical utilization and enforcement data, they cannot fully predict how behavior may change once the rules change. In short, there are limits to what we can know in advance, and the true impacts will only become clear after implementation and real-world observation.

Staff recommends the adoption of Ordinance 3283 and Resolution 10612 as presented.

Mayor Reeves asked if the Commission had any questions for staff.

Commissioner Tryon inquired if the “Mad Max” option that eliminates the City from the parking system could be done.

Deputy City Manager Jeremy Jones responded that the “Mad Max” option could be done; however, it comes with a cost as the City inherits the infrastructure of what is already in place, and it would continue to deteriorate with no funding revenues.

Commissioner Schreiner received clarification that maintenance costs would exist either way, but the deficit is growing with this contract because the City is not covering costs with enforcement of having the contract.

Commissioner Tryon received clarification that the contract would continue to be month to month with what is being proposed tonight.

Planning and Community Development Director Cherry reported that the current contract is month-to-month while awaiting recommendations from the Downtown Stakeholder Parking Summit to be forwarded to the Commission. Director Cherry noted that if the City were to cease parking operations immediately, it would remain obligated to pay two months of service to SP Plus, be locked into the Passport contract (renewed October 2025), carry deferred maintenance costs, and continue to face the existing \$92,000 operational deficit. Director Cherry also stated that during the Downtown Parking Summit discussions, no participants

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supported a “Mad Max” approach to parking enforcement, as it was believed such an approach would negatively impact downtown commerce.

Mayor Reeves asked if there were any comments from the public in support of Ordinance 3283 or Resolution 10612. No one responded.

Mayor Reeves asked if there were any comments from the public in opposition to Ordinance 3283 or Resolution 10612. No one responded.

Mayor Reeves closed the joint public hearing and asked the will of the Commission.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Tryon, that the City Commission adopt Ordinance 3283 amending Title 10, Chapters 9 and 10 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) pertaining to the administration and operation of the City’s parking system.

Mayor Reeves asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Tryon inquired what Ordinance 3283 would do.

Planning and Community Development Director Cherry responded that Ordinance 3283 would eliminate the courtesy parking program, clarify the use of meter bags and remove the notification requirement for booting vehicles.

Commissioner McKenney asked what would happen if the Commission voted against this tonight.

Planning and Community Development Director Cherry responded that the deficit would continue and impact the general fund. At the last Downtown Parking Summit meeting, there was a consensus from members of the Parking Commission, community and business owners that rates need to increase and fines and penalties need better enforcement.

Mayor Reeves commented that he will be supporting this, even though it is temporary, because the City cannot continue going \$15,000 a month in debt.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Reeves called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Tryon, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 10612 establishing the rates, fees, and penalties associated with Title 10 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCCGF) pertaining to the City’s Downtown Parking System.

Mayor Reeves asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Tryon inquired if the difference between staff recommendations is for Central Avenue only and alternative #1 is for everywhere.

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Deputy City Manager Jones responded, for those that use the Passport app.

Commissioner Tryon further inquired why staff did not recommend alternative #1.

Deputy City Manager Jones stated that significant confusion has emerged from the Downtown Parking Summit meetings, particularly regarding parking areas and rate structures. When staff determined that existing meters could not be upgraded to accept a new rate, concerns arose that implementing a split-rate system on side streets would increase confusion by not applying rates uniformly across the district. Deputy City Manager Jones noted that while the Downtown Parking Summit meetings are ongoing, staff will not commit to new technology until clearer direction is provided. The staff recommendation is intended to reduce financial losses while allowing rate increases to \$1.50 where current technology permits. Deputy City Manager Jones added that the Downtown Parking Summit group has reached consensus that increased fines, improved enforcement, and elimination of courtesy warnings and rotating start times for parking tickets should be included in the master plan presented to the Commission. Sufficient direction was provided at the most recent Summit meeting to present a potential solution at the third meeting for consideration and acceptance.

Commissioner Tryon commented that he is going to vote for this temporarily; however, he will not support any one of these recommendations for a future solution. The City is under no obligation to be the enforcement mechanism for downtown parking and it is completely unacceptable if the City is going to continue to go into debt month after month. When it comes time to vote on a permanent solution, he will be looking for a solution that does not obligate the City to have an enforcement structure that requires it to go into debt every month. Paying for itself was one of the prerequisites that was first proposed for any solution.

Commissioner McKenney concurred with Commissioner Tryon's comments about this being a temporary solution. He added that he has attended the downtown stakeholder meetings and it appears to him that the downtown group has taken ownership of this challenge and takes it seriously.

Referring to adjusted parking rates, fees and penalties, Commissioner McKenney inquired when the clock starts over for a fourth and subsequent violation fines of \$75.00.

Planning and Community Development Director Cherry responded that it follows unpaid parking tickets and is per calendar year. If people pay their tickets, they won't experience these severe penalties. It is his opinion that if we can add some teeth at the beginning, maybe people will take the program more seriously.

Commissioner Schreiner inquired if there is a cost associated with the amendment to the software to increase to \$1.50.

Planning and Community Development Director Cherry responded that it is through the kiosk system and Passport software.

Commissioner Schreiner commented that he appreciates minimizing confusion regarding two different rates and the work staff put into this; however, he is not going to vote for Resolution 10612. This is all taxpayer property and policies, not just the downtown stakeholders.

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There being no further discussion, Mayor Reeves called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-1 (Commissioner Schreiner dissenting).

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

11. SEATING PURCHASE FOR CENTENE STADIUM SEAT AND NET UPGRADES PROJECT OF 1862.0.

ARPA Project Manager Sylvia Tarman reported that the Centene Stadium Seat and Net Upgrades Project was brought before the City Commission in November 2025, and the Commission awarded \$425,000.00 in Parks Maintenance District Funds for the project. The project aims to remove and replace the deteriorating box seats, remove and replace spalled and cracked concrete, add concrete stairs to meet current code requirements, and repair and/or replace the netting system. The City contracted with LPW Architects (LPW) to provide design services for the project, which was approved by the commission at the January 20th, 2026 meeting. LPW has been working with SP&E, a major seating distributor, to identify and procure stadium seats to replace the current box seating. Due to long lead times in production of the seats and to save money on the equipment purchase, LPW has proposed ordering the new seats through the OMNIA Partners contract. This is a government purchasing cooperative, that the City is a member of, that vets suppliers, competitively bids contracts, and provides preferential pricing to governmental agencies.

LPW has completed a design for the seating replacement and worked with SP&E to come up with a proposal to procure the seats from the manufacturer, Irwin Seating Company. This includes purchase and shipping of 616 new poly stadium seats with aluminum rails, slatted backs, and ADA compliant arms where applicable. This purchase would enable the City to order the seats now to minimize the lead time, to hopefully enable installation before the season begins in May. LPW is continuing to put together a bid package to complete the demolition, concrete work, and net repair.

City Staff and LPW have reviewed the proposal and are confident that it will satisfy the project's needs, therefore staff recommends the commission approve the order in the amount of \$129,370.21, from the Park Maintenance District Fund.

Commissioner McKenney moved, seconded by Commissioner Tryon, that the City Commission approve the seating order from SP&E for the Centene Stadium Seat and Net Upgrades Project in the amount of \$129,370.21 to be purchased under the OMNIA Partners contract.

Mayor Reeves asked if there were any comments from the public. Hearing none. Mayor Reeves asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Tryon inquired if there is any potential for a conflict of interest between the management and ownership of the baseball enterprise and LPW Architects.

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City Manager Greg Doyon responded that he had the same question today and has asked ARPA Project Manager Tarman to have the City's legal staff reach out to LPW's legal representative to ensure all issues are addressed.

Commissioner Tryon commented that he believes there is a potential problem between someone with LPW and someone being involved in the ownership of the baseball team; and for that reason, he will not be voting for this until there is clarification.

Mayor Reeves concurred with Commissioner Tryon's comments, and he inquired why this item was not pulled from the agenda until there was clarification.

City Manager Doyon stated that he did not have a definitive answer at that time, acknowledged the Commission's concern, and committed to looking into the matter and reporting back. He noted that the Commission could defer the item that evening; however, based on the discussion, there appeared to be some comfort with moving forward due to the timing requirements for installing the seats.

Commissioner Wilson commented that she would never vote for this anyway because of how she feels about taxpayer dollars being used for the seats that people are paying to sit in.

Commissioner McKenney commented that he was unaware of a conflict of interest; however, he would support putting this off for tonight.

Commissioner McKenney moved, seconded by Commissioners Tryon and Wilson, to withdraw his motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

CITY COMMISSION

12. APPOINTEMENTS, GREAT FALLS CITIZEN'S COUNCIL.

Mayor Reeves reported that two members from the City Commission need to be appointed to serve as the Commission's representatives for the Great Falls Citizen's Council February 24, 2026.

Commissioner Wilson explained that she would never be able to be appointed because of her VFW meetings.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenney, that the City Commission appoint Mayor Cory Reeves and Commissioner Rick Tryon to serve on the Great Falls Citizen's Council, also known as Council of Councils, for the February 24, 2026 meeting.

Mayor Reeves asked if there were any comments from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Reeves asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

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There being no discussion, Mayor Reeves called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

13. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION.

None.

14. COMMISSION INITIATIVES.

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Mayor Reeves moved, seconded by Commissioner Tryon, to adjourn the regular meeting of February 3, 2026, at 9:07 p.m.**

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Cory Reeves

Deputy City Clerk Darcy Dea

Minutes Approved: February 17, 2026