

EAST MISSOULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2026 7:00 PM

East Missoula Fire Hall 314 Montana Avenue OR Remotely via Virtual Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88525344746> Meeting ID: 885 2534 4746

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER 7:00

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Sue, Jack, Lisa, Al, Steph

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from March 2026 MEETING Approved with no corrections

TREASURER'S REPORT. The Balance remains \$40.72

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

NONE

In order to accommodate everyone who would like to comment during this time, we respectfully request that you keep your comments under 3 minutes. Thank You.

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to prevent any interruptions or delay during the meeting, please hold your question(s) until AFTER the Speaker has finished their presentation. Thank You.

Tyler Muniz and JD Sessions, East Missoula Rural Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief respectively, will continue to be available for questions regarding the upcoming levy request.

Community Council applications are now open. There are currently 2 open seats. There will be a 3rd seat open as of June 1st as Sue's term is up at the end of May. She has decided not to continue at this time in order to focus on her health. Further comment will be forthcoming at the May meeting. Missoula County is also increasing the size of each council to seven.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE EAST MISSOULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL. Send your letter of interest to the Missoula County Board of Commissioners **OR** follow the Missoula County Voice link below. **DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FRIDAY, MAY 1ST.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Board discussion and vote on the checking account funds and where to donate those remaining funds whether to an organization or non-profit in our community. Discussion to close the bank account will follow at the May meeting. This is due to changes made by Missoula County and changes to community councils.

Steph: cake and such for a celebration for Sue as she leaves service to the council.

3 VOTES

Sue: save the funds for the Ice Cream Social in June, 4th Annual this year.

We will need to send bills to Kyla at the county. We still have a PO Box that will need to be paid. It is not sure what will happen with the box. Sue is also concerned about the ZOOM bill for council meetings.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Lee Bridges will provide an update on the Aspire related lawsuit

The city has been busy with the CDC and zoning. The city had put a stay on the lawsuit until the end of January. A request was made that the court certify the counts dismissed as dismissed. The city rejected that request. It seems that the judge is leaning towards plaintiffs at this time. It is unclear where the stay is now. The city wants to mute the case with the density zoning.

Steph: can you and Andrew say exactly what your cases cover? Lee's is about Aspire. Andrew's is about the change in decisions about zoning/place type approval. There is not a consolidation, but the complaint is about zoning of Aspire, and future place holding for the rest of East Missoula Land Use Plan. SEM is about the place types.

The zoning was made for East Missoula unbeknownst to the residents of East Missoula.

Amendments were made in January, and then changed Feb.2nd after discussion with the developer.

Andrew Hirss, Save East Missoula, will also provide an update on new litigation

County zoning holds until city annexation.

The appeal is handled by MSWD law firm. There is a non-profit and GO Fund Me (1,570) and 501 status

Anyone may contribute with tax deduction.

Mission is to support better land use planning elements historically assigned to east Missoula

an Amended Complaint was filed on April 6th

a summons has been issued to the city, but has not been served

The county has disagreed with the city and made a map. It was never brought to city attention. SEM plans to provide public comments for the city hearing. CPDI appears to have kept information from the council.

Internal misconduct or unbecoming with city officials.

Steph: What is the complaint? Things that are incorrect in city work and decisions. Discovery is coming and will drive further information. There may be some synergy there.

SEM has 3 years to serve the summons

Lisa: Will county land use look to align with the new city?

Dave S. Said to be sure that the city knew of all the hard with by the county and specifically said East Missoula. Dave is not sure why the county did not speak for East Missoula.

County commissioners wrote to the city about changes with Aspire.

Also: City packet did not include letter about county riparian regulations.

Bruce: New flood plan regulations with FEMA. MSLACounty voice site has information.

UPDATES

****ANDREW HAGEMIER can come to an EMCC meeting about the new county land use plan.**

VACCINE CLINIC October 7th from 3-6 at the Fire Hall

Plant clinic at the public garden for May

IceCream Social in June

MAY 5th is VOTE for the fire levy

ADJOURNMENT 8:01

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED HYBRID MEETING MAY 12, 2026.

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