

EAST MISSOULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2026 7:00 PM

In-person at East Missoula Fire Hall 314 Montana Avenue

OR Remotely via Virtual Zoom Meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88525344746>

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:7:02

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Jack, Steph, Lisa

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from February 2026 MEETING approved with 3 corrections/edits

TREASURER'S REPORT we will be closing our EMCC checking account to comply with the new billing/budget with the county. Our balance remains \$40.72. The Zoom account bill was received this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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.

Blackfoot river and Bonner station have groups to get involved with if interested

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 be continue to be available for questions regarding the upcoming levy request. There will be an Open House TBA on April 11th.

NEW INFORMATION: If the volunteer fire hall ceases to exist, East Missoula home owners may lose their insurance; IF no other agency comes in to serve.

If the Rural or City takes over East Missoula service, THEY will determine the service fee for our community. It will not just be what the city or rural residents pay.

Community Councils will all increase to 7 members, with no alternates.

We have 2 open seats on EMCC

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Andrew Hirss, Save East Missoula, will provide an update.

Appeal the city council decision about density place type designation for most of East Missoula

MSWD Helena based law firm is representing SEM

There is a public Facebook Page

There is a board of 5 East Missoula residents

There is a Go Fund Me Page. There are already \$510 in donations

Mission Statement: To support better land use planning in part by preserving MC land use elements historically assigned to East Missoula.

Filed the appeal in District court on March 3rd.

Judge Leslie Halliday will be presiding over the case

NEXT STEPS

legal strategies will not be shared until filed and in public domain

An initial response is pending. We can expect motions and briefs and court orders from the city over the next weeks and months as the case moves forward.

flyers and yard signs are available for posting in East Missoula, a QR code with information is included on both

Bruce: Do you expect this to be a long process? Hope Not

CPDI disagrees with the equal comparisons between county and city zoning

updates will be posted on the Save East Missoula Facebook page

East Missoula has NO representation on the City Council, they are fed information by CPDI staff

Is EM the only area facing annexation? Place type first/then zoning codes

Fort Missoula area is also not happy

The issue is not matching place types between city and county

Aspire is also happening with all this intertwined with the city work

The appeal is that East Missoula is incorrect.

Will this stop the highrises/multiplex included with Aspire? This could affect the phase 6 Aspire with the Townhomes.

Are there any upcoming meetings or events? Not yet, but SEM is planning community programs, and fliers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Missoula County Housing and Community Development is conducting their 2026 Housing and Community Development Survey to gather public input on local priorities related to housing, public infrastructure, community facilities and economic development. Feedback will help guide the County's application for Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funding. As we all know, the loss of funding for the Highway 200 Corridor Project was a huge loss to our community. This is an opportune time to submit your comments. The survey opened on March 2nd and will close on March 31st. Responses are confidential and anonymous and takes approximately 10 minutes. You can find the survey on Missoula County Voice of which there is a link below to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED HYBRID MEETING APRIL 14, 2026.

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