

EAST MISSOULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2026 7:00 PM East Missoula Fire Hall 314 Montana Avenue OR

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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER 7:02

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: ALL present in person (Sue, Jack, Al, Steph, Lisa)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from April 2026 MEETING 2 clarifications and a word change. Then Accepted with corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A Discussion regarding the Council budget with completion of forms will be discussed at this time. A budget is Due June 1st.

We have \$0 out the checking account for EMCC costs for May meeting.

Budget: 300 for meeting supplies/sound equipment/zoom account

Do we need a PO Box?? County wants a box for mailings

Sue suggested increasing the meeting costs to \$500.

Lisa asked about any unforeseen costs for the community? YES

26/27 budget accepted with supplies changed to 500

Sue asked to approve closing the checking account/Steph thinks keeping it until the county gets the reimbursement figured out.

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.

Lions picnic June 20th. burgers and salad provided, they are also looking for new members.

EMRVF thanked us for the Fire Levy passing

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th Annual Ice Cream Social coming in June! Date TBD

June 28th at 3PM at Lions Park

The Council will learn of any new board members hopefully soon as that term starts June 1, 2026.

EMCC will be hosting a vaccine clinic on Wednesday, October 7, 2026. It will be at the Fire Hall. DPHHS is involved.

A plant clinic will be scheduled for the June EMCC meeting.

Sue: Please keep up with the HWY 200 project and funding.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Lee Bridges will provide an update on the Aspire related lawsuit.

Last month they were able to file with MT Supreme Court

dismissal of other 6 counts with Larson so they can file with Supreme Court MT

What remains in district court is the overlay

Vandalism on the ASpire property (house still on property) Neighbors have called the Sherriff. Law enforcement is not waiting for land use to start. Lee: call city police, that land is city property.

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

501C3 tax exempt status. Go Fund Me/charitable. And PayPal

preserving the future land use of East Missoula. Preserving historical land use unique to East Missoula

MSWD is legal council representing SEM

There is a Facebook page Save East Missoula

A complaint has been filed with the city, a response expected by May 26th

The County disagrees that the city tried to align with the county, as said at public meetings

MSL County comprehensive land use plan? The County is not changing zoning any time soon.

STEPH: the county is updating from 1975, East Missoula is not part of that, but could be. *East Missoula went through it in 2019.*

Place typing marks for future zoning, Zoning is only for city properties. County zoning is in place until city annexes.

an offer has been made to the neighbor property, but nothing has been accepted by the owning family members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of whether to nominate a new leadership team for the EMCC Board now or wait until the June meeting.

*The June meeting was agreed to. We may have new council members to include.

Final words from Sue Holden as outgoing Chair and long time EMCC member.

Thank you for your continued support and gathering. She has been very happy to be here. Through family loss and health it is apparent she needs to focus on her health. She will provide files and information so we will continue.

A plaque was presented to Sue for all she has done for our community.

*Refreshments will be provided.

ADJOURNMENT 7:55

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED HYBRID MEETING JUNE 9, 2026. As a reminder, NO meetings in July/August. Will resume September 8, 2026.

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