

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Ronan City Council
June 10, 2026**

MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ronan convened on June 10, 2026, at 6:07 P.M., at Ronan City Hall. Those present were: Mayor Ryan Corum, Council present: Ellen Kaphammer, Julie Moore, Lindsay Myers, and Micah Robertson. City Attorney Ben Anciaux, Police Chief Rob Jacobson, Police Sargent Brandon Smith, Public Works Director Dan Miller, Clerk-Treasurer Kaylene Melton, and Deputy Clerk Gwen Zolber were also present. Council Members Larry Hall and Mark Nelson were absent.

ORDER/PLEDGE

Mayor Ryan Corum called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

Julie made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2026 Regular Meeting. Ellen seconded the motion. Brief discussion was held. Ellen called for a vote. All voted in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lake County Sheriff

Don Bell advised Council that a work schedule and a payment-in-lieu-of-calls plan were submitted today to the Mayor and the Chief of Police. Sheriff Bell also stated that Undersheriff Levi Read and Lieutenant Clary both possess full authority to act on behalf of the Sheriff's Office when attending Council meetings. The statement concluded with an expression of gratitude to the Council and an affirmation of the Sheriff's Office's commitment to the best interests of the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Claims

Discussion was held. The Council reviewed the list of claims owing as of June 10, 2026. Ellen made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, as listed. Lindsay seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Julie, and Lindsay voted in favor. Micah opposed. Motion carried.

2nd Chance Saloon

Request to ignite fireworks on City property at the Adams Street parking area was postponed to the June 22, 2026 City Council meeting.

Ronan Co-op Brewery

Discussion was held. Julie made a motion to approve the Ronan Co-Op Brewery Application for Open Container Permit and Sidewalk Closure (with pedestrian access) from 2:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., beginning June 12, 2026 through September 12, 2026. Lindsay seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Julie, and Lindsay voted in favor. Micah opposed. Motion carried.

Ronan Co-op Brewery

Discussion was held. Lindsay made a motion to Approve the Ronan Co-

Op Brewery Application for Open Container and Street Closure of 4th Avenue from Main Street to Round Butte Road, and Main Street from 4th Avenue west to 5th Avenue (contingent upon permission from fronting businesses) for a “Gears & Beers Car Show” July 17, 2026, from 2:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Julie seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Julie, and Lindsay voted in favor. Micah opposed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Ronan Police
Department Lease

Discussion was held. Julie made a motion to Approve the 12-month lease renewal with Ray Aylesworth for twelve months effective July 1, 2026 for the Ronan Police Department at the current rate. This is a straight renewal with no changes to the existing lease text, except for updating the calendar dates. Ellen seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Julie, and Lindsay voted in favor. Micah opposed. Motion carried.

Ronan Police
Department
Back Room Lease

Discussion was held. Ellen made a motion to Approve the 12-month lease renewal effective July 1, 2026, for the Ronan Police Department back room, break room, and locker area, with an increase to the monthly lease rate from \$60.00 to \$150.00. Julie seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Julie, and Lindsay voted in favor. Micah opposed. Motion carried.

Mission West
Brownfields Program
Phase I Findings

Public Works Director Dan Miller reviewed the Conclusion provided in the 484-page Brownfields Program Phase I Site Assessment report. Due to the length of the report, a copy is available at City Hall for review. No further action is recommended, however, due to the lack of confirmatory sampling data, Phase II investigation may be warranted to assess any impacts of former underground tanks.

Mission West
Brownfields Program
Phase II Assessment

This matter was tabled due to the absence of Karl Sutton, who was scheduled to present.

Friends of the Children
Letter of Support

Discussion was held. Julie made a motion to Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Support on the City’s behalf for the CDBG-Economic Development Project at 124 Main St. Ellen seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. All voted in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Friends of the Children
Resolution and
Appendices

Discussion was held. Julie made a motion to Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 2026-04, Application Submission (Appendix A), Program Requirements (Appendix B), and Subrecipient Certification (Appendix C) to allow for exterior renovations at 124 Main Street. Lindsay seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. All voted in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Ronan Police

Chief Jacobson reviewed proposal for adding two full-time Police Officer

Department Additional Officers	Positions to achieve 24/7 patrol coverage. Budget Committee will need to look into the specifics further.
Ronan Police Department Officer Pay	Discussion was held. Lindsay made a motion to Approve transferring funds originally allocated for premium pay for Police Canine Sandor's position to cover supervisor pay costs for Sergeant Smith. Julie seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Julie, and Lindsay voted in favor. Micah opposed. Motion carried.
Executive Session	At 6:34 P.M. the meeting went into Executive Session and everyone but the Council members, Department Heads and Deputy Clerk were asked to leave. At 8:08 P.M., the meeting came out of Executive Session and the public was invited to re-join the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Julie: Good to see all the growth in the City. Thank You for taking care of the parks – there are again ducks in the pond.

Dan: Ronan had visit from the Director of Montana U.S.D.A. Rural Development, and Ronan is the only City from whom they have received an application for additional appropriation grant monies. Clean up weekend is this coming weekend. The City has plugged an inlet to a City sewer main due to a sinkhole. The ground is wet and the area will be repaired once the ground has time to dry.

Ben Anciaux: Inquired about the status of the results regarding the letter he assisted with for a grant to purchase a firetruck.

Mayor Ryan Corum: Has been Mayor for five months and ten days and would like feedback from the Council; feel free to call him. There is a lot going on positive, let's not forget that. There is a lot to manage as Mayor.

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, June 22, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ellen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Ryan Corum, Mayor

Attest:

Gwen Zolber, Deputy Clerk