

TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

JULY 21, 2025

JACKSON, WYOMING

The Jackson Town Council met in regular workshop in the Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 150 East Pearl in Jackson, at 1:30 P.M. This meeting was held in-person and through the Zoom platform. Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

TOWN COUNCIL: Mayor Arne Jorgensen, Jonathan Schechter, Devon Viehman, Kevin Regan, and Alyson Sperry.

STAFF: Tyler Sinclair, Roxanne Robinson, Lea Colasuonno, Johnny Ziem, Paul Anthony, Russ Ruschill, Tanya Anderson, Susan Scarlata, and Riley Hovorka.

Announcements. None.

Strategic Communications Plan. Susan Scarlata and Tyler Sinclair made staff comment. Council held discussion with staff. There was no public comment. A motion was made by Alyson Sperry and seconded by Devon Viehman to direct staff to work on a Language Access Plan. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed 4-0 with Mayor Jorgensen, Alyson Sperry, Devon Viehman, and Kevin Regan in favor. Jonathan Schechter abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Devon Viehman to direct staff to work on establishing and facilitating a Community Engagement Task Force. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed 4-0 with Mayor Jorgensen, Alyson Sperry, Devon Viehman, and Kevin Regan in favor. Jonathan Schechter abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Devon Viehman and seconded by Kevin Regan to approve the Strategic Communications Plan, subject to minor edits by staff. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed 4-0 with Mayor Jorgensen, Alyson Sperry, Devon Viehman, and Kevin Regan in favor. Jonathan Schechter abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Council recessed at 3:02pm and reconvened at 3:10pm.

Town of Jackson Sustainability Plan Progress Update. Tanya Anderson made staff comment. Council held discussion with staff. Shannon Shuptrine, Melissa Turley, and Mary Lynn Callahan made public comment. A motion was made by Devon Viehman and seconded by Kevin Regan to direct staff to initiate work on the 16 Sustainability Plan strategies proposed in the analysis section of this staff report, and provided below, in the next two years:

Work towards energy conservation and environmental protection in the built environment

1. Reduce GHG emissions from Town-owned buildings leased to others (Municipal)
2. Encourage or require smaller, more energy-efficient buildings (Community)
3. Develop strategies to reduce energy used to heat outdoor spaces (Community)
4. Develop renewable energy project standards that minimize impacts to the environment (Community)

Reduce emissions from surface transportation

5. Implement a vehicle purchasing policy (Municipal)
6. Budget for community-wide carshare and bikeshare program (Community)
7. Reduce unnecessary idling (Community)
8. Amplify and support car-free travel options for visitors (Community)

Support healthy wildlife populations

9. Create model native plant or pollinator garden on Town Property (Municipal)
10. Engage community in pollinator protection (Community)
11. Plan out future expansions of Bear Conflict Zone (Community)

Reduce waste

12. Develop sustainable procurement policies that prioritize materials with recycled content (Municipal)
13. Require reusable foodware for dine-in experiences, prohibit foodware containing expanded polystyrene or PFAS, and require provision of accessories only upon request (Community)

Preserve and protect surface and groundwater

14. Implement an emerging pollutant education campaign (Community)
15. Create a drought management plan (Community)

Increase transparency

16. Create a publicly accessible dashboard for tracking progress towards goals (Community)
Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Matters from Mayor and Council. Council discussed the Teton County Fair and summer interns. A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Devon Viehman to direct the Town Manager or their designee to draft a brief scoping report about the potential of having a Council-oriented intern for the summer of 2026 to be added to an agenda within 60 days. There was a friendly amendment to lengthen the time period for the scoping report to be added to an agenda to 120 days. Council discussion the motion. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed 2-3 with Jonathan Schechter and Kevin Regan in favor and Devon Viehman, Mayor Jorgensen, and Alyson Sperry opposed. The motion failed. Council discussed the shooting incident in Coeur d’Alene and moments of silence for community members. Mayor Jorgensen added tiered parklet fees to the PI List. Council discussed recent staffing reductions at Teton County Public Health.

Council Priorities and Upcoming Agendas. Tyler Sinclair reviewed Council’s Workplan Calendar. Council held discussion with staff. No motion was made.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Kevin Regan to adjourn. Mayor Jorgensen called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried. The workshop adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Arne O. Jorgensen, Mayor

Riley Hovorka, Town Clerk

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