

**Climate Action Plan Standing Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026**



The regular meeting of the Climate Action Plan Standing Committee was held on Monday, the 9th of February 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers Conference Room at City Hall, 418 East 2nd Street.

A. Call to Order- 3:38pm, Robin Paone

Committee members attending: Liz Records, Rebecca Norton, Robin Paone, Eric Boxer, Tammy Zamoycki, Ryan Walther, Amelia Apgar

Committee Members Not Attending: Keegan Siebenaler

Non- Committee members attending: Toby Scott, Karin Hilding

B. Approval of Minutes from the August 20th, 2025 and January 21st, 2026 meetings-

- Approval of August 20th minutes: Robin moved to clarify that Nathan Dugan was appointed as chair when Dakota stepped down and resigned from the committee. Tammy seconded. Robin moved to approve the August minutes as corrected. Tammy seconded. Accepted unanimously.
- Approval of January 21st minutes: Eric moved to amend the minutes as follows (formatting for easier reading):
 - a. Updates from Committee members on chosen projects- Keegan would like committee to review the goals spreadsheet and revisit the topics we would like to move forward. Tammy to resend the goals spreadsheet to the committee. Committee would like to research building code to possibly add to the plan to help get some specific goals completed.
 - b. Robin discussed also adding city code for developers and businesses to add EV chargers to parking lots. Keegan thought maybe retrofitting the electrical to install a charger later may be a more effective. NASC charger is going to be the standard charging type moving forward. Liz will reach out to Toby (add: City Mechanic) to see if anything has changed with the mechanical aspect of working on these vehicles in the city (add: because Chevrolet has introduced an EV police car that may be more resilient than ev models) . Liz will also reach out to Craig to follow up on Depot Park charger and grant. Rebecca suggested Round Up For Safety grant.
Rebecca motioned to accept January minutes as accepted seconded by Eric Boxer. Accepted unanimously.

C. Public Comment-

- Toby Scott- Suggested on street EV charging. Requested that chargers be required for any construction above 10 units or be EV ready. Would be a PUD or conditional use permit requirement. Or building code. Toby also suggested the maintenance of Whitefish Lake could be listed under Climate Action Plan's Forests and Watersheds. He suggested an interlocal agreement with County so City can make suggestions about the watershed.
- Karin Hilding- Suggested meeting with Craig Workman on how to get EV chargers in Depot Park through Public Works's budget. Karin thinks checking in with DEQ would be helpful as well.

D. Elect Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary- Introductions from committee members and explanation of positions.

- Rebecca motioned to nominate Ryan as Chairperson, Robin seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Robin made a motion to nominate Amelia as Vice Chair. Seconded by Rebecca. Approved unanimously.
- Robin nominated Liz as secretary. Rebecca seconded. Approved unanimously.

E. Vote to change future meetings from the 3rd Wednesday of every month to the 2nd Monday motion made by Rebecca, seconded by Ryan, approved unanimously.

F. Communications/Outreach/Education-

- Tammy reminded committee about NorthWestern Energy accepting public comment on their draft Integrated Resource Plan through March. They're looking at how much energy Montanans are going to need in the future and how we're going to supply that energy. And it's currently talking about relying on fossil fuel-based forms of power and shifting away from renewable energy.
- Tammy provided committee with update from Ashley Schmidt on the solar project at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. According to Flathead Electric Cooperative, the Solar Generating System was connected on January 29th and has begun generating. The battery system will be delivered and installed towards the end of this month, with final commissioning the week of March 9th. They still have site cleanup work to complete over the next couple of weeks, and pollinator seeds will be planted closer to spring.

G. Project Updates

a. Updates from Committee members on chosen projects-

- Robin suggested committee members choose projects that they would like to tackle, as in the past. Committee discussed projects of interest in the past: EV charging, recycling, housing, INCLEI. Rebecca would like to have committee give reports to council with what the committee is working on.
 - ACTION: Committee members are to come to next meeting with topics they would like to explore.
- Tammy provided update on parking with Julie Dixon and reminded committee they they wanted to propose getting a parking study into the FY27 budget.
 - ACTION: Tammy will get cost estimates from Julie for committee to review.

b. Upcoming Events and Proposed Projects- none

H. Other Committee Status Updates

- Tammy- City Hall composting diverted 933 pounds of waste last year.
- Liz updated committee on communication with Toby, City mechanic- he expressed continued concerns about city purchasing electric and hybrid vehicles due to safety issues. Karin suggests the committee look at other cities who have electric/hybrid vehicles in their fleet.

I. Adjournment- 5:01