



TOWN OF DINOSAUR

MINUTES

Dinosaur Town Council
Dinosaur Council Chambers
April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Darcie Rocque

Jeff Harrington
Nicole Ratcliff
Marshelle Gray

Michael Taylor
Devonna Wilczek
Leroy Trujillo

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at **6:00 p.m.** by Mayor Rocque.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rocque and recited.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Jeff Harrington, Michael Taylor, Nicole Ratcliff, Devonna Wilczek, Marshelle Gray, Leroy Trujillo, and Mayor Rocque.

PUBLIC Mike Snyder, Steve Maneotis, Ken Davis, Melody Villard, Julie Elarton, Paul Jachim
Via Zoom: Sherman Romney, Monica McEylea,

PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing was held.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on Minutes of March 10, 2026

Motion: Devonna Wilczek made the motion to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2026

Second: Mike Taylor

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and action on accounts payable for March 2026

The Council discussed expenditures for water system materials, playground mulch, website/ADA compliance, and sign relocation.

Motion: Devonna Wilczek moved to approve the accounts payable for March 2026.

Second: Marshelle Gray

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

10 MINUTE BREAK FOR TRANSITION OF NEW TRUSTEES

A brief recess was taken.

ROLL CALL

Meeting reconvened with roll call. Jeff Harrington, Mike Snyder, Nicole Ratcliff, Devonna Wilczek, Marshelle Gray, Leroy Trujillo, and Mayor Rocque.

1. Oath of office for new council

Oaths of office were administered to newly elected council members, Marshelle Gray, Leroy Trujillo, Jeff Harrington, Mike Snyder, and Darcie Rocque.

2. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Marshelle Gray was appointed as Mayor Pro Tem by consensus of the Council.

3. Appointment of Officers, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, Town Attorney, and Municipal Judge

Motion: Marshelle Gray moved to appoint the Town Administrator, Town Clerk, Town Attorney, and Municipal Judge.

Second: Devonna Wilczek

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. AGNC meeting is coming up in Craig if any of the Council want to attend.

B. Town Manager Reports

1. Explanation of funding from the marijuana stores

- Approximately \$5.6 million is currently held in reserves.
- Revenues from marijuana stores are declining.
- Investment income is used to support enterprise funds such as water and sewer.

2. Recap on projects: sidewalks, sewer project

- Sidewalk project delayed pending engineering plans; anticipated start in summer.
- Sewer system issues discussed, including odor concerns and limited flow; long-term repair estimated at \$7–8 million.

3. Update on the asbestos grant for the motel

- Grant funding was received, but approximately \$17,000 short.
- Proposal for Town to cover shortfall as a loan secured by deed of trust and promissory note.
- Cleanup expected to begin late May or June.

Motion: To approve the funding arrangement for asbestos remediation shortfall.

Second:

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Public Works Director Reports

- Sewer maintenance issues discussed; weekly flushing to be implemented.
 - Park maintenance concerns addressed, including potholes.
 - Ongoing infrastructure challenges noted.
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D. Town Council comments and/or announcements

1. Compensation Ordinance Discussion

- Proposal to set compensation as follows:
 - Mayor: \$200.00 per month
 - Trustee: \$150.00 per month
- Ordinance to be placed on a future agenda for public hearing and consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT – This section is set aside for the Town Council to LISTEN to comments by the public regarding items that do not otherwise appear on this agenda. The Town Council will not discuss the issue or take official action under this section of the agenda. Public comment was opened. A resident stated there was “a really bad smell” related to the sewer system and that it “needs to be addressed” and “needs to get fixed.” The resident expressed concern about the severity of the issue, stating, “What if we have an explosion? It’s going to be a big one... worse than the asbestos up there.” Public Works responded that the Town is working on the issue and explained that the problem is due to limited flow and slope in the system, noting “there’s very little flow coming from up there” and “there’s a belly in it.” Maintenance will be performed, and the system will be flushed weekly to help reduce odors. The resident responded that this effort would be appreciated. A resident commented on the condition of the motel property, stating that it is “a big mess,” “right by our city park.” Concerns were raised about animals and overall conditions, including the impact on nearby public areas. The property owner addressed the Council, stating, “I never came here with the intention to leave it junky,” and explained that efforts have been ongoing to clean up the property. The owner stated that progress has been delayed due to asbestos regulations and funding limitations. The owner further stated the goal is “to clean it up correctly and make it a good thing for this town,” and noted that funding cannot be obtained until the asbestos issue is resolved. A resident raised concerns about park conditions, stating that potholes are “so deep” and asked if gravel could be placed in them. Public Works responded that materials could be added to improve the condition. Discussion occurred regarding restroom facilities, with comments that facilities are frequently abused, including trash disposal and reports of needles, resulting in ongoing maintenance issues and increased costs.

Steve Maneotis, a County Commissioner candidate, addressed the Council and audience, stating he is “looking forward to being a part of the process” and “a part of the solution.” The candidate discussed regional challenges and opportunities, stating there are “pockets of gold” in the area and emphasized the importance of working together to strengthen the community. Additional comments were made regarding economic development, noting that there are many young people in the community and that “they would love to stay here if there were opportunities.” No formal action was taken during the public comment period.

ADJOURN

Motion: Nicole Ratcliff moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Leroy Trujillo

Vote: Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Darcie Rocque, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Brasfield, Town Clerk