



## 2026 West Yellowstone Town Council Priorities Adopted February 17, 2026

### 2026 Primary Priorities:

- **80 acres infrastructure development.**
  - Lift Station- Concept Design and report will be completed by the end of February. The report will provide recommendations to guide the Town Council.
  - Infrastructure layout for the 80 acres to be submitted to DEQ est. early summer 2026.
  - Wastewater Treatment Plant is scheduled to be online mid-summer 2026.
  
- **80 acres/housing plans and strategy- preliminary plat.**
  - The Town Engineer (TD&H) is drafting a preliminary plat for submission- currently 90% complete.
  - TD&H are planning on having preliminary plat application and plans ready by end of February for staff review prior to submitting to Council.
  - We will be seeking DEQ Certified Checklist review, which should shorten review timeframe.
  - Town Council will need to identify priority housing types for phase 1.
  - Town should release a Request for Interest to identify possible interested contractors/developers.
  
- **Subd. Regulation revisions.**
  - The Town Planner will submit a proposal to review the changes from the 2021 draft and add updates with recent legislative changes.
  - Work will begin on the update in May/June 2026 and should be completed by fall.
  - The Town Subdivision Regulations have not been updated since 1982.
  
- **Housing Fund Policy.**
  - If the Town Council is going to continue to provide ongoing funding for housing, The Council should establish a policy/parameters for future projects.
  - We will begin review of the policy in the spring of 2026.
  - Explore reasonable and acceptable housing funding options for Town Employees.
  
- **Mammoth Room Roof.**
  - In 2025, the Town of West Yellowstone received a \$300,000 grant from the State of Montana to support the Mammoth Room roof project. The grant funding does not have an expiration date, as long as we are making progress on the project.
  - TD&H estimate they will have a preliminary design plan by August.

- Final plans developed and ready to bid Fall 2026 and construction to begin in the spring of 2027.
- **Town Attorney Contract**
  - The Town Attorney's current contract has expired.
  - We need to decide if we want to extend or put out an RFP.
- **Hebgen Basin Fire District (HBFD) Issues.**
  - The Town will meet with HBFD to identify issues and solutions within the parameters of the current Interlocal Agreement.

**2026 Secondary Priorities:**

- **Business License Ordinance revisions.**
  - We need to make sure our process with issuing Business Licenses is in step with the Ordinance.
  - Begin work in the spring of 2026.
- **Resort Tax Ordinance revisions.**
  - Review to include fees, audits, timeframes, and overall clarity of the Resort Tax.
- **Parking Ordinance Updates.**
  - The Parking Ordinance was not updated as part of the larger Zoning Code Ordinance update in 2024.
  - The Town Planner said he would have some capacity to assist the Planning Board in the Fall of 2026 after the Park Master Plan and Subdivision Updates are completed.
- **Town Policy review/updates.**
  - Consider review of outdated policies.
  - Update as time and necessity require.
  - Consider appointing a staff/council advisory committee to review and make recommendations.
- **Advisory Board review.**
  - Establish Bylaws and a statement of purpose for all Town Advisory Boards.
  - Consider eliminating dormant boards and commissions.
- **Complete Park and Recreation Master Plan.**
  - Will be completed June 30, 2026.
- **Cemetery expansion options.**
  - The Town Council will need to work with the Cemetery Board to consider options for future cemetery development.
  - Consider a joint Cemetery Board/Town Council Work Session to discuss.