

**2025-2026 City of Belle Fourche City Council Committees
Standing Committees BFCO 2.04.090
May 5, 2025**

Legal/Finance Committee

Meets the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 5:30 pm – City Hall – Council Chamber

Deals with: Tax – Finance – Real Estate – Insurance – License – Personnel – Liquor – Legal

Chairperson: Tricia Fowler

Members: Dean Brunner, Lee Capp, Kristal Steeves

Public Works Committee

Meets the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 4:30 pm – City Hall – Council Chamber

Deals with: Water – Sewer – Streets – Engineering – Shop – Lighting – Landfill – Custodial/Maintenance
Cemetery – Parks – Roundup Grounds – Baseball/Softball Complex – Soccer Fields

Chairperson: Pam Somervold

Members: Don Elliott, Rhonda Schild, Bob Somervold

Police Committee

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm – City Hall – Council Chamber

Deals with: Police – Fire – Ambulance – Dispatch – Civil Defense

Chairperson: Bob Somervold

Members: Dean Brunner, Tricia Fowler, Pam Somervold

**Above this line are the Mayor's Appointments
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**Below this line requires Council Ratification
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Library Board – 3 Year Term

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm – City Hall – Conference Room

Council Representative: Dean Brunner

Members: Maureen Beals (2026), Pat Engebretson (2028), Paul Howard (2026), Beth Morey (2028),
Sheila West (2027)

Museum & Visitor Center Board – 3 Year Term

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm – City Hall – Council Chamber

Council Representative: Don Elliott

Chairperson: Char O'Dea (2027)

Members: Penny Austin (2025), Carol Christianson (2027), Edna Doherty (2027), Charlotte Fladmoe
(2026)

Planning & Zoning Commission – 3 Year Term

Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month (March – October) at 4:00 pm – City Hall – Council Chamber

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month (November – February) at 4:00 pm – City Hall – Council Chamber

Council Representatives: Tricia Fowler, Bob Somervold

Members: Jim Doolittle (2026), Travis Martin (2028), Larry Schmaltz (2028)

Technology Advisory Board – 3 Year Term

Meets the last Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm – City Hall – Council Chamber

Council Representative: Lee Capp

Members: Derrick Erhart (2026), Keenan Merrill (2026), Jeremy Sampson (2027), Vacant

City IT Representative: All Net Connect

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Airport Board – 4 Year Term

Meets quarterly on the 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 pm – City Hall – Council Chamber

Council Representatives: Dean Brunner, Lee Capp

Members: Terry Batterman (2027) Bruce Jennings (2028), Dale Kraft (2029)

Ambulance Board

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm – Ambulance Hall

Council Representatives: Bob Somervold, Kristal Steeves

Appraisers

Members: Wendy Bowers, Cherie Coleman, Jim Grapentine, Michelle Watson

Black Hills Council of Local Governments

Representatives: Mayor Randy Schmidt, City Administrator Jason LaFayette, EDC Member President

Board of Appeals

Licensed Members: Forest Sainsbury – Licensed Contractor, Scott Porterfield – Licensed Electrician,
Randy Vaughn – Licensed Plumber

Lay Persons: Jeremy Coyle, Kerry Deroucher

Secretary: Administrative Assistant Hailey Hanzlik

Butte County Railroad Authority - As Needed

Meets annually the 2nd Wednesday in January at 3:00 pm – 5th & Grant Plaza

Chairperson: Kim Richards – Butte County (January 2027)

Vice Chairperson: Jason LaFayette – City of Belle Fourche (January 2026)

Secretary/Treasurer: Ed Dibble – At Large (January 2027)

Members: Randy Schmidt – City of Belle Fourche (January 2028)
Terry Batterman – Butte County (January 2028)

Development Corp

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the Month 7:00 am – 5th & Grant Plaza

Council Representative: Pam Somervold

Dispatch Advisory Committee

Chief of Police: Ryan Cherveney

Mayor: Randy Schmidt

Council Representatives: Bob Somervold, Tricia Fowler

Finance Officer: Wayne Tonsager

Mayor’s Council on Community Council for Education – No Term

Council Representative: Pam Somervold

Northern Hills Regional Railroad Authority

Members: Mayor Randy Schmidt, LaVern Bills, Ellis Tripp

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – 3 Year Term

Meets Wednesdays after the 2nd & 4th Monday at 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Chamber

Council Representative: Kristal Steeves

Members: Stephanie Hobbs-Vetter (2026), Terry Hoscheid (2026), Heidi Parker (2027), Falina Selchert (2027), Clark Sowers (2028)

Public Relations

Deals with: Chamber & Business Associations

Council Representative: Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce – Don Elliott

Council Representative: Center of the Nation Business Association – Rhonda Schild

