

**2026-2027 City of Belle Fourche City Council Committees  
Standing Committees BFCO 2.04.090  
April 20, 2026**

**Legal/Finance Committee**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Geno Pesicka, Kristal Steeves

**Public Works Committee**

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

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

**Chairperson:** Clark Sowers

**Members:** John Fyffe, Vern Hintz, Bob Somervold

**Police Committee**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Clark Sowers

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm – City Hall – Conference Room

**Council Representative:** Geno Pesicka

**Chairperson:** Beth Morey (2028)

**Members:** Maureen Beals (2029), Pat Engebretson (2028), Paul Howard (2029), Sheila West (2027)

**Museum & Visitor Center Board – 3 Year Term**

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

**Council Representative:** Dean Brunner

**Chairperson:** Char O'Dea (2027)

**Members:** Penny Austin (2028), Jana Bastian (2028), Edna Doherty (2027), Genevieve Skogberg (2029)

**Planning & Zoning Commission – 3 Year Term**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (March – October) at 4:00 pm – City Hall – Council Chamber

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday (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 – Inactive**

**Council Representative:**

**Members:**

**City IT Representative:**

### **Airport Board – 4 Year Term**

Meets quarterly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 pm – City Hall – Conference Room

**Council Representatives:** Vern Hintz, Bob Somervold

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

### **Ambulance Board**

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in January at 3:00 pm – 5<sup>th</sup> & 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month 7:00 am – 5<sup>th</sup> & Grant Plaza

**Council Representative:** Clark Sowers

### **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:** Dean Brunner

### **Northern Hills Regional Railroad Authority**

**Members:** Mayor Randy Schmidt, LaVern Bills, Ellis Tripp

### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – 3 Year Term**

Meets Wednesday after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 5:30 pm – City Hall – Council Chamber

**Council Representative:** Kristal Steeves

**Members:** Trey Clarkson (2027), Terry Hoscheid (2026), Zachary McPherson (2029), Falina Selchert (2027), Vana Pistoftzian (2028)

### **Prairie Hills Transit Governing Board**

Meets quarterly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 am – Prairie Hills Transit Building – Spearfish

**Council Representative:** Clark Sowers

## Public Relations

**Deals with:** Chamber & Business Associations

**Council Representative:** Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce – John Fyffe

## Roundup Coordination

**Deals with:** Black Hills Roundup Rodeo

**Representatives:** City Administrator Jason LaFayette, Public Works Director Ryan Stedillie

## Senior Center

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month 6:00 pm – Belle Fourche Senior Center

**Council Representative:** Clark Sowers

## T.I.F. Project Review Committee

**Chairperson:** Bob Somervold

**Alternate:** Tricia Fowler

**County Commission Representative:** Tom Brunner

**School District Representative:** Kelly Keegan

**Economic Development Representative:** Hollie Stalder

**Advisory Members:** Jim Doolittle, Larry Schmaltz, Travis Martin

## Tri-State Museum Foundation Board

**Council Representative:** Dean Brunner

**President:** Wayne Gilbert (2025)

**Treasurer:** Mary Wendt (2025)

**Members:** Char O'Dea (2025), Deb Elliott (2025), Vacant

## Union Negotiation Team

**Meeting Date:** TBD

**Deals with:** Union Matters

**Members:** Legal Counsel, Randy Schmidt, Jason LaFayette, Wayne Tonsager

**Council Representatives:** Dean Brunner, Tricia Fowler, Bob Somervold, Clark Sowers