Special Meeting

The Town of Chester Council held Special Council meeting on September 22, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Mayor James Dahlen Council Persons, Sonja Dahlen, Scott Decker, Rachel Ghekiere, Garrett Graff, Tina Neer, and Jim Sivils

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Ashley Wickum (Clerk/Treasurer)

Guests: Bill Hunt- Hunt Law Firm

Jim Zadick – Ugrin Alexander Zadick, P.C.

1. Mayor James Dahlen called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment: None
4. New Business:
   * Discussion: North Central Montana Regional Water Authority. Attorney Bill Hunt and Attorney Jim Zadick reviewed the Town’s involvement with the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority for the new council members. The Town does not have a water purchase agreement with the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority. The council has questions about the buy-in cost and if there will be a true up cost at the end, what would that include and when it would be due. Additional questions included: when the line would be finished to Chester, when would the Town receive water, would the Town be able adjust the amount of water they are requesting before buy in, would the Town be able to adjust the amount of water they are requesting after the buy in, what will happen to the Towns water rights and how would the financing and payment work for the Town. Bill Hunt will attend the next meeting for the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority where he will try to get some direct answers for the Town. He and Jim Zadick will continue to work together on behalf of the Town.
5. Jim Sivils made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rachel Ghekiere seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.