



YOUTH COUNCIL
Town Council Chambers
3 S. Timber Ridge Parkway, Severance, CO 80550

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 2, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Chair: Torry Rowell
Vice-Chair: Mackenzie Williams
Treasurer: Kai Sapinoro
Vice-Treasurer: Charlie Vandermark
Secretary: Summer Flores
Vice-Secretary: Kollyns Kelly
Members: Soren Simpson, Sophia Farrington-Valdivia, Sophia Cabazos
Alternate Members: Noah Abram and Alix Getitis
Audience:

Staff: Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager
Lindsay Radcliff-Coombes, Deputy Town Manager

Council Liaison: Brittany Vandermark, Mayor Pro-Tem

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

Members Present:

Torry Rowell, Mackenzie Williams, Kai Sapinoro, Summer Flores, Kollyns Kelly, Soren Simpson, Sophia Cabazos, Noah Abram.

Members Absent:

Charlie Vandermark, Sophia Farrington Valdivia, Alix Getitis.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mackenzie Williams, second by Summer Flores to approve the January 5, 2026 meeting minutes. All members voted yes to approve.

MOTION PASSED

4. Public Comment

The purpose of the Public Comment is for members of the public to speak to the Youth Council on any subject not scheduled on the agenda. To accomplish scheduled agenda items, comments should be limited to three minutes for those attending in person or an appropriate time as deemed by the Chair. The Youth Council is not obligated to make decisions or take action on comments but may choose to schedule the matter for a later discussion. Those addressing the Youth Council, please state your name and address and sign-in.

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. Presentation: Finance Department Overview

Finance director Jacquelyn Grossnickle gave a presentation on management of the Town of Severance finances and how they are specifically used.

2. Mission, Vision, Goals of the Youth Council

- Discussion
- Staff Presentation: Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager

Town Manager Nicholas Wharton began a discussion on mission statements, visions, and goals for the Youth Council to create. The Youth Council came to the consensus of the mission statement to be "Fostering Leadership, Respect, and Community Engagement within the Youth of Severance.". The Youth Council also came to the conclusion that their goals would be:

- Making the Community a Better Place for the Future Youth of Severance
- Giving Teens a Voice in Local Government
- Engaging Youth in Community Service and Their Community
- Providing New Ideas and Fresh Perspectives to the Community

3. 2026 Service Project Discussion

- Discussion
- Staff Presentation: Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager

Town Manager Nicholas Wharton started a discussion on the Youth Council's service project: A Youth event encompassing mental health.

- When: In May, possibly the 9th.
- Where: Overlook Park
 - Encourage walking or biking.
 - Look into offering parking at Rangeview Elementary
- Activities: Booths
 - Informative and Educational
 - Mental Health
 - Clubs
 - Town of Severance
 - Law Enforcement/ Firefighter
 - Library
 - Raffle
 - Possible prizes:
 - Shebrews, Main Event, Tecate Grill, Canes.(Would ask for donations.)
 - Possibly a small/no booth fee for the youth.
- Activities: Other
 - Hay ride
 - Age based sports games
 - Relays (Maybe in fire gear for some.)
 - Volleyball and other ball related sports
 - Including prizes, sign-ups for teams, and morning/afternoon brackets
 - Live Music

- Invite band, orchestra and choir from SHS and possibly SMS
- Invite Static Swarm and battle of the bands winner/those who would like to participate.
- Food Trucks
 - Taco Truck (seen at DG.)
 - Kona Ice
 - Funnel Cake Truck
 - Donut Truck (seen at SHS food truck Fridays.)
 - Mary's Mountain Cookies

***Offer options for smaller children.

C. FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no future discussion items.

D. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

TOWN OF SEVERANCE



Torry Rowell, Chair

ATTEST:



Summer Flores, Secretary