

Town of West Yellowstone Town Council Priorities for 2025.

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Primary priorities:

1. Complete started/ongoing 2024 projects

- Budgeted CIP projects
- 80 acres zoning map updates (late winter 2025)
- 80 Acres community housing meetings (Jan/Feb 2025)
- Mammoth Room plan

2. Water rights/Water well

- Review Water and Sewer Rates/connection fees to ensure they are appropriate for current and future needs.
- TD&H and Deb Stephenson will be working with Staff on agreements, timeline and budget for water rights and a new water well

3. Growth Policy review

- Growth Policy last reviewed 2017
- Planning Board to review in spring 2025 and make a recommendation to the Town Council

4. 80 Acres planning

- The Town Council should adopt an attainable housing strategy/80 acres development plan
- Coordination with housing groups and developers to issue Housing RFP
- Subdivision planning
- Infrastructure planning

5. Cemetery expansion project

- MOU to outline process with Stinnett's (spring 2025)
- Forest Service Access
- Budget for land purchase and possible land trade

6. Parks and Trails Master Plan

- Parks and Recreation Board met last fall to begin process of updating a Parks Master Plan.
- Consider Community input on projects
- The in-Town trail design for the Shortline Trail was approved by the Town Council last fall.
- Trail planning process estimated to begin in February/March.

7. Parking ordinance review

- When the Zoning Code was updated in 2024, only minor changes were proposed to the Parking Ordinance.
- The Planning Board recommended that section of the code be revisited in 2025

Secondary priorities:

- 1. Support the work of the Advisory Boards and community partners on small projects for future consideration.
 - Public Restrooms
 - Beautification Efforts
 - Exploring Parking Solutions
 - Signage/Wayfinding

2. Resort Tax Ordinance review

• Review Resort Tax Ordinance policies and procedures

3. Deputy Clerk/Permit Technician position

• Create a job description and post in February

4. Improved community communications/information sharing

• We will continue to seek options for improved communication

5. Review Advisory boards

- Review Town boards to ensure they are effective
- Board structure and mission
- Have boards take a more proactive role in community engagement

6. Town Policy Manual update/revisions

- Consider review of outdated policies
- Update as time and necessity require

7. County-wide EMS

- Project is in the very early stages of development
- Continue to monitor

8. SFE Calculator Annual Review

• We will add a yearly review of the SFE calculator into our regular workload moving forward