



Re: Stipends

From swilson@greatfallsmt.gov <swilson@greatfallsmt.gov>

Date Mon 3/30/2026 10:18 PM

To creeves@greatfallsmt.gov <creeves@greatfallsmt.gov>

I like what you are thinking. I think it is a pretty low increase, but absolutely can be defended for the fact that some end up paying (and with my \$54 a week dropping to \$22 a week this past year, I expect I will probably have to start paying very soon also). Not fair to future office holders either.

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From: Cory Reeves <creeves@greatfallsmt.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2026 5:46:02 PM

To: Casey Schreiner <cschreiner@greatfallsmt.gov>; Shannon Wilson <swilson@greatfallsmt.gov>

Subject: Fw: Stipends

When time allows, can you guys email me your ideas to adjust our pay from 1989! I suspect it will only be us three supporting this but I could be wrong. I was thinking like a \$300 monthly increase and then add a like 3.0% COLA raise every year moving forward so other commissioners don't have to deal with this uncomfortable subject.

Cory Reeves, Mayor
City of Great Falls

From: Greg Doyon <gdoyon@greatfallsmt.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2026 9:49:58 AM

To: Cory Reeves <creeves@greatfallsmt.gov>; City Commissioners <CityCommissioners@greatfallsmt.net>

Cc: Melissa Kinzler <mkinzler@greatfallsmt.gov>; Gaye McInerney <gmcinerney@greatfallsmt.gov>; Kirsten Wavra <kwavra@greatfallsmt.gov>

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I'll add it into the budget process as directed. It would be helpful for the Commission to:

1. Bring this up as a request when staff presents the initial budget to the Commission.
2. Clarity on reimbursement versus stipend and pay. We can do both, or just one area. The wage requires an ordinance change.
3. Definition of "modest" (Does that mean break even? That would be a starting point).

Thank you. - Gtd

From: Cory Reeves <creeves@greatfallsmt.gov>

Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2026 5:11 PM

To: Greg Doyon <gdoyon@greatfallsmt.gov>; City Commissioners <CityCommissioners@greatfallsmt.net>

Subject: Stipends

Greg,

Shannon, Rick, Casey and I would like to see a proposal for a modest increase to commission stipends as we head into the upcoming budget discussions. My hope is that you, as City Manager, can put together an updated proposal for us to review and consider.

I firmly believe that serving our community shouldn't come at a personal financial loss, and at a minimum, commissioners should be able to break even. While Joe has made it clear he won't support an increase, I believe it's still important for the rest of us to be presented with options and have the opportunity to consider a reasonable adjustment moving forward.

Thanks for taking a look at this.

Cory Reeves, Mayor
City of Great Falls