

**CITY OF WEISER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
55 West Idaho Street  
Weiser, ID 83672  
Monday  
**April 14, 2025**  
7:00 pm

**Call to Order** [7:00:00](#)

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Larry Hogg, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins, Herb Haun, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF:** Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Ron McDaniel, Bill Taylor, Dave Loos and Bri Chaney.

**Guests:** Theresa Rasmussen, Kelly Haun, Ginger Taylor, Toby Epler, Pat Thompson, Leslie Boles, Kip Hicks, Clarence Stark and Dylan Brown.

**Invocation was given by Reverend Kip Hicks.**

**Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kelly Haun.**

[7:02:10](#) **Commission/Committee Reports:** Sterling Blackwell, the Design Review Committee met and reviewed the latest revision of the documentation from the lawyer regarding the several different job responsibilities that the commission will potentially be in charge of. They sent a few adjustments and wording clarifications for their sake and will hopefully see it at P&Z soon. Economic Development met and they are continuing to help Main Street with their projects and looking for their next big goal. Public Facilities is doing incredible things, they haven't met this month but are continuing to do awesome work. They are almost finished up with the fire pit at the park and going to be adding the covering to the womens/mothers corner of the playground. The remaining parts of that will be the sidewalk connecting to the grandstands. Airport Committee also met, they have permits that are coming forward for further expansion. They need to have some discussion with the fire department about whether or not the system is adequate for further expansion. They had concerns and have submitted a letter. He was also the representative for the City of Weiser at the BSU Community Impact Program. That is a program that is specifically targeted towards rural communities across the state and how they can engage the youth and community members, and give them college credits towards an advanced degree if they want. They reached out to him to be a community partner as representative for the City of Weiser. He attended that meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>. It is a program that has a broad outreach. Weiser has 3 students that are a part of that program.

[7:07:34](#) Marg Chipman, one of the library's events coming up is Weiser's own Buck Sawyer will be there to talk about his upcoming book. One of the aims of the library is to get teenagers more involved so they are going to have a teen takeover night on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The kids get to plan the agenda and there will be movies and games for them. They will also be having a book sale during Fiddle Week. They have new computers down there that are set up, and they have purchased some DVD players that people can check out. The Lohr foundation is going to sponsor the summer reading program.

Herb Haun, the Safety Committee met with the Fire department and got a walk through the new firetruck. They talked about inventory in the City's fire department and beginning to do a little bit of a house cleaning there. They also talked about the budget, and they will be prepared to present the budget when it comes time.

Natahsa McDaniel, Historical Preservation received a grant of \$20,000 to start working on their historical preservation plan for the City of Weiser. They were able to kind of piggyback off of the County plan a little bit so they didn't have to spend as much, but are making it a little bit more specific to Weiser. They are doing a social on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the train depot. There will be a light dinner served.

Larry Hogg, Finance Committee, had some very preliminary discussion for the budget for next year. They also talked about the reports that the Council gets on a monthly basis. You can see the first draft of what they hope will be an improvement of that. They have focused mainly on the budget, and monitoring it throughout the year.

**7:12:02 Department Reports** were presented by Clerk McDaniel.

#### **7:15:55 MINUTES**

**Motioned** by Herb Haun and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on March 10, 2025 as presented and place them on file.

#### **7:16:11 BILLS**

**Motioned** by Larry Hogg and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee and present them to the Treasurer to have warrants drawn for payment.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Katie von Brethorst, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins,  
Marg Chipman, Herb Haun and Larry Hogg.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**7:16:58** The Mayor stated before they got started that he would like to add to the agenda an executive session at the end of their meeting.

**Motion** by Herb Haun and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to add executive session to the agenda.

#### **1. Public Hearing for Proposed Area of Impact 7:17:41**

The Mayor asked if there was any public comment in favor, neutral or against the proposed area of impact. There was none. Public hearing closed.

#### **2. Consider New Area of Impact-Action Item 7:19:02**

Larry Hogg stated he would like to know who is proposing this, and how they came about with their recommendation. The Mayor asked Clarence Stark to come forward and address the question. Clarence Stark, 1203 County rd 70, stated he is a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. He said this originated when the Idaho Legislature in their 2024 session made a change to the impact areas and the criteria that the cities needed to have. In the past many communities essentially took their city limits boundaries and went out 1-2 miles and that was the impact area. Weiser did something very similar to that and drew an area roughly around a mile. The Legislature is now saying you have to create an impact area that has a realistic likelihood of having development within the next 5 years. The final step to that is having it approved by the County Commissioners. The starting point of it was going to the Planning and Zoning Commission. It is to be completed by December 2025. If it is not completed by then and accepted by the County Commissioners then the impact area disappears. They started a subcommittee to work on the project. Planning and Zoning has approved it and is now passing it onto the Council. Sterling Blackwell, the Design Review Committee was able to add input and back up some of the choices that were made regarding growth. Larry Hogg, what was the criteria used to determine what areas would be included. Clarence said HWY 95 is the commercial corridor, everything along that corridor would be commercial. There was one other small area that would be commercial, basically everything else would be residential. They mostly just looked at it as far as what the neighborhood looks like now. Natasha McDaniel, this is just one step in the process. Mayor Hibberd, the map is incomplete and doesn't have the newest areas that have been annexed. Rather than adopting this map tonight, they would like the zoning committee to take a look at it and have the map completed.

**Motion by** Herb Haun and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to table this action item until the May meeting after the Zoning Committee has had a chance to review it.

AYES: Katie von Brethorst, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins,  
Marg Chipman, Herb Haun and Larry Hogg.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**3. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Presentation-Action Item [7:36:14](#)**

Kelly Haun, 2240 Valley View dr, said they met to discuss reviving the events that the City use to have with the Veterans March on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The march starts at the depot and ends at the Veterans Park. After the flag ceremony they would like to announce that they move it to the new facility down by the tennis courts and have a BBQ. Herb Haun and her will take on the task of the BBQ. The Lohr Foundation is planning on kicking in some money, and Riddleys will donate some of the food. They would also like to have a cornhole contests and pickleball.

Bill Taylor, the 2025 firework budget is \$13,800, the same as last year for the same amount of shots. Last year it was over 2514 shots between both the 4<sup>th</sup> of July show and the Christmas show. The major fundraiser is the fireworks breakfast, it will be June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Vendome with the help of the Elks and the Chamber.

**4. Approve Bid for Memorial Park Hill Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Project-Action Item [7:43:31](#)**

Mike Campbell, Natasha has secured \$29,850 from the Lohr Foundation to put the sidewalk to the top of the hill at memorial park. On top of that they have looked at extending it all the way down to the sidewalk that is currently behind the Greenhouse and attaching those two and making it ADA compliant. To go forward they would have to use \$7,945 of the street department project fund money, so he is looking for approval to go forward with the lowest bid of \$37,795.

**Motion by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Herb Haun to approve the lower bid for the Memorial Park Hill Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Project and authorize the Mayor to sign.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell, Marg Chipman, Herb Haun and  
Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**5. Approve and Authorize for the Mayor to Sign JUB Agreement-Action Item [7:51:25](#)**

Toby Epler, Boise ID, Airport Engineer for the City of Weiser. This years project is just another addition to the airport. The City as a federally funded airport receives \$150,000 a year. The infrastructure bill that was passed by Congress a few years ago gave an additional \$135,000 a year. The money is banked up for this particular project. The project they are looking at is the taxiway that the aircrafts use to get to the runway. That portion of pavement was built back in 1996. Typically, the pavement lasts anywhere from 20-25 years. It just needs to be removed and replaced. The first step of that project is to design it. They will do that this year and come back in 2026 and bid it and construct it. What they have in front of them is an agreement for JUB to do the designing engineering per the FA standards.

**Motion by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the JUB Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Mike Hopkins, Marg Chipman, Katie von Brethorst, Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Sterling  
Blackwell.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**6. Approve and Authorize for the Mayor to Sign Application for Airport Design Grant-  
Action Item [7:59:32](#)**

**Motion by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve the application for the application for the Airport Design Grant and authorize the Mayor to sign.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Marg Chipman, Sterling Blackwell, Herb Haun, Mike Hopkins, Katie von Brethorst, Larry Hogg.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**7. Las Esmeraldas Application for Liquor License-Action Item [8:00:29](#)**

Chief Carl Smith, since they have become a restaurant, they have had no issues with them so he recommends they approve the liquor license.

**Motion by** Herb Haun and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve Las Esmeralda's Application for their Liquor License.

AYES: Katie von Brethorst, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins,  
Marg Chipman, Herb Haun and Larry Hogg.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**8. Update on Sewer Camera Purchase [8:01:35](#)**

Mike Campbell last City Council they were approved to go forward with \$130,000 to purchase one of these and see if they can find used. So far what they have found is an 05 F-550 camera/truck setup. The problem is they don't know if the cameras work because it needs a computer system to go with it so they will have to buy the mapping system. They have made a formal offer of \$20,000 for the rig to the City of Pasco Washington.

**9. Approve Ordinance #1272 Animal Shelter as a Permitted Use in the Industrial Zone-  
Action Item [8:04:26](#)**

Natasha McDaniel read the Ordinance in its entirety.

**Motion by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Larry Hogg to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance #1272 onto a 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading by title only.

AYES: Katie von Brethorst, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins,  
Marg Chipman, Herb Haun and Larry Hogg.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

Natasha McDaniel read the Ordinance in title only.

**Motion by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve Ordinance #1272 the Animal Shelter as a permitted use in the Industrial zone.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Katie von Brethorst, Larry Hogg, Marg Chipman, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins  
and Herb Haun.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**10. Approve Bid for AC Unit on Police Department-Action Item [8:12:25](#)**

Mike Campbell said they have another quote coming, if it is less then they will use that. If they approve it to go forward to replace the AC and Heating unit combination, he would like to use that leftover budgeted money from the Capital Maintenance Fund. Chief Carl Smith said the Police Department was built in the 90's. They have two HVAC units on top of the roof. They do yearly maintenance on them. This year, in doing their spring maintenance, they were told the compressor went out on one of those units.

**Motion by** Herb Haun and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve the bid for the AC unit on the Police Department building using leftover Capital Maintenance Funds.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Sterling Blackwell, Mike Hopkins, Marg Chipman, Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**11. Executive Session [8:16:37](#)**

**Motion by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to move into executive session to discuss possible litigation.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Mike Hopkins, Herb Haun, Sterling Blackwell and Marg Chipman.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

[8:35:00](#) **Motion by** Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Marg Chipman to move out of executive session.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Mike Hopkins, Herb Haun, Sterling Blackwell and Marg Chipman.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**12. Adjournment– Action Item. [8:35:00](#)**

**Motion by** Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Mike Hopkins, Herb Haun, Sterling Blackwell and Marg Chipman.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT [8:35:00](#)**

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**Randall E Hibberd, Mayor**

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**Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk**

