

CITY OF WEISER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
55 West Idaho Street
Weiser, ID 83672
Monday
August 10, 2026
7:00 pm

Call to Order 7:00:18 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Member Horzen, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hogg, Council Member von Brethorst, Council Member Srholec and Council Member Fenske.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Mayor Haun, Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Margie Taggart, Mackenzie Kissell, Bill Taylor, Ron McDaniel, Lonnie Chambers and Troy Krahn.

Guests: Jack Wiley, Sue Wiley, Don Lovestrand, Mark Burgess, Kayla Dickerson, and Brandon Williams.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Mark Burgess.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mackenzie Kissell.

Commission/Committee Reports:

7:02:04 PM – Council Member von Brethorst, Library Committee, stated, June Library statistics report. 5,138 people came through the doors and checked out 5,514 items. July the Library had 5,065 check outs and 6,233 patrons. The Library just finished their summer reading program. They continue to have the volunteer program; they had 72.5 volunteer hours in 2 months. There are a lot of people doing a lot of great things at the library.

7:02:49 PM- Council Member von Brethorst, Public Safety Committee, stated, we met with the Rural Fire Department and talked about how we needed to go in the direction of a Fire District and we have found it may be a much clearer, quicker, possibly even less expensive path where we could be annexed in. We are still looking into all the details. There will be more to come.

7:03:30 PM – Council Member Hogg, Finance Committee, stated, he will be going over this later in the meeting during the budget. He did thank the members of the committee for their diligence and support during the budget process.

Department Reports were presented by Clerk McDaniel. 7:04:33 PM

MINUTES 7:08:42 PM

Motioned by Council Member Hogg and seconded by Council Member von Brethorst to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on July 13, 2026, and (2) Special City Council Meetings on June 29, 2026, and July 29, 2026 (draft minutes correctly listed July 27, 2026) as presented and place them on file.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Council Member Fenske, Council Member Srholec, Council Member von Brethorst, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hogg and Council Member Horzen.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS 7:09:44 PM

Motioned by Council Member von Brethorst and seconded by Council Member Hogg 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: Council Member Fenske, Council Member Srholec, Council Member von Brethorst, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hogg and Council Member Horzen.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda-Action Item. 7:12:00 PM

Motioned by Council Member Hogg and seconded by Council Member Srholec to approve the the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Council Member Fenske, Council Member Srholec, Council Member von Brethorst, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hogg and Council Member Horzen.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

TARTAR FIRE UPDATE 7:12:42 PM- Mayor Haun introduced Tom Vigil, Liaison Officer with the Southwest Incident Management Team. Tom Vigil presented the City Council with an update on the Tartar Fire.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN RESOLUTION #715 FOR EMERGENCY DECLARATION – Action Item. 7:21:19 PM

Clerk McDaniel, after everything that happened over the weekend with the fire emergency and opening the Vendome to the evacuees, we decided to declare a Local Disaster Emergency. This means anything moving forward we can ask for reimbursement from the State. We wanted to declare any damage we had to the city and any bills that carry over from the Fire District.

Mayor Haun, half of all Fire Department costs are 50/50. It's not just what happens in the city, it is anything they fight.

Council Member Horzen, two things. This is where I would have to recuse myself, and second, the City declaration, is that a separate filing from the County filing?

Clerk McDaniel, the County filed on the 1st, we declared on the 3rd. Lisa, so we would submit a separate itemized filing?

Mike Campbell, Public Works Director, when the County declares and the City declares it should overlap on most things, it is to protect the city for anything that doesn't overlap. The Emergency Operation Center- recommends if one declares the other should also.

Council Member Vaughn, how long do they anticipate having the declaration in place?

Mike Campbell, until it is done. By the time they are done mopping up and the Fire Department deems that they can depart. If the fire were to restart and they rename the fire, we would have to re- declare.

7:25:48 PM- Council Member Horzen requested to be recused from Item 3 of the agenda- Approve and Authorize the Mayor to Sign Resolution #715 for Emergency Declaration.

Motioned by Council Member Hogg and seconded by Council Member Fenske for Council Member Horzen to be recused from Item 3 of the agenda- Approve and Authorize the Mayor to Sign Resolution #715 for Emergency Declaration.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Council Member Fenske, Council Member Srholec, Council Member von Brethorst, Council Member Vaughn and Council Member Hogg

NAYES:

RECUSED: Council Member Horzen

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

7:26:33 PM- Council Member Horzen has left the council chambers.

7:26:46 PM- **Motioned by** Council Member Fenske and seconded by Council Member von Brethorst to approve Resolution #715 and authorize the Mayor to sign.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Council Member Fenske, Council Member Srholec, Council Member von Brethorst, Council Member Vaughn and Council Member Hogg

NAYES:

RECUSED: Council Member Horzen

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

7:27:56 PM- Council Member Horzen returned to the Council Chambers.

PUBLIC HEARING WILLIAMS ZONE AMENDMENT REQUEST.

OPENING COMMENTS: 7:28:24 PM

Brandon Williams, 755 Jonathan Rd, Weiser, ID, right now the property is not zoned for storage, and I would like to put storage containers on my property.

Mayor Haun, is there anyone in the audience who would like to attest in favor of the William Zone Amendment request.

7:30:32 PM

IN FAVOR: Clerk McDaniel, read 4 letters in favor of the Williams Zone Amendment in their entirety into record.

NEUTRAL: None.

OPPOSED: None.

CLOSING COMMENTS: 7:35:39 PM

Brandon Williams, 755 Jonathan Rd, Weiser, ID, if I am not allowed to put the storage containers on my property, I will put them across the street and that doesn't work well as that property is fenced and gated. He stated he has about 5 Hot Shots that come in, in a week. They will pull up to the gate and block 6th Street. He also stated he wouldn't be renting them on the gated property; he would be storing them there.

Council Member Hogg, if we approve the zoning amendment, would that allow anyone to have storage units in zone C-3?

Brandon Williams, it would be on an individual basis, anyone else who wanted to do it would have to come before the Council. It is all commercial property around me; the only house down there is my house.

Council Member Hogg, is stacking the storage containers a necessity?

Brandon Williams, yes but if I can't put them on my property, then I am going to put them across the street, and I will have to move thirty-five campers over there and I will have to stack them four high.

Council Member Fenske, is there a safety requirement on how high you can stack the storage containers?

Brandon Williams, the storage containers can be stacked seven high in the container yards where I get them.

Council Member Horzen, one of your line items says it will encourage Economic Development. Does it create jobs?

Brandon Williams, I have hired extra guys to move containers.

Council Member Vaughn, what is the situation for it to be necessity for it to be within city limits versus out of city limits?

Brandon, exposure. My business has picked up dramatically since I bought it.

Council Member von Brethorst, it is very easy for whoever is dropping the containers off to you, to get right off Highway 95 for delivery. We have letters from neighbors stating it is not an issue. I also want to point out we have a business down the road from you selling storage unit sheds.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:41:57 PM.

WILLIAMS ZONE AMENDMENT REQUEST- Action Item. 7:47:21PM

Council Member Hogg, if we go through with this amendment it goes against the Ordinance we have in place.

Council Member von Brethorst, it should be allowed with a Conditional Use permit in C-3 zone where we have some control over it.

Council Member Horzen, I don't disagree with Council Member von Brethorst, but we are standing firm on our ordinances and enforcing them.

Council Member Fenske, we need to get clarification on the existing ordinance.

Council Member Hogg, this applicant has been before us twice with the same request and we have said no, I don't believe anything has changed since then.

Council Member Horzen, I feel as though we need clarification from our Legal Counsel on this ordinance. We are not saying no, but we are hesitant due to the ordinance we have in place.

Motioned by Council Member Fenske and seconded by Council Member Hogg to table the Williams Zone Amendment Request, until Ordinance #1275 can be reviewed by our Legal Counsel.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Council Member Fenske, Council Member Srholec, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hogg and Council Member Horzen.

NAYES: Council Member von Brethorst

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHOOL DISTRICT REZONE REQUEST

OPENING COMMENTS: 7:55:11 PM

Kyla Dickerson, 1776 Weiser River Rd, Weiser, ID, Park School and Weiser High School are not zoned correctly. I am here tonight to request a rezone for those two schools.

Mayor Haun, is there anyone in the audience who would like to attest in favor of the School Rezone request?

IN FAVOR: None.

NEUTRAL: None.

OPPOSED: None.

CLOSING COMMENTS: 7:57:36 PM

Council Member Srholec, what are we zoning the schools as?

Clerk McDaniel, the only zone a school or public facility can be placed in is a C-3 zone. There are five properties, one is residential and the other four are undesignated.

Council Member Hogg, having the schools zoned in a C-3 is a good idea but we may need to look at something different for long term. If the School district decided one day to sell one of the schools, we could end up with a Walmart in place of one of the schools.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 8:02:09 PM.

SCHOOL ZONE REZONE REQUEST-Action Item. 8:02:17 PM

There was a discussion on revisiting the zoning of schools, possibly adding another category.

Motioned by Council Member Vaughn and seconded by Council Member Srholec to approve the School Zone Request as C-3 zone.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Council Member Fenske, Council Member Srholec, Council Member von Brethorst, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hogg and Council Member Horzen.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE IN C-3 ZONING

OPENING COMMENTS: 8:06:10 PM

Kyla Dickerson, 1776 Weiser River Rd, Weiser, ID, - We are requesting a conditional use permit for Educational Institutes in a C-3 zoning.

IN FAVOR: None.

NEUTRAL: None.

OPPOSED: None.

CLOSING COMMENTS: None.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 8:06:56 PM

CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE IN C-3 ZONING-Action Item. 8:07:33 PM

Motioned by Council Member Srholec seconded by Council Member Fenske to approve the Conditional Use request for Educational Institute in C-3 zone.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Council Member Fenske, Council Member Srholec, Council Member von Brethorst, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hogg and Council Member Horzen.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST FOR STORAGE CONTAINER IN COMMERCIAL ZONING

OPENING COMMENTS: 8:08:22 PM

Kayla Dickerson, 1776 Weiser River Rd, Weiser, ID, - We are requesting a Connex box at the district. It will be in a fenced yard; it will be painted to match the fencing. Park School is also short on storage space and where it sits on a hill the Connex box would be in the back in the parking lot. It would not be viewable from Park St.

8:11:15 PM

IN FAVOR: Brandon Williams, 755 Jonathan Rd, Weiser, ID, - These storage containers are better than a shed or a building, they are 100% mouse proof.

NEUTRAL: None.

OPPOSED: None.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 8:11:51 PM

CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST FOR STORAGE CONTAINER IN COMMERCIAL ZONING-Action Item. 8:12:01 PM

Motioned by Councilperson von Brethorst and seconded by Councilperson Hogg to approve the Conditional Use request for storage containers in commercial zoning for Weiser School District with the condition they are following City Ordinance Code #1275.

Councilperson Vaughn, the difference between this request and the request of Williams Zone Amendment is, the School District is not selling and doing retail with these containers. They are utilizing them on their property which has just been placed in Commercial zoning.

Councilperson Hogg, I would add, it was mentioned the School District is already utilizing these containers at the High School. The School District did come before the Council, when we were getting ready to amend the ordinance, and we gave permission to have them until the ordinance was amended.

Mayor Haun, do we have any further discussion before I call for the vote?

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Council Member Fenske, Council Member Srholec, Council Member von Brethorst, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hogg and Council Member Horzen.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED:

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN SUPPORT LETTER-Action Item. 8:16:43 PM

Mayor Haun, the letter is of support to do a dam upgrade on Barton's Reservoir. In the past, the City has been in support of our agriculture neighbors.

Council Member von Brethorst, can you give us a preface of how this came about?

Mayor Haun, it is a 75 year old dam, the head gate is having some problems. The Irrigation District is asking for some support to help replace the head gate and any improvements needed to make the dam and the head gate secure for the future.

Council Member Hogg, this doesn't impact the City directly. Are they asking us to give them the go ahead with our support?

Mayor Haun, it can impact Weiser if the headgate isn't addressed and the dam isn't made secure and these ranchers lose what water they have. There could be some financial impact on Weiser if the ranchers are unable to continue their operation and spend money in Weiser. They aren't asking for anything financially for the project, just our support for the project.

Motioned by Council Member Horzen and seconded by Council member Vaughn to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Support.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Council Member Fenske, Council Member Srholec, Council Member von Brethorst, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hogg and Council Member Horzen.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

FY27 BUDGET- 8:20:02

There was a discussion on the FY27 Budget. There were no changes made to the budget as presented.

Motioned by Council Member Hogg and seconded by Council Member Fenske to Adopt the tentative Budget as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Council Member Fenske, Council Member Srholec, Council Member von Brethorst, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hogg and Council Member Horzen.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IDAHO CODE 74-206 (1) (E,F) CONSIDER PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS, CUMMUNICATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PENDING LITIGATION-Action Item

There was no need to go into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT – Action Item. 8:42:11 PM

Motioned by Council Member Hogg and seconded by Council Member Horzen to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Council Member Fenske, Council Member Srholec, Council Member von Brethorst, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hogg and Council Member Horzen.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:42:27 PM

Herb Haun, Mayor

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk