

CITY OF WEISER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
55 West Idaho Street
Weiser, ID 83672
Monday
September 14, 2026
7:00 pm

Call to Order 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Council Member Vaughn

STAFF: Mayor Haun, Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Margie Taggart, Troy Krahn, Bill Taylor, Ron McDaniel, Trei Walker, Austin Stratton.

Guests: Bud Fisher, April Leija, True Pearce, Sean Jergensen, Jim Metzger, Dylan Brown.

The Invocation was given by True Pearce

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ron McDaniel

Commission/Committee Reports: 7:01:15 PM

Council Member Hogg, the Planning and Zoning Committee has met about the request to allow storage containers for rent. We have come up with a proposal to send to the Planning and Zoning Commission. It should be back to City Council in a month or two after the Planning and Zoning process is completed.

Clerk McDaniel, the Planning and Zoning Committee did not have a quorum at their last meeting so this will not go to Planning and Zoning until the October meeting.

Council Member Horzen, the Design Review Committee has almost completed their rough draft for their Review handbook.

Council Member von Brethorst, the Public Safety Committee met with the Fire Department to go over their inventory. They found a lot of items they are comfortable with getting rid of. They are going to let the Department Heads go through it to see if there is anything they find of use. Fire Chief Fisher will take the rest to a swap meet to get rid of it. Anything that is not taken or found usable will be sent to Mexico as they have less fire restrictions than we do and they are allowed to use outdated equipment.

Council Member von Brethorst, Library Assistant Nola Huey is retiring November 12, 2026. Erin McLaughlin has been hired as a Library Assistant. They will be starting a Fall Lecture Series on September 17th. Sara Borda will begin the series with the History of Weiser Library. They still have computer classes with Herbert Miller. The library is always looking for volunteers. They have checked out 4,667 books and have had 3,477 patrons.

Department Reports were presented by Clerk McDaniel. 7:05:00 PM

MINUTES 7:10:04 PM

Motioned by Council Member Hogg and seconded by Council Member Fenske to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on August 10, 2026 and (1) Special City Council Meeting on August 24, 2026, as presented and place them on file.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS 7:10:23 PM

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA APPROVAL 7:10:30 PM

Mayor Haun, action items removed from the agenda will be:

2. Request for Water Forgiveness for Fiddle Week

10. Approve the Estimate for the Overhead Doors for Storeroom and Parking Garage

Council Member Horzen, I will need to recuse myself from action item 14, Consider The Status of the 84 Prish Ladder Truck with the Fire Department.

Council Member von Brethorst, I will need to recuse myself from item 13, Authorize Opening a new Vendome Bank Account.

7:12:22 PM

Motioned by Council Member Hogg and seconded by Council Member Srholec to approve recusal for Council Member von Brethorst from item 13 of the agenda, Authorize Opening a new Vendome Bank Account.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

7:12:50 PM

Motioned by Council Member Hogg and seconded by Council Member Fenske to approve recusal of Council Member Horzen from item 14 of the agenda, Consider The Status of the 84 Prish Ladder Truck with the Fire Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Member Fenske

NAYES:
ABSTAINED:
MOTION CARRIED.

7:13:48 PM

Motioned by Council Member Srholec and Seconded by Council Member von Brethorst to approve the Agenda with the removal of item 2., Request for Water Forgiveness for Fiddle week and item 10. , Approve the Estimate for the Overhead Doors for Storeroom and Parking Garage.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:
ABSTAINED:
MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: 7:14:13 PM

ABATEMENT RESOLUTION #716 FOR COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE- Action Item

Mayor Haun, is there are any questions or discussion for the Abatement Resolution #716?

Clerk McDaniel, Code Enforcement Officer Rex goes out and tries to physically contact the owner of the property. If no contact is made, she will then send a letter to the address on file with the County, if she is still unable to get in contact with the property owner. The City then places a notice on the property stating the timeline they must clean up the property. If that doesn't happen, according to the City Code, we can go out ourselves, clean up the property and produce an invoice that will be sent to the property owner. If the invoice does not get paid this resolution allows the City to give it to the County Treasurers office and the amount owing on the invoice will be placed against the property owner's taxes.

Motioned by Council Member Hogg and seconded by Council Member von Brethorst to approve Abatement Resolution #716 for County Treasurers Office as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Council Member von Brethorst, Council Member Hogg, Council Member Srholec, Council Member Horzen, Council Member Fenske

AYES:
NAYES:
ABSTAINED:
MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST FOR WATER FORGIVENESS FOR FIDDLE WEEK- Action Item 7:19:16 PM

This item has been removed from the Agenda.

REQUEST TO USE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING FOR POLICE TRAINING- Action Item 7:19:23 PM

Police Chief Troy Krahn, the Fire Department building is not being utilized other than for

storage of items we no longer are required to have or need. Sgt. Samson and Officer Walker came up with an idea to keep us in the building and make sure appropriate maintenance is being done.

Police Officer Trei Walker, the building has been vacant for the better part of eight years, so Sgt. Samson and I came up with the idea to be able to utilize that building. The City is paying to keep the lights on, why wouldn't we have our own place to keep equipment locked up and train there as well.

Mayor Haun, how often are you required or how often do you like to do the ARCON training?

Officer Walker, we would like to do it a couple times every year. With the new mandate, we are mandated eight hours every two years to keep our certifications as a police officer.

Council Member Horzen, how are you doing the training now, on your own or with the Sheriff's office?

Office Walker, we have done both. We have been utilizing the Weiser high school's wrestling room.

Council Member Fenske, what other training are you looking at other than ARCON?

Office Walker, just for scenario, we have sim guns, which are replicas of our duty pistols, but they shoot paint rounds or blanks. We do room clearing, and arrest techniques while in full gear. The room is currently being used for our K-9 training because it is climate controlled. That room is big enough we could have our department meetings there and other departments could utilize the building for meetings also. It is a place the City already owns, why not make it a place every city department could use.

Council Member Hogg, is it something you will have to put money into to make it usable?

Officer Walker, I think in short term it will be very little money. The majority of it will be cleaning it up.

Council Member Horzen, do you plan to incorporate additional training, like cross training with the Sherriif's office or potentially the Fire Department?

Office Walker, yes, we would love to, even the medics or hospital personnel if they would like to come in and do the scenarios there. It would be a perfect place that would not interrupt the day-to-day flow of business or have to do it late at night or on the weekend.

Council Member Horzen, who will create that curriculum?

Officer Walker, myself, Sgt. Samson, SSgt. Singleton and Detective Newbold are all trainers for the Police department.

Motioned by Council Member Horzen and seconded by Council Member Hogg, to approve the request to use the Fire Department Building for Police Training.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER TRUE PEARCE’S PROPOSAL FOR PROSECUTION SERVICES- Action Item 7:27:06 PM

Council Member Hogg, is what we are paying now, \$6,7500, accurate?

Clerk McDaniel, I don’t believe so. I think we are paying a little less.

Mayor Haun, anything that falls under a felony is already being prosecuted by True Pearce’s office so this proposal would make everything fall under the same prosecutor.

True Pearce, Washington County Prosecuting Attorney, the proposal is as simple as it seems. As Mayor Haun has already stated we do the City’s prosecutions for felonies. We maintain regular office hours, and we have a good reputation with the Weiser Police Department. We would be able to do it for less money because we already have those fixed costs and expenses.

Council Member Srholec, how are our cases separated now between Walker Law office and the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney Washington County?

True Pearce, if it is a felony it goes to our office, if it is a misdemeanor it goes to Walker Law office.

Mayor Haun, we need to decide if putting everything under one roof has extra value plus the money we would save. If you would like to hear from Weiser Police Chief on working with the Prosecuting Attorney we can ask him to come up.

Council Member Hogg, I would like to hear from Police Chief.

Police Chief Troy Krahn, Mr. Pearce is not wrong. It would save a lot of confusion on which cases go to which office. They are there five days a week. Our Detectives and Patrol officers deal with the Washington County Prosecuting office daily. Don’t misunderstand, Walker Law office has done a good job and has a good track record but is not always available at least in person, he is responsive to text messages but not always available.

Council Member Fenske, who makes the assignment of cases, does the courthouse decide what is a misdemeanor and what is a felony? When the cases are filed, is it filed as a misdemeanor or a felony?

Chief Krahn, if we write an infraction citation or file a misdemeanor then it would go to Walker Law office. If an Officer writes, say a speeding ticket just outside our jurisdiction then it would go to the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office. Sometimes that doesn’t get recognized because it is actually in the County’s jurisdiction.

Council Member Horzen, but it generates from your office based on the ordinance or violation written by that Officer.

Chief Krahn, that’s correct.

7:45:56 PM

Motioned by Council Member Fenske and seconded by Council Member Horzen to consider True Pearce’s Proposal for Prosecution Services.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

7:49:48 PM

Motioned by Council Member Fenske and seconded by Council Member Srholec, to rescind the consideration for True Pearce's Proposal for Prosecution Services.

ALL IN FAVOR:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

7:52:40 PM

Motioned by Council Member Horzen and seconded by Council Member Fenske to approve True Pearce's Proposal for Prosecution Services.

There was a discussion on True Peace's Proposal for Prosecution Services.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Council Member von Brethorst, Council Member Srholec
Council Member Horzen and Council Member Fenske

NAYES: Council Member Hogg

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER TERMINATION OF CURRENT PROSECUTION SERVICES WITH
WALKER LAW - Action Item 8:00:38 PM**

Motioned by Council Member Hogg and seconded by Council Member Horzen to Terminate current prosecution services with Walker Law office and send a 90-day notice.

ALL IN FAVOR:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**REQUEST TO PURCHASE SIDE BY SIDE FOR STREETS FROM FY26 BUDGET NOT
TO EXCED \$12,000- Action Item 8:01:48 PM**

Ron McDaniel, Street Department Supervisor, we requested to purchase this same item from FY26 budget and knowing the financial struggle for FY27 budget we are asking to use some of FY26 budget to purchase this. I will still need to purchase a plow for the front of it for winter maintenance, but it will relieve FY27 Budget of \$12,000.00.

Council Member Horzen, what is it used for?

Ron McDaniel, it is split between the Parks department and the Streets department. It will be used in the Parks in lieu of the broken four-wheeler we have and when Parks isn't using it, we

will use it in the Streets department to plow parking lots and sidewalks in the winter.

Motioned by Council Member Horzen and seconded by Council Member Srholec to approve the request to Purchase Side by Side for Streets from FY26 Budget not to Exceed \$12,000.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

8:07:46PM

POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO PURCHASE AI BODY CAMERAS- Action Item

Police Chief Krahn, I am requesting spending authority to upgrade the body cameras. Council Member von Brethorst asked us to cut \$20,000.00 out of our budget and in working with Mike Campbell on it, we came up with \$6,500.00. With the savings we will have with the Prosecuting Attorney that will make up the difference. I met with the Representative for the cameras and was able to get the price reduced by about \$28,000.00. The annual cost would be reduced to \$28,000.00 instead of \$33,000.00. I will be down to four Patrol officers that patrol 24/7. Four on and Four off. The Officers need these tools because the amount of work they do is not going to change and it means they are going to pick up more of it. With these efficiency tools I feel now is the time to do this.

Council Member Hogg, is this a replacement of current equipment?

Police Chief Krahn, we have been using body worn cameras since 2010. It is a great tool, and it has come a long way. In the event of AI, they have got some great products out where they are able to add to the digital evidence management system. When we talk about the cameras, it consists of three things, the camera, the software and the digital evidence management system. They are one of the few companies that do it all together. The additional tools we are looking at purchasing is a program called Report One. This program will make the first draft of the Officers report. The Officer still has to go through it and is still responsible for the report. The administration staff will still have to proof it for accuracy and errors so that doesn't change. It will cut the report writing time in half. We are also looking at the on-demand translation. It provides more safety and awareness for the Officer. There are redaction tools especially with video. When public information is requested they can have access to the video from the body camera, but what the public doesn't understand is people have a right to privacy as well so a lot of the video will be redacted of information that is not public information. AI will assist with redaction. It will also transcribe the entire video. That is a big portion of the Detective's time is going back and reviewing the videos.

Council Member Horzen, will AI stand up in court as evidence?

Chief Krahn, yes. In some jurisdictions they are asking, was this AI generated and do you have the first initial draft. That is always readily accessible.

Council Member Horzen, you were asked to cut your budget by \$20,000.00 but added \$80,000.00 for vehicles. Isn't the budget where you choose to place your money?

Chief Krahn, yes.

Mike Campbell, we do have this in next year's budget. We budgeted for \$33,000.00.

Council Member Hogg, I don't know where we are going to cut the budget to get you to the amount that you will need. You make a great case for the need for it. I just don't know right now where we would get the money.

Motioned by Council Member Fenske and seconded by Council Member von Brethorst to approve the Police Departments Request to Purchase AI Body Cameras.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Council Member von Brethorst and Council Member Fenske

NAYES: Council Member Hogg, Council Member Srholec, and Council Member Horzen

ABSTAINED:

MOTION DID NOT CARRY.

CONSIDER POWER UPGRADE AT THE AIRPORT- Action Item 8:54:34 PM

Mike Campbell, Public Works Supervisor, we have budgeted to upgrade one of the transformers that was put on hold when found out it wasn't going to work. We need to put another transformer out there in a different location. We worked with Engineering to draw a mockup, so we didn't place this transformer in the way of future development at the airport. We also had in this year's budget to place some asphalt at the airport that did not come through, so the funds are there and the revenue is there to cover this project. The highest estimate was \$29,000.00. We know for a fact it will be less than that because we are taking some of the distance back out of it to cover. This will continue to cover the growth of the airport because right now we are out of power to add more hangars. The current layout will allow six more hangars plus four or five more when the new taxi way is approved in the next 10 years or so.

Council Member von Brethorst, is it standard practice for the cities or counties to be responsible for the power, can it be passed on to the builders?

Mike Campbell, I asked the FAA and they said generally the airport will provide the primary and then the renters or hangar owners will pay the secondary to get power from the transformer.

Motioned by Council Member von Brethorst and seconded by Council Member Horzen to approve the Power Upgrade at the Airport not to exceed \$29,000.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

9:03:30 PM

APPROVE THE ESTIMATE FOR TRUCK 18 HYDRAULIC REPAIR- Action Item

Mike Campbell, the total cost to repair the truck came to \$20,610.92. This will put it way over in the repair budget, however, with the cuts we have made and not ordering garbage cans and only having one driver, we do have the spending authority within the budget just not out of the repair line, so it can be absorbed through the budget. Not replacing the driver, the revenue is there in this budget.

Mayor Haun, we do have two trucks that are running.

Mike Campbell, we do have two out of four trucks that are up and running currently.

Council Member Hogg, will this bring us up to three trucks?

Mike Campbell, this gets us back to three, which is what we have had with only one driver.

Motioned by Council Member Horzen and seconded by Council Member Hogg to approve the Estimate of \$20,610.92 for Truck 18 Hydraulic Repair.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVE THE ESTIMATE FOR THE OVERHEAD DOORS FOR STOREROOM AND
PARKING GARAGE- Action Item**

This item was removed from the Agenda.

SNAKE RIVER MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT- Action Item 9:11:10 PM

Bud Fisher, Weiser Rural Fire Chief, this is an upgraded version of the agreement we already have in place.

Council Member Hogg, is there anything in this upgraded version we haven't already agreed to in the current version?

Bud Fisher, no, it is just an upgraded version.

Motioned by Council Member von Brethorst and seconded by Council Member Srholec to approve the Snake River Mutual Aid Agreement.

ALL IN FAVOR:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW AND EDIT THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE- Action Item 9:15:29 PM

Clerk McDaniel, I wanted to get further guidance from the City Council if this was the idea everyone had moving forward with a Business license for the City of Weiser.

Council Member Hogg, Yes, we can make some minor adjustments in committee and come back with a proposal.

**AUTHORIZE OPENING A NEW VENDOME BANK ACCOUNT WITH COLUMBIA
BANK- Action Item 9:16:51 PM**

9:17:00 PM- Council Member von Brethorst recused herself from this item and has left the council chambers.

Margie Taggart, Weiser City Treasurer, we are striving to earn an average of 3.65% or better on our investments and are looking to make changes as needed. Columbia Bank Money Market is currently earning 2.75% interest or better on a balance of just over \$1,000,000.00. We receive this rate by exception either monthly or quarterly. The branch manager has to go to her management team and ask for the exception. At times this has been missed resulting in the City not getting the interest rate, then she will have to chase after it for us because she is loyal to us as a customer and recover that money. We almost lost \$2,000.00 about a year ago because that exception was overlooked. Columbia Bank has come up with a new account that no longer requires an exception. It is a money market, so the funds are liquid. They are offering it at 3.44%

with an annual yield at 3.5%, which is close to the target number we need to be at without them needing to do any exceptions. This account requires us to invest an additional \$25,000.00 to what we currently have in the account. This would take us up to \$1,100,000.00 at Columbia Bank's money market and it also requires a checking account to be active.

Working with Clerk McDaniel, we thought, why don't we move the Vendome account we are currently using to hold deposits and make refunds to Columbia Bank and let that account be our new account they need and allow us to move forward that way.

The Vendome account currently has just over \$12,000.00 in it. At the end of the fiscal year, I usually take it back to \$5,000.00 putting the difference into the General checking account because it is a holding fund for the City.

I am proposing to take the \$5,000 at the beginning of the next fiscal year, move that to Columbia Bank in this new Vendome checking account. As stated, we would need to move an additional \$25,000.00 so I am proposing we move the balance of the Money Market we currently have at Zion's bank which is \$37,000.00 and earning 1%. We will avoid service charges on the new Vendome account when the balance stays above \$1,000.00.

Currently, Columbia Bank Money Market earns an annual rate of \$29,000.00 with the new interest rate it will earn \$38,000.00 an increase of over \$8,000.00. Zion's Money Market annual interest rate is earning us \$37.00 a year. Adding it to the new Columbia Bank account will earn approximately \$1,300.00. Those two combined will earn about \$9,500.00 more in interest.

Also, we were able to renew a CD we currently have with Zion's Bank for 1 year instead of 5 months and secured 3.65% interest.

Motioned by Council Member Horzen and seconded by Council Member Srholec to Authorize Opening a New Vendome Bank Account with Columbia Bank.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

RECUSED: Council Member von Brethorst

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

9:24:45 PM- Council Member Horzen was recused from the following item and left the council chambers.

9:24:57 PM – Council Member von Brethorst returned to the council chambers.

CONSIDER THE STATUS OF THE 84 PRISH LADDER TRUCK WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT- Action Item

Mayor Haun, our options are to take the 84 Prish Ladder truck back and take it to the Public Surplus Sell or leave it with the Weiser Rural Fire Department.

Bud Fisher, Weiser Rural Fire Chief, the truck is not worth anything. Parts are not available; the reason the truck is out of service is because the hydraulic lift cylinders are bad and need to be worked on. It was going to cost about \$5,000.00 to fix it. By contract we are to give it back to the City or sell it for parts if the City doesn't want it back.

Motioned by Council Member Hogg and seconded by Council Member Srholec to leave the 84 Prish Ladder Truck with the Fire Department.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Council Member Fenske, Council Member Srholec and Council Member Hogg

NAYES: Council Member von Brethorst
RECUSED: Council Member Horzen

ABSTAINED:
MOTION CARRIED.

9:32:40 PM- Council Member Horzen returned to the council chambers.

9:32:42 PM- EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE § 74-206(1)(F) TO COMMUNICATE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION OR A CONTROVERSY IMMINENTLY LIKELY TO BE LITIGATED-Action Item

Motioned by Council Member Srholec and seconded by Council Member Hogg to go into Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(F) to Communicate with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending Litigation or a Controversy Imminently likely to be Litigated.

ALL IN FAVOR:

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

NAYES:
ABSTAINED:
MOTION CARRIED.

Motioned by Council Member Horen and seconded by Council Member von Brethorst to come out of Executive Session Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding pending litigation or a controversy imminently likely to be litigated.

ADJOURNMENT-Action Item

Motioned by Council Member Srholec and seconded by Council Member Hogg to adjourn.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:
ABSTAINED:
MOTION CARRIED.

THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

Herb Haun, Mayor

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk

