

CITY OF WEISER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
55 West Idaho Street
Weiser, ID 83672
Monday
NOVEMBER 10, 2025
7:00 pm

Call to Order 7:00:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: Randall Hibberd, Natasha McDaniel, Ron McDaniel, Delaine Singleton, Lonnie Chambers, Riley Hall and Sherri Breaux.

Guests: Thereasa Rasmussen, Dylan Brown, Blake Coats and Michael Szura.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Blake Coats.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Thereasa Rasmussen.

Commission/Committee Reports:

7:02:50 PM – Sterling Blackwell, Design Review Committee Report. Mike Szura is the new Chairman and Tony Edmundson was elected as the Vice Chairman. They are in the process of reviewing sign ordinances. They are still looking for local professionals to join this committee.

7:03:54 PM – Sterling Blackwell, Planning & Zoning Committee met and will be discussed later in this meeting.

7:04:04 PM – Sterling Blackwell, Public Facilities Committee met regarding Fry Foods which will be discussed later in the meeting.

7:04:18 PM – Marg Chipman, the Historical Preservation Commission will meet this Friday at the Middle School with representatives from the State Historic Preservation Office and the Consultant contracted to write the National Register Grant for the Middle School gymnasium.

7:04:34 PM - The Historic Preservation Commission will be submitting a grant application to match a grant awarded by the Idaho Heritage Trust to assess the feasibility and costs to restore the People's Furniture building's exterior to its historic appearance. The HPC will also be submitting a grant to cover the cost of doing a survey of our downtown and adjacent residential area to determine the feasibility of creating two historic districts.

7:05:13 PM – Marg Chipman gave the October 2025 Library statistics report. Marg added that the Friends of the Library will continue to pay Herbert Miller to provide computer classes.

7:05:42 PM – Herb Haun suggested that someday due to the high activity level at the library we may need to find a way to expand the library building.

7:06:20 PM – Sterling Blackwell reported that Weiser River Animal Shelter & Rescue had added a gazebo at the Dog Park.

7:06:40 PM – Larry Hogg, S.R.E.D.A. Report. Their annual meeting is November 20, 2025, at the Payette Senior Citizen Center, 137 N. Main. If you are interested cost for dinner is \$20.00 just let Larry know so he can RSVP them. It is worth your time if you can go.

7:08:01 PM – Herb Haun reported that the City had 16 fire calls and 9 code inspections in October 2025. Herb explained that the City is billed based on our use of the Fire Department.

Department Reports were presented by Clerk McDaniel. 7:08:52 PM

MINUTES 7:13:08 PM

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Marg Chipman to amend the dates of last month's minutes from August 2025 minutes to September 8, 2025, minutes as presented and place them on file.

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

7:13:52 PM - **Motioned by** Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on October 14, 2025, as presented and place them on file.

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS 7:14:18 PM

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Herb Haun 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, Mike Hopkins, Marg Chipman, Sterling Blackwell, Larry Hogg and Herb Hau.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR STORAGE CONTAINERS WITH CONDITIONAL USE ON COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY. 7:15:14 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel read Ordinance #1275 in its entirety.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: 7:24:27 PM

IN FAVOR: None. 7:24:43 PM

NEUTRAL COMMENTS: 7:25:01 PM

7:25:14 PM – Michael Szura, 935 W 4th, Weiser ID 83672. To get public support they have to be convinced that everything we do is for the good of the city, not just a punishment and fine thing. We need to make sure the public is onboard with the decisions made by the Council so it's not an edict. This should be a win for everyone, it's moving forward.

AGAINST: None. **7:29:02 PM**

THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT **7:29:14 PM**

ORDINANCE #1275 NON-TEMPORARY STORAGE CONTAINERS – Action Item.

7:29:44 PM - Sterling Blackwell explained how the Zoning Committee approached and made decisions concerning this issue.

7:31:25 PM – Larry Hogg explained where the discussions started and how the committee approached and came up with this ordinance. Larry thinks Ordinance #1275 is a proper change to our existing ordinance.

7:33:54 PM – Herb Haun, this is a positive move for our community.

7:34:25 PM – Marg Chipman gave specific examples from testimonies given by businesses at P&Z about how they use the storage containers on their property. The Committee used this information to help shape this decision.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance #1275 on to its third and final reading by title only. **7:35:14 PM**

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

7:35:53 PM – Clerk McDaniel read Ordinance #1275 by Title Only.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Larry Hogg to pass Ordinance #1275 Non-Temporary Storage Containers with Conditional Use on Commercial and Industrial Property.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #704 FEE STRUCTURE FOR FRY FOODS – Action Item. 7:37:06 PM

Lonnie Chambers, Wastewater Supervisor explained to the Council that the fees are for the City of Weiser to treat the wastewater coming directly from Fry Foods. Lonnie informed the Council that they are eliminating the pH probe and why it is a positive move. Lonnie then explained the change to the fee structure and how they hope it will be an incentive for Fry Foods to keep their wastewater clean. Discussion about the pH probe followed. Lonnie then explained the checks and balances that are still in place. Herb Haun added that the meeting they had with Fry Foods was very positive, we all left feeling it was a win-win situation.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve Resolution #704 the new Fee Structure for Fry Foods.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

ANNUAL PERMIT FOR FRY FOODS – Action Item. 7:50:09 PM

Sterling Blackwell, at the Committee meeting with Fry Foods we not only discussed the new Fee Structure, but we also made sure that we passed some of the lab testing on to Fry Foods. Clerk McDaniel, the bill will be separated, Fry Foods will be on one bill and everything else will be on another bill. Sterling added that the language in this permit will also reflect the 5% increase that wasn't quite right last year.

7:51:38 PM – Clerk McDaniel noted the need to correct the November end date on the permit from November 31st to November 30th.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to authorize all parties to sign the Annual Fry Food Permit. **7:52:20 PM**

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER BACKUP GENERATOR FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT – Action Item. 7:52:39 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel, this is a backup generator to run the Chicken Hill Reservoir in case Idaho Power should go down. Clerk McDaniel presented the quote from Burke Electric in the amount of \$36,661.00 for Council consideration. Clerk McDaniel, this is budgeted for, they have their own budget for the system up there.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Herb Haun to approve the purchase of the backup generator for the Water Department from Burke Electric in the amount of \$36,661.00. **7:54:07 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

TRACTOR QUOTES FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT – Action Item. 7:54:36 PM

Ron McDaniel, Street Department Supervisor presented tractor quotes to the Council. Ron compared the power and price of tractors from three dealers: the LS 60 and 70 HP Tractors from Weiser Tractor & Feed, the 64 HP Kubota from Burke Tractor and the 75 HP John Deere from Campbell's Tractor. Ron is requesting permission to purchase the New 2025 John Deere 5075E Cab Tractor with a New 2024 John Deere 520M Loader and a 61" Flail Mower in the amount of \$76,850.00. Discussion followed about the 1960's model tractor they currently use to mow and the new 75 HP John Deere. Discussion continued about having enough money budgeted to also get the truck they need. Ron stated that the remaining \$58,150.00 should be enough to purchase the used truck too.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to purchase the 75 HP 2025 John Deere Tractor with mower and bucket in the amount of \$76,850.00. **8:02:47 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVE REMAINING SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR PURCHASE OF STREET
DEPARTMENT TRUCK – Action Item. 8:03:31 PM**

Ron McDaniel, Street Department Supervisor requested permission to use the remaining spending authority in the amount of \$58,150.00 to purchase a truck when he finds one. Mayor Hibberd added that they do a really good job researching and spending the City's money wisely.

Motioned by Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve the remaining spending authority for the purchase of a Street Department truck not to exceed \$58,150.00.
8:04:55 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

SEWER MAIN QUOTES - Action Item. 8:05:42 PM

Lonnie Chambers, Wastewater Supervisor requested permission to replace 520 feet of Sewer Main in the alley between State Street and West 1st Street from W. Butterfield to Pioneer Rd. Lonnie briefly reviewed the three quotes he received. Discussion about the companies that submitted the two lowest quotes and the extensive nature of the project including the possible time frame to properly complete the project followed. Lonnie added that he would like to have the project completed before the ditch water comes back in next year.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Herb Haun to approve the Tapani Inc. quote to replace 521 feet of Sewer Main not to exceed the amount of \$54,810.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

ROLLING HILLS IRRIGATION REBATE REQUEST - Action Item. 8:14:48 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel read into record the email Mike Campbell had written and she had forwarded to each Council Member. This basically states that the City would front the guaranteed rebate amount of \$12,000.00. Larry Hogg, in essence we are giving them an interest free loan. Discussion followed about who Rolling Hills Irrigation is and why we would do that. Clerk McDaniel, we can table this if Council needs further clarification in order to move forward with a decision. More discussion followed about the precedent this would set and the request being made and why they wouldn't buy their own pump and still run the rebate through us.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Marg Chipman to table this item until next month when Mike Campbell can come back and present full information. **8:23:16 PM**

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW PROPOSED SETBACKS BY AGILE HOMES – Discussion. 8:23:35 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel, this is not a presentation it is just discussion, this would be an ordinance where the City of Weiser would change their setbacks. Agile went to P&Z to ask for an ordinance change of the setbacks. Clerk McDaniel explained that her power point shows what it would look like with the setback changes they are requesting. Sterling Blackwell added that Agile has approached us before for the same request. Clerk McDaniel presented a slide show that showed neighborhoods with current city setbacks and Agile's proposed setbacks as well as their rationale that the proposed changes would improve public safety. Discussion followed. Sterling Blackwell, what they are proposing would affect all property zoned Residential. This is being presented as a modern trend, but the reality is that they just want to put more homes on a property. The major complaint I hear from friends that live in these new subdivisions is that their homes are just too close to their neighbors, I do not think that fits Weiser's vision.

8:29:36 PM – Herb Haun would like to know what the Fire Department feels about having a two-story house seven feet to the property line or a single level five feet to the property line making ten feet between homes. Herb also discussed issues with having narrower streets.

8:30:11 PM – Larry Hogg, I would also like to hear from all the departments. We would be treating properties in the same zone differently, so would that affect property values too. There are houses like that all over, do we put ourselves at a disadvantage by not having areas like that? There is a lot to think about. The image of houses being built closer together brings to my mind pictures of the houses in California where the fire burned house to house. Would ten more feet have made a difference? It couldn't hurt.

8:33:10 PM - Sterling Blackwell, we have at least one fire every year and our downtown is older. We established larger setbacks as a safety precaution to meet the needs of our community at the time. Just because trends have shifted doesn't mean safety has shifted.

8:33:47 PM – Marg Chipman, could we schedule the department heads to come and talk to us about what they think? Clerk McDaniel, I can put something together for a future action item.

ADJOURNMENT – Action Item. 8:34:20 PM

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

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:34:28 PM

Randall E Hibberd, Mayor

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk

