

CITY OF WEISER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
55 West Idaho Street
Weiser, ID 83672

MONDAY
JUNE 9, 2025
7:00 pm

Call to Order 7:11:19 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst.

ABSENT: Mike Hopkins and Sterling Blackwell.

STAFF: Randall Hibberd, Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Bill Taylor
and Sherri Breaux.

Guests: Thereasa Rasmussen, Kelly Haun, Jamie Parker, Katherine Moroney and Dylan Brown.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kelly Haun. 7:12:03 PM

Commission/Committee Reports:

7:12:35 PM- Marg Chipman, Library Report. On June 26th from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm they are having a teen takeover day sponsored by the Washington County Probation Officers. 323 individuals have signed up for the summer reading programs. Marg concluded with the May 2025 library stats.

7:13:28 PM - Marg Chipman, the Architectural Preservation crew is going to have a model railroad show at the Train Depot again this year.

7:13:51 PM – Clerk McDaniel, the Design Review Committee has not met yet so the clarifications on Ordinance #1273 will not be presented until our July 2025 meeting.

7:14:25 PM – Herb Haun, the 4th of July Celebration. Joe Malay is set up to be the M.C. and the Veterans March will start at 11:00 am. Clerk McDaniel, the gathering will be at 10:00 am, the actual march will be at 11:00 am and end at Veterans Park where there will be a Flag Ceremony. From there we will go to the new covered area at Memorial Park where we will have the City Barbeque. Clerk McDaniel added that Ridley's is donating half the food, and the LOR Foundation will sponsor the other half of the food and anything else we need for the barbeque or march that day. Herb Haun added that Ridley's will also have a banner. Clerk McDaniel, the LOR Foundation will also have a banner.

Department Reports were presented by Clerk McDaniel. 7:16:14 PM

MINUTES 7:20:02 PM

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on May 12, 2025, as presented and place them on file.

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS **7:20:29 PM**

Motioned by Marg Chipman and seconded by Larry 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: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst and Marg Chipman.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONSIDER PARKER AND PARKER REQUEST – Action Item. 7:20:54 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel asked the Fire Department if they had any concerns with Parker and Parker altering the Development Agreement to stay open twelve months out of the year instead of just nine months. Their feeling is that as long as they have access it would be like any other emergency. Clerk McDaniel did not receive any concerns from the Police Department. Mike Campbell, I just wanted to make sure that the Fire and Police Departments were fully aware.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Larry Hogg to approve the Parker and Parker request to change the Development Agreement to be open twelve months a year. **7:22:30 PM**

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDER INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION INCREASE – Action Item. 7:23:50 PM

Mike Campbell explained that the City has absorbed several cost increases. At one point it was a 50/50 match but with significant increases in the past six to seven years the percentages have changed along with structure changes in how they bill us. We went to a flat 70/30 where the Employee covers 30% and the City covers the other 70%, it was just a nice level starting place. We tried to make it as fair as we could be with as little increase as we would need. Discussion followed. Employees are 100% covered, the 70/30 only applies to dependents. Discussion continued including how it affects the upcoming budget. This only changes the premium not coverage. Clerk McDaniel added that the cost is split over two pay checks not one lump sum.

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve this insurance contribution increase recommendation for medical insurance. 7:32:58 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Marg Chipman, Katie von Brethorst, Herb Haun and Larry Hogg.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTING DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE – Action Item. 7:33:26 PM

Mayor Randall Hibberd appointed the following people to the Design Review Committee: Tony Edmundson, Mike Szura, Sterling Blackwell and Diane Christensen.

7:34:03 PM – Larry Hogg asked if we had asked about having a Council Member and Planning and Zoning Member being on the committee when P&Z and Council would basically be the appellate court for decisions the committee makes. Mayor Hibberd, we did not yet, our attorney has been out on family leave.

CONSIDER TARA’S PLACE BEER AND WINE APPLICATION – Action Item.

7:34:55 PM. City Clerk Natasha McDaniel reported for Police Chief Carl Smith. Chief Smith has no issues; they have been in business for awhile and they are local people.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve Tara’s Place Beer and Wine License Application.

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #701 GEM GRANT – Action Item. 7:35:38 PM

Mike Campbell, this is for the Buller Subdivision on East 4th Street. They applied for a Gem Grant to help with the curb, gutter and sidewalk installation. The Gem Grant pays \$50,000.00 and Bueller will pay a \$50,000.00 match. It doesn’t cost the City anything we just have to support the grant. Clerk McDaniel, we would need a motion to approve the grant and authorize the Mayor to sign. Discussion followed. Mayor Hibberd explained what a Gem Grant is and what they are used for. Discussion continued.

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve Resolution #701 Gem Grant and authorize the Mayor to sign it. **7:39:30 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Marg Chipman, Herb Haun, Katie von Brethorst and Larry Hogg.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

ADJOURNMENT – Action Item. 7:40:09 PM

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Marg Chipman and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:40:24 PM

Randall E Hibberd, Mayor

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk