

CITY OF WEISER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
55 West Idaho Street
Weiser, ID 83672
Monday
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
7:00 pm

Call to Order 7:03:57 PM

7:04:07 PM – Council President Herb Haun amended the agenda removing item 12. Rate Increase Discussion Annual 3% this year Wastewater 5%.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Mike Hopkins and Randall Hibberd.

STAFF: Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Lonnie Chambers, Bill Taylor, Troy Krahn, Mackenzie Kissell, Pete Ney and Sherri Breaux.

Guests: Eric Striker, Mark Burgess, Steve Fenske, Johnny Rhodes, Kelly Haun, Malia Bumgarner, JR Bumgarner, Brent Roberts, Lynette Roberts, Terri Ramociotti, Rod Panike, Elizabeth Hethe, Darin Hethe and Alex Chavarria.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Mark Burgess. 7:04:31 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Malia Bumgarner. 7:05:44 PM

Commission/Committee Reports:

7:06:10 PM – Sterling Blackwell, Weiser Animal Shelter Report. The Duck Derby is this Friday; proceeds go to purchase land to build a shelter. Ducks are available, you can buy five (5) ducks for \$20.00.

7:06:44 PM – Sterling Blackwell, Design Review Committee Report. They are looking for two to three members to join this committee.

7:07:30 PM – Sterling Blackwell, Economic Development Committee are not currently meeting but are still financially supporting Main Street projects.

7:07:45 PM – Sterling Blackwell, the CIP Program is looking for additional representation from Weiser. This is a mentorship program through BSU for any individual wanting to move forward in a degree. They are looking for adult community partners, specifically in law enforcement, fire and other services in the city. They work together to create programs to benefit the community overall. Their first meeting is this Friday from 1pm to 3pm at the Payette Library. There is a \$5,500.00 scholarship for those who participate in the program.

7:09:24 PM – Marg Chipman, Library Report. Marg gave the library use stats for August and that they are excited about the possibility of expanding the library.

7:09:52 PM – Marg Chipman, Historical Preservation Commission Meeting Report. They have approved the Historic Preservation Plan that will later come to the City Council for approval.

7:10:14 PM – Larry Hogg, Zoning Committee Meeting Report. The committee continues to meet pursuant to our Storage Container Ordinance.

7:10:58 PM – Larry Hogg, S.R.E.D.A. continues to meet. Larry will e-mail minutes to the Council. Sterling Blackwell reminded him about bringing them the materials from the training he went to last month.

Department Reports were presented by Clerk McDaniel. 7:11:52 PM

MINUTES 7:16:02 PM

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve the minutes of one (1) Special City Council Meeting on June 30, 2025, one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on August 11, 2025, and one (1) Special City Council Meeting on August 25, 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 7:16:45 PM

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING PANIKE 1 LOT SUBDIVISION IN THE IMPACT AREA. 7:17:44 PM

Clerk McDaniel read the Public Hearing Notice into record.

OPENING COMMENTS: 7:19:06 PM

Eric Striker, Striker Surveying, 2074 Shelley Dr, Payette ID. The one lot will be 1.47 acres the remaining fifty-four acres will remain in agricultural production. Mr. Striker verified the access point from Hwy 95 adding that the 16-foot driveway had to cross Monroe Creek at one point. The house will have an individual water well and will utilize a septic system for sewage disposal. The septic system has already been approved by Southwest District Health. Discussion followed about the 16-foot driveway. More discussion followed, Clerk McDaniel reminded Council that this 1.47 acres was rezoned, Mr. Striker added that it was rezoned to A2 Transitional.

IN FAVOR: None. 7:24:30 PM

NEUTRAL COMMENTS: None. 7:25:10 PM

AGAINST: None. 7:25:16 PM

THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:25:31 PM

PANIKE 1 LOT SUBDIVISION IN THE IMPACT AREA – Action Item. 7:25:51 PM

Clerk McDaniel reminded Council that this is just a recommendation to the County.

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Marg Chipman that we make a recommendation to the County P&Z and the County Commissioners for approval of the Panike 1 Lot Subdivision in the City Impact Area.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING ROBERTS CONDITIONAL USE FOR TOWNHOUSES.

Clerk McDaniel read the Public Hearing Notice into record. Mr. Roberts gave Council a set of plans, pictures of

OPENING COMMENTS: 7:28:45 PM

Brent Roberts, 1423 Larson Rd, Weiser ID. Mr. Larsen gave Council google earth pictures of the lot, they had set of plans and realistic photo drawings of the townhouses. Their plan is to build two five-unit townhouse buildings on the lot. They want to add affordable diversity to the housing market available in Weiser. Mr. Roberts gave details about the townhouses including square footage, and the interior and exterior design plans. Mr. Larsen explained the townhomes would be individually owned, not rentals. Mr. Roberts then gave the pros and issues for their plans including the need to change the zoning and get a setback variance. There was discussion clarifying just what Council was deciding tonight. The Conditional Use for townhouses is the only item before Council tonight. Mr. Roberts added that City P&Z recommended approval of the conditional use pending Council approval. Discussion then turned to why they want to build townhouses and not the allowed duplexes.

7:45:09 PM – Lynette Robert, 1423 Larson Rd, Weiser ID. Mrs. Roberts added that with this lot and property you already have the County, commercial property and a trailer park on E. 12th right behind it, all in the same block. Discussion continued as to why the townhomes would be more appropriate than a duplex.

IN FAVOR:

7:48:47 PM – Malia Bumgarner, 830 Jonathan Rd, Weiser ID. As a Realtor, in Weiser it is really hard to sell a duplex. The five-plex's where you can sell individual units is fabulous and with the renderings of the proposed units, it will help increase the property values of the entire neighborhood.

NEUTRAL COMMENTS: None. 7:50:59 PM

AGAINST:

7:51:50 PM – Terri Ramociotti, 1028 E Court. The proposed ten units make the density way too high. Her other concern is safety and having children living where there is a high level of commercial equipment on the road. She was also concerned about the increased demand that would be placed on the irrigation water. Her final concern was that it would decrease her property value.

7:53:34 PM – Ron Swope, 1028 E Court. This is just the wrong place for this project. An industrial area seems like a dangerous place for families with all the equipment running around.

CLOSING COMMENTS: 7:56:43 PM

Brent Roberts, whether it's ten units or six duplexes I don't think the number of kids would be any different. As far as the amount of irrigation water being used, the duplexes will have more grass to water than the ten units. There is a well on the property, so it won't be consuming city water.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:59:32 PM

ROBERTS CONDITIONAL USE FOR TOWNHOUSES – Action Item. 7:59:35 PM

Larry Hogg, we received a lot of information from the applicant, but the only decision we have to consider is whether instead of duplexes or a single-family home they can have townhouses. Larry then talked about the items that were brought up during the Public Hearing by those who spoke against the project, water usage, increased traffic to the area, and safety. Larry feels that the applicants met the criteria for their B-1 zoning being unique and recommends approval of their request. Katie von Brethorst added her recommendation to approve the request. Clerk McDaniel corrected her previous comment; there will not be a preliminary plat process as the property has already been subdivided, they will just come in for design. Discussion about the Design Review Committee's part in the process followed. Marg Chipman agrees with the P&Z Commission's decision to approve this conditional use. Sterling Blackwell noted that their recommendation included with approval by the Design Review Committee. More discussion followed.

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve Roberts Conditional Use for townhouses. **8:13:33 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER SMOKIN FRANNY'S BEER AND WINE LICENSE – Action Item. 8:14:46 PM Police Chief Troy Krahn recommended not going forward with this, he has not had a chance to look at their facility. Chief Krahn then expressed his concerns. Clerk McDaniel clarified that they do have their state and county licenses for this year. Chief Krahn contacted ISP's alcohol and beverage control to confirm with them about the nature of the license and this type of business. Chief Krahn recommended postponing this until next month.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Larry Hogg to table this item until the October City Council Meeting. **8:18:12 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #703 FOR FAA GRANTS – Action Item. 8:18:41 PM

Mike Campbell, this is a standard contract with the FAA to receive the grant to rebuild the taxiway. This is just so the Mayor can sign the resolution agreeing to spend the money in the way we said we would. It requires both the Mayor and City Attorney to sign the contract.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Larry Hogg to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to sign Resolution #703 for FAA Grants.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

MISCO TANKS FOR CHLORINE AT THE WASTEWATER PLANT – Action Item.

8:19:52 PM Lonnie Chambers, Wastewater Supervisor addressed the Council with a request to purchase two chlorine tanks from Misco to replace the leaky tanks they currently have. The money for the tanks is in the FY2026 budget, so it will be available on October 1st. I would like approval to order them now because it will take two and a half to three months to receive the tanks. Ordering them now will hopefully get them here in November 2025. Discussion followed about when payment would be due and how long the tanks would last.

Motioned by Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Marg Chipman to approve the purchase of Misco Tanks for Chlorine at the Wastewater Plant. **8:24:27 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

POLE YARD SIDEWALK QUOTES – Action Item. 8:25:03 PM

Mike Campbell explained that because we built another building at the Pole Yard it activated the city code to install new sidewalk. The Electric Department will do the prep work, making the bid from Custom Concrete and Fabrication \$15,487.00. We did not budget for this, but we do have the money in the budget for it. If approved this would be done by the end of the month.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve Pole Yard sidewalk quote from Custom Concrete and Fabrication LLC for the total amount of \$15,487.00.

8:2:11 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCIL APPROVAL OF CURB CUT AT POLE YARD – Action Item. 8:28:42 PM

Mike Campbell, we would like to have that a full curb cut from gate to gate (about 200 ft) which requires this request to come before Council. This will allow our equipment to enter and exit without rolling over curbing.

Motioned by Marg Chipman and seconded by seconded by Larry Hogg to approve the continuous curb cut at the Pole Yard. **8:30:45 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER \$8,500.00 LOR GRANT PAY OUT TO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION –
Action Item. 8:31:16 PM**

Clerk McDaniel, City P&Z received a \$8,500.00 LOR Grant to put together a Planning and Zoning Plan to address the continuous growth that we are having. Unfortunately, we were not able to find an individual to help facilitate this plan before we needed to spend the money. We did not put this into next year's budget and P&Z would have been working side by side with the Historical Preservation Committee on this project anyway. We are therefore requesting to pay this \$8,500.00 out to Historical Preservation, they could put it into their budget and pay out any billing as it came in so we wouldn't lose any spending authority for the \$8,500.00. Larry Hogg asked if this would cause any problems with the LOR Grant administratively? Clerk McDaniel, as long as we spend the money on what was requested we are fine. Discussion continued.

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the LOR Grant pay out to the Historical Preservation Nonprofit contingent upon approval by the LOR Foundation.
8:37:32 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER EXTENSION OF SCHOOL CONTAINER PERMIT – Action Item. 8:38:21 PM Herb Haun, this is a request to extend the School Districts 90-day permit until we can take the Committee's recommendation to our attorney and bring back something suitable for the containers at the School District. Clerk McDaniel, I believe their 90-day permit is up on the 25th. This would extend their permit until the Zoning Committee had other meetings. Discussion about the length of the extension followed.

Motioned by Marg Chipman and seconded by Larry Hogg to extend the School District's current permit ninety days from the time their current permit expires. **8:40:21 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

**RATE INCREASE DISCUSSION ANNUAL 3% THIS YEAR WASTEWATER 5% -
Removed from tonight's agenda.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION IDAHO CODE 74-206 (1)(E,F) CONSIDER PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS, COMMUNICATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PENDING LITIGATION – Action Item. 8:41:29 PM

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Larry Hogg to go into Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(E,F) Consider Preliminary Negotiations, Communication with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Marg Chipman to come out of Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(E,F) Consider Preliminary Negotiations, Communication with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation. 9:17:00 PM

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT – Action Item.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Marg Chipman 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 9:18:00 PM.

Herb Haun, Council Chairman

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk

