

CITY OF WEISER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
55 West Idaho Street
Weiser, ID 83672
Monday
FEBRUARY 9, 2026
7:00 pm

Call to Order 7:00:00 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Lisa Horzen, Steven Fenske and John Srholec.

ABSENT: Randall Hibberd.

STAFF: Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Margaret Taggart, Bill Taylor, Troy Krahn, Ron McDaniel and Sherri Breaux.

Guests: Thereasa Rasmussen, Dylan Brown, Rob Haun, Brianne Haun, Shawna Syme, Kirsten Syme, Stuart Syme, Joseph Vaughn, Les Syme, Becki Syme, Veronica Vasquez, Steve Penner, Kelly Haun and Kurt Folke.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Steve Penner.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Taylor.

Commission/Committee Reports:

7:01:54 PM – Larry Hogg, S.R.E.D.A. update. They are having their annual economic development breakfast on Friday April 10th from 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM in the Weiss Building at Treasure Valley Community College. The cost is \$20.00, this year's subject is transportation. Everyone is invited.

7:03:16 PM – Katie von Brethorst gave the Library statistics report for January. Katie shared some of the things happening at the library and noted that there is something for everyone going on there.

7:04:15 PM – Lisa Horzen, the P & Z Commission met, they are working on commercial zoning guidelines.

7:04:30 PM – Katie von Brethorst, Public Safety Committee met with the Fire Department, they talked through the Mutual Aid Agreement and about the ambulance.

Department Reports were presented by Clerk McDaniel. 7:04:55 PM

MINUTES 7:08:55 PM

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Lisa Horzen to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council on January 12, 2026 as presented and place them on file.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Larry Hogg, Steven Fenske, Lisa Horzen, John Srholec, Herb Haun and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS 7:09:46 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: Steven Fenske, John Srholec, Katie von Brethorst, Herb Haun, Larry Hogg and Lisa Horzen.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACCEPT RANDY HIBBERD’S RESIGNATION LETTER – Action Item. 7:10:29 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel read Mayor Hibberd’s resignation letter to the Council and all present.

Motioned by Lisa Horzen and seconded by Steven Fenske to accept Mayor Randall Hibberd’s letter of resignation. **7:11:54 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Lisa Horzen, Herb Haun, Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, John Srholec and Steven Fenske.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

ACCEPT NOMINATION ON NEW MAYOR – Action Item. 7:12:43 PM

Council President Herb Haun opened the floor for Council nominations for Mayor. Larry Hogg nominated Herb Haun for Mayor and Steven Fenske seconded his nomination. Herb Haun asked for further nominations, there were none. Larry Hogg called for nominations to cease.

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Steven Fenske to nominate Herb Haun as Mayor.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Steven Fenske, John Srholec, Katie von Brethorst, Larry Hogg and Lisa Horzen.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR’S OATH OF OFFICE. 7:13:54 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel administered the Mayor’s Oath of Office to Herb Haun. Herb then took his place as Mayor.

CITY COUNCIL TO ELECT COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Action Item. 7:15:16 PM

Mayor Herb Haun explained what the duties of the Council President are and then opened the floor for Council nominations for Council President. Steven Fenske nominated Larry Hogg and Katie von Brethorst seconded his nomination. Mayor Haun asked for further nominations, there were none. John Srholec moved to close nominations.

Motioned by Steven Fenske and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to elect Larry Hogg as the City Council President.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Katie von Brethorst, John Srholec, Lisa Horzen and Steven Fenske.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

ROSE ADVOCATE ANNUAL REVIEW. 7:16:39 PM

Veronica Vasquez, Executive Director of the Weiser Rose Advocates presented their annual report to the Council. Veronica explained that Rose Advocates is a domestic agency that helps clients of domestic violence, sexual assault and any kind of victim services they can provide throughout Washington County. Veronica then reviewed the client statistics for 2025. They served 289 Clients, 227 were female and 62 were male. This was up by 25 clients from the previous year. Domestic violence cases were down, but sexual assault cases were up. Stocking, teen dating violence and child abuse, neglect and assault cases are all down, but bullying is up, especially on social media platforms. Veronica stated that Rose Advocates has a great collaboration with the City of Weiser Police, the Sheriff's Department, Prosecutors, Advocates, Probation and Parole, Nurses and Danielle Marvin their Forensic Nurse. Veronica invited everyone to their annual Soup Bowl on Thursday 2/12/26 at the Weiser Community Church from 11am to 2pm. Veronica closed by thanking the City of Weiser for their continued support.

ACCEPT KURT FOLKE AUDIT REPORT – Action Item. 7:21:00 PM

Kurt Folke, City Auditor with Quest CPA's PLLC presented the 2025 audit report to the Council.

Independent Auditor's Report: Pages 1-3 7:22:07 PM

Addresses the financial statements we will look at tonight. It is basically saying that based on our audit we believe the numbers in the financial statements are accurate and we can rely upon them. This is referred to as an unmodified opinion, which is the best you can get.

Internal Controls and Compliance: Pages 40-41 7:22:52 PM

This tells us we are looking at the City's internal controls and compliance that determine how we are going to design our financial statement audit, and how we are going to make sure these numbers are accurate. If we notice things are wrong with the internal controls and compliance of the City we report that here. This year there are no findings. If there were findings Council could then take action to correct them. Mr. Folke then noted what kind of things are required as a government entity in Idaho.

Governmental Funds: Page 9 7:24:21 PM

These funds are financed from property taxes and intergovernmental revenues collected on your behalf by another government and allocated back to you and other cities in Idaho. These funds use modified accrual accounting.

General Fund:

Net Change in Fund Balance = \$ 417,557.00

Fund Balance – Ending = \$4,610,674.00 (14-month operating reserve)

Street Fund:

Net Change in Fund Balance = \$ 347,461.00

Fund Balance – Ending = \$2,884,087.00 (13-month operating reserve)

Library Fund:

Net Change in Fund Balance = \$ 14,838.00

Fund Balance - Ending = \$447,465.00 (2-year reserve)

Capital Maintenance Fund:

Net Change in Fund Balance = \$ (76,241.00-)

Fund Balance – Ending = \$1,119,991.00 (project reserve only)

Non-Major Governmental Funds: Page 36 7:30:23 PM

Tort Fund:

Net Change in Fund Balance = \$ 4,257.00

Fund Balance – Ending = \$114,112.00 (1 year reserve)

Recreation Fund:

Net Change in Fund Balance = \$ 3,344.00

Fund Balance – Ending = \$148,689.00

Airport Fund:

Net Change in Fund Balance = (49,395.00-) Waiting for FAA Grant Reimbursement.

Fund Balance – Ending = \$231,903.00

Proprietary or Enterprise Funds: Page 14 **7:35:02 PM**

Kurt Folke pointed out the major differences between the modified accrual accounting used in the governmental funds and full accrual accounting used in the Enterprise or Proprietary Funds.

7:37:20 PM – Larry Hogg asked how we account for the difference between the depreciation year one and the actual cost of an asset. Kurt Folke used the new Garbage Truck for an example, he explained that in full accrual accounting you do not see the expense, instead you see the allocation of the expense over whatever the useful life of the asset is. Kurt went to page 12 to the Statement of Net Position or Balance Sheet to the Depreciable Net Capital Assets line. The \$386,000.00 garbage truck cost less the depreciation (\$35,077.00) is in the \$674,236.00 figure. Mr. Folke then went to page 16, the Statement of Cash Flows, line Cash Provided (used) by Capital & Related Financing (\$386,666.00-). This is what we bought as far as capital assets.

7:42:29 PM – Page 14

Water Fund:

Change in Net Position = \$ 26,435.00

Net Position – Ending = \$7,876,490.00

Kurt Folke noted that the Net Position – Ending is not a cash operational reserve, it is a combination of your cash and investments in the bank plus your investment in all of the water system infrastructure. Kurt then explained the breakdown located on page 12 under Net Position noting the Unrestricted amount of \$3,621,908.00 is the actual operating reserve.

Sewer Fund:

Change in Net Position = \$ (23,704.00-) Need to keep an eye on this fund.

Net Position – Ending = \$6,342,431.00

Electric Fund:

Change in Net Position = \$ 151,442.00

Net Position – Ending = \$5,451,542.00

Garbage Fund:

Change in Net Position = \$ 73,961.00

Net Position – Ending = \$1,449,679.00

7:48:00 PM – Kurt Folke asked for questions.

Larry Hogg asked Kurt about the salary and pension expenses for employees the way it shows on the business type activity statement versus the governmental statements. Kurt went to page 14 noting the operating Expense – Personnel line and the Nonoperating Revenues Expense – Pension Revenue (Expense). Kurt then went to page 9 noting two expenditures, one for General Government and the other for Public Safety. Kurt explained that pension revenue and expense is not the same thing as your PERSI contribution, noting that Idaho's pension plan is 90% funded. Kurt then talked about GASB 68 and pension plans. On page 5, the Pension Revenue (Expense) of (\$262,113.00-), that is the full accrual pension expense from all the governmental funds. Discussion continued leading to two lines on page 26. Under Governmental Act. – Net Pension Liability, the Ending balance of \$943,923.00 and under Business-Type Act. – Net Pension Liability Ending Balance \$702,550.00. If we add those together it shows a liability of about 1.6 million dollars. If everyone in Idaho on Persi stopped contributing on a certain date this would be the deficit that needed paid. The City of Weiser has no control over this, the Persi Board

controls this funding and are happy being 90% funded. The right-hand column on the chart on page 34 shows how much this fund has jumped around over the years.

8:00:20 PM – Larry Hogg asked Kurt Folke what a reasonable person could conclude after reviewing this City of Weiser audit. Kurt stated that the governmental funds are doing very well and are in good shape. The enterprise funds are also doing very good with just a watch on the Sewer Fund. Other than that, they are in good shape.

Motioned by Lisa Horzen and seconded by Larry Hogg to accept the 2025 Audit Report as presented by Kurt Folke. **8:02:00 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Larry Hogg, Lisa Horzen, Steven Fenske, John Srholec and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER THE TRANSFER OF TITLE OF THE CITY’S AMBULANCE TO THE FIRE DISTRICT – Action Item. 8:02:23 PM

Council Member Lisa Horzen requested to be recused from agenda items 7 and 8 due to a possible conflict of interest.

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to recuse Lisa Horzen from item 7 Consider the transfer of title of the city’s ambulance to the Fire District and item 8 Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Mutual Assistance Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Steve Fenske and John Srholec.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

8:03:13 PM – Mayor Herb Haun informed the Council that the Safety Committee had met with the Fire District and discussed this issue. Steven Fenske believes that the Fire Department is best equipped to manage this piece of equipment and made a motion to transfer the title to the Fire District.

8:04:16 PM - Katie von Brethorst added that the Fire District agreed to work in conjunction with our dive team or others who might need to use this vehicle. Katie then seconded the motion.

8:04:41 PM - Discussion followed concerning the transfer of all the city equipment to the Fire District. Steven Fenske thought that the ambulance was a separate entity and not included in that original transfer of equipment. Mayor Haun noted that the issue was that it was not being maintained so when it was needed the batteries were dead and it wasn’t functional. Mayor Haun added that by signing the title over to the Fire District it will be plugged in and ready to go.

Motioned by Steve Fenske and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to transfer the title to the city’s ambulance to the Weiser Fire District.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **8:06:52 PM**

AYES: John Srholec, Steve Fenske, Katie von Brethorst and Larry Hogg.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT – Action Item. 8:07:03 PM

Council Member Katie von Brethorst updated the Council concerning the Mutual Assistance Agreement. The agreement is with the Snake River Valley Chiefs Association to help one another and provide mutual aid. City Legal Council stated that there was no harm in signing the agreement even with the lack of legal terminology in it. The ramifications in not signing a

mutual aid agreement is if someone got hurt while helping us we could be held liable for that and we could also be held accountable for the costs associated with them coming over. It is probably in our best interest to sign the agreement.

8:09:30 PM – Steven Fenske, with no date terms of when it will begin and when it will end and blank lines in the agreement do you really want to sign it. If our attorney thinks there is minimal risk then so be it. In preparation of looking at this document it's a slippery slope.

8:10:38 PM – Larry Hogg, is our chief a member of that association? Steven Fenske, I believe so. But the document doesn't even incorporate them, it incorporates the police department, the City and the fire department and not necessarily by name, it's an ambiguous document. If we don't sign it do we put ourselves at risk of not getting their help?

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by John Srholec to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Mutual Assistance Agreement and ask our Fire Chief to encourage the Snake River Chiefs Association to improve the verbiage in the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **8:12:10 PM**

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst and John Srholec.

NAYES: Steve Fenske

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

8:12:34 PM – Katie von Brethorst noted that the reason we are the ones that needed to sign this agreement is because we are the ones that collect taxpayer money and it is transferred over to the Fire Department. The Fire Department also signs one.

Motioned by Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Steve Fenske to have Lisa Horzen rejoin the meeting. **8:13:00 PM**

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Steve Fenske and John Srholec.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE THE DESIGN REVIEW CHECKLIST – Action Item. 8:13:25 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel, the actual Design Review Ordinance has already been approved, I just think in the ordinance it was lacking this checklist. Because the checklist was not part of the ordinance it needs to be adopted.

Motioned by Lisa Horzen and seconded by Larry Hogg to approve the Design Review Checklist. **8:14:13 PM**

8:14:20 PM – Larry Hogg, does this checklist conform to our ordinance? Clerk McDaniel, I believe so. Larry Hogg, how much of this information is in addition to what would normally be required for just getting a building permit? Clerk McDaniel, a lot of this should be on the plans that are turned in, it just identifies it a little more clearly on the checklist. This just answers questions at the beginning of the process allowing the process to move along more smoothly. Discussion followed about whether to add flood plain to the checklist, Katie von Brethorst questioned the associated fees on the checklist. Clerk McDaniel noted that this is covered in the building permit and that the Design Review Committee does not have authority to add any fees so that could be removed from the list. More discussion followed and Clerk McDaniel stated that a lot of this is going to be duplicated when people apply for a building permit, this is just more of a detailed breakdown of the details of the project. By following this checklist, you would be way ahead in the building application process. Lisa Horzen amended her original motion to remove all fees from the document.

Amended Motion – Motioned by Lisa Horzen and seconded by Larry Hogg to approve the Design Review Checklist with all fees removed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **8:20:04 PM**

AYES: Steve Fenske, John Srholec, Katie von Brethorst, Larry Hogg and Lisa Horzen.

NAYES:
ABSTAINED:
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE DESIGN REVIEW APPOINTMENTS – Action Item. 8:20:17 PM

Clerk McDaniel explained that this is on tonight's agenda because it was not added to the Appointments that Council approved in January.

Motioned by Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Steve Fenske to approve the Design Review Appointments as presented. **8:20:50 PM**

8:20:57 PM – Larry Hogg asked if these appointments were put in place by Mayor Hibberd. Clerk McDaniel explained that the Design Review was established last year but Mayor Hibberd just forgot to add it to the new list of Committee Appointments in January, so we just need to officially accept the appointments. An extensive discussion about the terms for each member followed. Clerk McDaniel again reiterated that this is no different than the Zoning, Public Safety or Public Facilities Committee Appointments Council approved in January. Mayor Haun, we will get answers as to the terms for each member.

8:26:26 PM

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Lisa Horzen, Steve Fenske and John Srholec.

NAYES:
ABSTAINED:
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE JOE VAUGHN'S APPOINTMENT FOR PLANNING AND ZONING – Action Item. 8:26:35 PM Clerk McDaniel, this is fulfilling a position that has been vacant for over a year.

Motioned by Lisa Horzen and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve Joe Vaughn's appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Lisa Horzen, Steve Fenske and John Srholec.

NAYES:
ABSTAINED:
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CWE AGREEMENT –

Action Item. 8:27:11 PM Mayor Haun, this is with Century West Engineering for the taxiway at the airport in the amount of \$4,500.00. Mike Campbell added that this is for an independent fee study for the engineering that is required by the FAA to verify that the engineering costs are within reason. The FAA reimburses 95% of this cost.

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Steve Fenske to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the CWE Agreement. **8:28:28 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: John Srholec, Lisa Horzen, Steve Fenske, Katie von Brethorst and Larry Hogg.

NAYES:
ABSTAINED:
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE WEISER ELECTRIC USER RATE STUDY AGREEMENT – Action Item. 8:29:01 PM

Mayor Haun, we originally thought this study would be more than \$14,900.00, however a lot of the work will be done in-house. Clerk McDaniel noted an error under the Compensation section of the agreement stating that the consultant sum is \$9,900.00 and \$14,900.00 is the total cost. Clerk McDaniel, the agreement I have is a reprint and it is corrected.

Motioned by Katie von Brethorst and seconded by John Srholec to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Weiser Electric User Rate Study Agreement. **8:30:16 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Katie von Brethorst, Larry Hogg, John Srholec, Lisa Horzen and Steve Fenske.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE WEISER 9TH STREET WATERLINE AGREEMENT – Action Item. 8:30:54 PM

Bill Taylor, Water Department Supervisor, this agreement is for Keller to engineer the water line from Idaho to Pioneer on west 9th. This is an upgrade changing the size of the line from the existing six inch to a ten inch so by state rules it has to be engineered. Discussion about the exact location followed. Bill Taylor, it will run from the new line we had bored under the tracks north up west 9th to Pioneer. Bill added that it will increase water flow for fire protection and improve water quality in that area. This is a two-year project, but we will engineer the whole project area.

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Weiser 9th Street Waterline Agreement. **8:33:13 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Larry Hogg, Lisa Horzen, Steve Fenske, John Srholec and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE ITD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – Action Item. 8:33:47 PM

Mayor Haun, the cost for this agreement is \$117,020.00. Mike Campbell explained that this is a two-part project. We have a LIDAR project we approved last month with Kimley-Horn, this part is Keller coming in and doing a general transportation plan which compares these two studies. Mike went on to explain why we are getting grant funding from the State of Idaho. City cost for both the LIDAR study and this standard study is \$18,717.00. This is the last part to get this started. Once we sign this we will send it to ITD and LHTAC will sign off on it alongside us. Mike continued to expand on the benefits of the LIDAR study and why the State of Idaho is funding this project.

Motioned by Lisa Horzen and seconded by John Srholec to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the ITD Professional Services Agreement. **8:38:13 PM**

8:38:19 PM – Larry Hogg, once we get this done what do we use it for? Mike Campbell, to tell us where the pavement is the worst, where missing sidewalks are at, slopes and grades of streets, and it opens up a lot of grant opportunities for our streets.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **8:39:02 PM**

AYES: Katie von Brethorst, Larry Hogg, Steve Fenske, Lisa Horzen and John Srholec.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT – Action Item. 8:39:15 PM

Motioned by Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Steve Fenske to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Lisa Horzen, Steven Fenske and John Srholec.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:39:30 PM.

Herb Haun, Mayor

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk