

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

Call to Order 7:00:03 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lisa Horzen, John Srholec, Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst and Stephen Fenske.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Herb Haun, Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Margaret Taggart, Troy Krahn, Trei Walker, Delaine Singleton, Jacob Mallory, Ron McDaniel, and Sherri Breaux.

Guests: Dylan Brown, Kelly Haun, Nikki Dale, Reyna Vaughn, Joseph Vaughn, Ed Vaughn, Jessica Mallory, Bud Fisher, Clarence Stark, Anna Stark, Jeri Soulier, George Soulier, Bob Barber, Amilcar Ontiveros, Jeremy Roberts, Kathryn Baker, Rashell Cline and Lisa Popoff.

The Invocation was given by Reverend – No Minister.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Troy Krahn.

Commission/Committee Reports:

7:01:19 PM – Lisa Horzen, Planning & Zoning Commission Report. They finalized the last sections for commercial zoning. Clerk McDaniel, the new C-1, C-2 and C-3 commercial zones will be presented to P&Z next Monday.

7:01:48 PM – Katie von Brethorst, February 2026 Library statistics report.

Department Reports were presented by Clerk McDaniel. 7:03:03 PM

MINUTES 7:07:48 PM

Motioned by Lisa Horzen and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on February 9, 2026, as presented and place them on file.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS 7:08:31 PM

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by John 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: John Srholec, Katie von Brethorst, Larry Hogg, Stephen Fenske and Lisa Horzen.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – Action Item. 7:09:13 PM

Mayor Herb Haun presented his appointment of Joseph Vaughn to the Weiser City Council.

7:10:00 PM: **Motioned by** Larry Hogg and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to confirm Mayor Haun’s appointment of Joseph Vaughn to the Weiser City Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

7:10:45 PM – City Clerk Natasha McDaniel administered the City Council Oath of Office to Joseph Vaughn for a two-year term. Joseph Vaughn then took his place on the Council Bench.

LTHAC PRESENTATION TO JACOB MALLORY FOR COMPLETING THE ROAD SCHOLAR PROGRAM. 7:11:55 PM

Lisa Popoff with LTHAC gave a brief explanation of their Road Scholar and Road Master programs and the requirements needed to obtain certification. Lisa Popoff then presented Jacob Mallory with his certificate, leatherman and cap.

REPUBLIC SERVICES RECYCLE PRESENTATION – Action Item. 7:14:00 PM

Rashell Cline, Municipal Contracting for Republic Services and Amil Ontiveros, Boise Recycling gave a slide presentation showing the recycling process with different options for recycling.

7:29:41 PM – Larry Hogg started a discussion that included costs and what drives the market for recycled materials.

7:37:27 PM – Mayor Haun suggested that we possibly put together a public committee to work with Republic Services to try to get our program going if that were the direction the Council would like to go. Rashell Cline offered a field trip to their facility for anyone interested. Mayor Haun suggested visiting the Council facility as well. Amil Ontiveros also offered an on-site tour to see their sorting system at work.

SERVE DAY PRESENTATION – Action Item. 7:40:20 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel this is Serve Day/America 250. Nikki Dale, America 250 in Idaho Ambassador addressed the Council explaining her role and what America 250 is about. Nikki Dale explained State Resolution 22 “A bold year of volunteerism” and their goal of 250,000 acts of kindness throughout Idaho from January 1 – July 4, 2026 including their website idahokindness.com. Nikki Dale gave the website America250.idaho.gov that tells you all kinds of events taking place to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

7:44:51 PM – Nikki Dale also volunteers with Just Serve and they are collaborating with America 250 and Idahokindness.com. Just Serve is a free global platform that helps connect nonprofit organizations who need volunteers with people in communities who want to volunteer. Nikki also gave a brief explanation about the justserve.org App. Nikki then explained what a “Just Serve City” is and how to be recognized as one along with the benefits.

7:49:20 PM – Jeremy Roberts with the Weiser Just Serve group gave a brief history of their group sharing some statistics about last year’s Just Serve Day. There is a Better Together Board that oversees Serve Day. They have evaluators that look at each project request to make sure it can be safely accomplished by their volunteers. This year’s Just Serve Day is April 25th, it’s always the last Saturday in April. Every project is all volunteer labor and donated materials. Their website is serveday.info where you can sign up as a volunteer or submit a project there.

7:54:23 PM – Stephen Fenske asked if there was a deadline for submitting projects? Jeremy Roberts, March 31st.

POLICE DEPARTMENT LOR GRANT – Action Item. 7:55:54 PM

Police Chief Troy Krahn and Officer Trei Walker addressed the Council. Chief Krahn explained that this grant is to replace ballistic plates which can stop up to a 30-06 nonarmored piercing round. The ballistic plates they wear daily will stop a 40-magnum handgun. Officer Walker then showed Council a vest explaining what and where different items are arranged and used. Chief Krahn covered advantages of the new vest and Officer Walker demonstrated. Chief Krahn then explained that the LOR foundation grant will cover \$10,000.00 of the total cost for thirteen vests.

8:02:26 PM – Lisa Horzen asked if he had the money in his budget. Mike Campbell, it was not budgeted for but there is room in their budget to cover the \$2,474.20 not covered by the grant. Clerk McDaniel, they are just asking Council for the spending authority. Discussion about the need for and protocol to use these vests followed.

8:04:56 PM – John Srholec asked if the entire vest or just the ballistic plates would need replaced in seven years when they expire? Officer Walker, just the ballistic plates. Lisa Horzen started a discussion about financing the replacement cost for new ballistic plates in a few years. Chief Krahn, we budget for upcoming expenses and there are options out there to help with that cost. During further discussion about the vests by Council Members Hogg and Vaughn, Chief Krahn explained that the vests are replaced depending on the wear and tear they endure, but they increase the mobility for the officer and can carry more items taking up less space. Chief Krahn then explained why they want to move to these new level ballistic plates.

8:10:07 PM: **Motioned** by Lisa Horzen and seconded by John Srholec to accept, approve and support the LOR Grant for \$10,000.00 and the additional cost of \$2,474.20 for the vests.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Katie von Brethorst, Stephen Fenske, Larry Hogg, Lisa Horzen, John Srholec and Joseph Vaughn.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ORDINANCE #1276

COUNCIL MEETING TIME – Action Item. 8:10:54 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel read Ordinance #1276 in full.

8:13:43 PM – Larry Hogg, why are we making this proposal? Clerk McDaniel, after being asked by several different people why are meeting time is what it is I did some research on what time surrounding towns hold their meetings. I found several had them a little bit earlier, some consensus I got was that once people go home they tend to stay in, also if we had public hearings earlier we might get more participants at our meeting.

8:14:56 PM – Larry Hogg, I think it's absolutely the wrong thing to do. If you have a job or run a business 8 am to 5 pm you are going to be busy. This would require leaving work early putting a burden on everyone you work with and for.

8:18:47 PM – Lisa Horzen, I agree with the time change because to be at a city council meeting until 9 pm or 10 pm is a late night.

8:19:11 PM – John Srholec, in April and May I won't get here by 5:30pm. I'm not opposed to moving the time up, but there's no way I'm going to be on time at 5:30pm.

8:19:29 PM – Katie von Brethorst, we inhibit anyone who's coming to our city council meetings from going to a school board meeting by having our meetings at the same time. I was for moving it to at least 6 o'clock.

8:20:17 PM – Stephen Fenske, I am happy with the time as it is, but from listening to my colleagues, is there an amendable time to move it to?

8:21:29 PM – Joseph Vaughn, have we had any input from the community, the media, the public and any other staff that need to attend. Clerk McDaniel, just by people who came to me. Mike Campbell, I have had a few employees say they would prefer 5:30 pm.

8:23:07 PM – Lisa Horzen, are we also going to address the Roberts Rules of Order in terms of the plan for implementing this? Clerk McDaniel, I think the mayor has been doing his research to get us guided by the Roberts Rules of Order we just didn't feel like with an agenda this big, tonight would be a good night. Mayor Haun, I have been studying three books about Roberts Rules of Order trying to come up to speed. Clerk McDaniel, I think a workshop would be advantageous for everyone including the public.

8:24:19 PM – Larry Hogg I think we should take a look to see if there are any alternatives because Roberts Rules of Order has short comings for our proceedings. Larry gave a couple of examples.

7:27:59 PM: **Motioned by** Lisa Horzen and seconded by Stephen Fenske to approve a time change to amend the current start time of city council meetings with the caveat of review of this Ordinance #1276 for additional research and training on Roberts Rules of Order.

8:29:13 PM – Larry Hogg, would you accept a change to that to refer it to a committee so they can make a final recommendation including that training and then reconsider it? Lisa Horzen affirmed, "I will amend my motion to include referring this to committee for review on the start time."

8:29:34 PM – John Srholec, does that mean we are going to stay with Roberts Rules of Order? Lisa Horzen, part of the current motion is to go to committee for research. More clarifying remarks followed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **8:31:31 PM**

AYES: Lisa Horzen, Katie von Brethorst and Stephen Fenske.
NAYES: Joseph Vaughn, Larry Hogg and John Srholec.
ABSTAINED: None.
MAYOR: Yes.
MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ORDINANCE #1277 UPDATE TO FRY FOODS PERMIT LENGTH – Action Item. 8:32:28 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel explained that this is just an update to the existing Ordinance. The old Fry Foods Permit says that it is reviewed and updated every five years, we actually do it yearly. Clerk McDaniel then read Ordinance #1277 in full.

8:37:46 PM: **Motioned by** Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Lisa Horzen to suspend the rules and read Ordinance #1277 by title only.

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Lisa Horzen, Stephen Fenske, John Srholec and Joseph Vaughn.
NAYES: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

8:38:42 PM – City Clerk Natasha McDaniel read Ordinance #1277 by title only.

8:39:50 PM: **Motioned by** Larry Hogg and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve Ordinance #1277 as read.

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Lisa Horzen, Stephen Fenske, John Srholec and Joseph Vaughn.
NAYES: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER ADDING BRIANNA CHANEY FOR ACH SIGNATURES – Action Item.

8:40:11 PM Mayor Haun, this is due to upcoming changes in the office staff. Clerk McDaniel clarified that the motion would be to approve Brianna Chaney as a signature on all accounts.

Motioned by Stephen Fenske and seconded by Larry Hogg to approve Brianna Chaney as a signature for all accounts.

8:40:57 PM – John Srholec, what is an ACH signature card? Katie von Brethorst, Automated Clearinghouse. Clerk McDaniel, it's basically just being a signer on the account.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Stephen Fenske, John Srholec, Katie von Brethorst, Joseph Vaughn, Larry Hogg and Lisa Horzen.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN RESOLUTION #707

WASHINGTON COUNTIES' NATIONAL COLLABORATION – Action Item. 8:41:29 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel gave a brief background about this nationwide quilt block project as a contribution to this year's America 250 celebration. This is just a letter of support for this collaboration of "Washington" counties across the nation project. The finished quilt will travel to different places, we have requested to have the quilt Fiddle Week to have it in our Fiddle Parade.

8:43:33 PM: **Motioned by** Larry Hogg and seconded by John Srholec to approve Resolution #707 as written and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign it.

8:43:49 PM – Joseph Vaughn, is there any further commitment that this requires from us? Clerk McDaniel, no, it's just a resolution of support.

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Lisa Horzen, Stephen Fenske, John Srholec and Joseph Vaughn.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER SEWER MAIN ESTIMATES – Action Item. 8:44:15 PM

Mike Campbell, Public Works Director, while jetting a sewer line in the alley between Hanthorn and Butterfield, between East 2nd and 3rd the Jetter nozzle got stuck, after excavating we found damage to the line and determined that the line should be replaced. We have the materials the bid is for excavation and installation of the taps to the homes and the sewer main.

8:45:37 PM – Joseph Vaughn, during the audit review Kurt mentioned that this was an area we needed to be mindful of. Mike Campbell, we do have room in the projects budget for this. Discussion followed about possible liability issues when reconnecting private lines back up, possible change order costs and disruption to trash pickup. Mike Campbell, there is always the possibility of issues coming up when you replace lines or do any project, but we don't anticipate any at this time. We can also adjust trash can locations if needed.

8:49:56 PM: **Motioned by** Larry Hogg and seconded by Joseph Vaughn to accept the Warrington Construction Bid of \$37,636.00 to replace sewer main line in the alley between Hanthorn and Galloway from East 2nd to East 3rd.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: John Srholec, Lisa Horzen, Joseph Vaughn, Stephen Vaughn, Katie von Brethorst and Larry Hogg.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN FIREWORK CONTRACT – Action Item. 8:50:57 PM

Mayor Haun, this is for the 4th of July and Christmas fireworks. Mike Campbell, we did budget this exact amount.

8:51:47 PM: **Motioned by** Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Lisa Horzen to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the fireworks contract (Lantis Productions, Inc.) in the amount of \$20,000.00 with a \$10,000.00 down payment.

8:52:22 PM – Joseph Vaughn, how does this change from last years budgeted amount? Mike Campbell, we raised this amount about \$3,000.00 to help with the America 250 celebration. Mike noted that we do get a significant amount of this back in donations.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **8:52:44 PM**

AYES: Katie von Brethorst, Larry Hogg, John Srholec, Lisa Horzen, Stephen Fenske and Joseph Vaughn.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

AIR CONDITIONER UPDATE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT – Action Item. 8:52:57 PM

Mike Campbell, this has been slowly failing and needs replaced. This also replaces the exhaust fan for the evidence room. The unit provides gas heat and air conditioning.

8:54:13 PM: **Motioned by** Lisa Horzen and seconded by John Srholec to replace the York model Gas/Electric Heat/AC unit at the Police Department and the Exhaust Fan for the Evidence Room from B&W Heating and Cooling in the total amount of \$13,432.00.

8:54:44 PM – Joseph Vaughn, with only one quote did we reach out to others? Mike Campbell affirmed. Joseph, is there a warranty? Mike Campbell, I believe it is 3 years parts and labor.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **8:55:24 PM**

AYES: Joseph Vaughn, Larry Hogg, Lisa Horzen, Stephen Fenske, John Srholec and Katie von Brethorst.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER TEXTMYGOV – Action Item. 8:56:02 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel explained what TextMyGov is and what it does and how we can utilize it. Stephen Fenske, who is going to field all these questions? Clerk McDaniel, currently they are being fielded by the clerks in the office. Lisa Horzen, is it AI? Clerk McDaniel, it will be integrated with our website and will take a few months to get set up. Mayor Haun added that it will also be beneficial when we chip seal and plow snow to help get vehicles moved.

9:01:08 PM: **Motioned by** Lisa Horzen to adopt TextMyGov and deploy the program.

Stephen Fenske, have we checked with other cities that use this program? Clerk McDaniel, we have looked at other websites, and it is used quite a bit. Katie von Brethorst asked if this was in the budget? Mike Campbell explained that the cost will be spread out over all the departments that will use it. Larry Hogg voiced concern about content that would be put into the site and suggested putting together a committee. Lisa Horzen explained that she was part of implementing a similar system in her global job and that it is a wonderful product. John Srholec asked if it was a yearly renewal contract. Clerk McDaniel, after the initial three-year agreement, it will revert to a year-to-year contract and cancelation requires a sixty-day written notice. Clerk McDaniel agreed with Larry in that there be a committee to determine exactly what we use it for. We are asking for the core setup fee of \$2,900.00 + the annual recurring fee of \$5,800.00 = \$8,700.00 total.

9:06:08 PM – Joseph Vaughn, my concern is with receiving information back from the public and if we are going to be tying people's utility bill or any financial information to this. Clerk McDaniel, absolutely not. You would not be able to ask it anything that is not public knowledge. Joseph then asked if there were any safeguards to prevent someone from abusing the 50,000-text message limit? Clerk McDaniel did not know. Joseph then asked how much data could be stored and where it would be stored, do we own the messages or does the company? There was

no firm answer. Joseph then asked who would we be liable if the system gave an incorrect answer? Clerk McDaniel, probably the City because we would be giving the vendor the information we want it to have. Joseph then asked if customers who might have limits on their messages could opt out. Clerk McDaniel affirmed.

9:09:40 PM – Mayor Haun asked if there was a second to the motion on the floor. Katie von Brethorst seconded the motion.

9:10:05 PM – Larry Hogg, is what we are approving \$8,700.00 to get it set up? Mayor Haun, and the first year. Clerk McDaniel affirmed. Larry Hogg, I want to amend the motion to add the phrase “implementation to be monitored by the city utilities committee and city council.”

9:10:54 PM – Lisa Horzen amended motion: I would make an amended motion to approve TextMyGov program in the amount of \$8,700.00 to be overseen by the Utilities Committee of the City Council it was seconded by Katie von Brethorst.

9:11:20 PM – Joseph Vaughn, the proposal says a three-year term, but we are only approving a one-year term. Clerk McDaniel, it is a three-year term, but we can cancel with a sixty-day written notice.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **9:12:08 PM**

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

NAYES: Joseph Vaughn.

ABSTAINED: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER MOVIES IN THE PARK & DIGITALIZATION OF RECORDS LOR GRANT – Action Item. 9:12:19 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel explained that we decided to bring LOR grant items for Council approval prior to them being awarded. There are two items for Council to consider the first is having movies in the park. This was one of the things requested when we did the public survey poll for what people would like to see in Weiser. The second item is the digitalization of city records to make retrieval of records and public records requests for items like resolutions, ordinances, agendas or minutes accessible on our website. Steve Fenske are these two different grants. Clerk McDaniel affirmed. Steve, do we have a company to do the digitalization at this time? Clerk McDaniel, we are still researching into it. Clerk McDaniel further explained that by the end of 2027 our city website has to be ADA compliant and the digitalization will go along with that. Steve asked how much the grants were for. Clerk McDaniel, the digitalization grant is \$12,500.00 and the movies in the park I think could be as much as we wanted.

7:19:29 PM: **Motioned by** Joseph Vaughn and seconded by John Srholec to move forward with both grants.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Stephen Fenske, Joseph Vaughn, Lisa Horzen and John Srholec.

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. 9:18:14 PM

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to move into Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206(1)(E,F) Consider Preliminary negotiations, communication with legal counsel pending litigation.

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Lisa Horzen, Stephen Fenske, John Srholec and Joseph Vaughn.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to come out of Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206(1)(E,F) Consider Preliminary negotiations, communication with legal counsel pending litigation.

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Lisa Horzen, Stephen Fenske, John Srholec and Joseph Vaughn.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT – Action Item. 9:30:00 PM

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by John Srholec to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Lisa Horzen, Stephen Fenske, John Srholec and Joseph Vaughn.

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 9:30:10 PM.

Herb Haun, Mayor

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk