

CITY OF WEISER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
55 West Idaho Street
Weiser, ID 83672
Monday
MAY 12, 2025
7:00 pm

Call to Order [7:01:31 PM](#)

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Marg Chipman.

STAFF: Randall Hibberd, Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Troy Krahm, Bill Taylor, Jim Metzger and Sherri Breaux.

Guests: Theresa Rasmussen, Ginger Taylor, Carol Bosse, Sandy Mockwitz, Jeremy Boles, Sophia Bosse, Anastasia Boles, Cynthia Bendix, Jim Felton, Gina Clark, Jim Tracy, Sandra Tracy, Jamie Parker, Theresa Thomason, Ben Thomason, Katherine Moroney, John Aergenter, Larry Boots, Maggie Martin, Graison Martin, Miles Mulvey, Isaac Keeler and Dylan Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Felton.

Commission/Committee Reports: [7:02:38 PM](#)

Library Report – Sterling Blackwell [7:03:08 PM](#)

On June 6th there is a “Lili” training. Sterling gave a brief explanation of what Lili is. They will also be celebrating with the many volunteers that help at the library. They had PBS there to preview Ms. Austen. Buck Sawyer had a book talk, thirty people attended. They have contracted with HM Consulting to put together some shelves and create some web things. Sterling concluded with the monthly library stats for April.

Weiser Architectural Preservation – Sterling Blackwell [7:05:04 PM](#)

Washington County gave them money that they are grateful for. They are currently working on creating a list of endangered historic places in Weiser. They will then discuss how they can help preserve some of that history before it is torn down or things happen to it. They had special thanks to those who helped prime and paint the Eaton Depot on Serve Day. HM Consulting has also created a web site for them.

Economic Development – Sterling Blackwell [7:06:24 PM](#)

They are shifting focus and waiting for a big project to come to them. At this point the group will decrease the number of times it meets because Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce are stepping up to do some of the things Economic Development originally started out with. Economic Development will work on funding for Main Street projects.

Design Review Committee – Sterling Blackwell [7:07:28 PM](#)

They will move forward depending on tonight’s decision.

Weiser River Animal Shelter and Rescue - Sterling Blackwell [7:07:58 PM](#)

They attended the Los Vegas Conference and came back with amazing opportunities for Weiser including ways to tag animals.

Department Reports were presented by Clerk McDaniel. [7:09:01 PM](#)

MINUTES [7:13:38 PM](#)

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on April 14, 2025, as presented and place them on file.

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS [7:14:06 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: Sterling Blackwell, Larry Hogg, Katie von Brethorst, Herb Haun
and Mike Hopkins.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: [7:14:44 PM](#)

IMPACT AREA – Action Item.

Larry Hogg, the zoning committee met, Clerk McDaniel drove them around to show them the areas recommended for inclusion in the new Impact Area. Based on our meeting I would recommend approval to the proposed Impact Area to the Washington Commissioners with clarification on the area north of Oltman. Sterling Blackwell clarified where Oltman is.

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to accept the Impact Area with the clarification on the area north of Oltman.

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PUBLIC HEARING ON DESIGN REVIEW. [7:17:14 PM](#)

OPENING PRESENTATION: Sterling Blackwell, the Design Review Committee was formed about three years ago. Their job has been to review the Development Plans that have come in and to create cohesive design guidelines for new businesses coming into Weiser. Sterling gave examples and explained that the committee focused on what we can do as a city to preserve what makes Weiser special.

IN FAVOR – None. [7:22:24 PM](#)

NEUTRAL – None. [7:22:42 PM](#)

AGAINST – None. [7:22:54 PM](#)

THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT [7:23:15 PM](#)

2. DESIGN REVIEW ORDINANCE #1273 – Action Item. [7:23:21 PM](#)

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel read Ordinance #1273 in full.

[7:28:05 PM](#)- Larry Hogg asked several questions concerning the language in and intent of the Review Committee when creating Ordinance #1273. Larry's concern is that this ordinance would bring additional costs to businesses who might be considering Weiser and push them to surrounding communities. The discussion covered questions about what the process was that the committee used to come up with this ordinance, does the ordinance create economic advantages, disadvantages or is it neutral, why Design Review can't be handled by our current staff, and concern with having a city council member on the committee. Larry also pointed out points that might need clarification within the ordinance: Page 3, 1-6-4: Powers, duties, and responsibilities – clarifying what is meant by the term "projects." Page 6, 10-20-5 (B): Staff report, clarify the language in this section. Page 6, 10-20-5 (C) Conducting review where it states "The Design Review Committee shall be empowered to interpret design standards and to make exceptions to standards, ..." There was also discussion about 10-20-9: Design standards/requirements including the section about recreation areas.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Herb Haun to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance #1273 on to its third and final reading by title only. [8:07:23 PM](#)

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell, Herb Haun, Katie von Brethorst and Larry Hogg

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

[8:07:53 PM](#) – Clerk McDaniel read Ordinance #1273 by Title Only.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Herb Haun to accept Design Review Ordinance #1273 with clarifications that will be presented next month. [8:10:52 PM](#)

ROLL CALL VOTE: Herb Haun, Katie von Brethorst, Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins and Sterling Blackwell.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON PARKER AND PARKER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - Action Item. [8:11:42 PM](#)

OPENING PRESENTATION – Jamie Parker, 5739 W Riva Capri, Meridian ID 83646. I am here to request the removal of section 3.5 the seasonal use restriction of the current Development Agreement (DA) based on the implementation of the proposed flood monitoring and evacuation plan. [8:12:18 PM](#)

IN FAVOR – None. [8:14:35 PM](#)

NEUTRAL – None. [8:14:44 PM](#)

AGAINST – None. [8:14:50 PM](#)

THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT [8:14:55 PM](#).

4. PARKER AND PARKER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ADDENDUM – Action

Item. [8:15:00 PM](#)

Mayor Hibberd, in the original DA the months chosen to close the Park was based on the possibility of ice jams during the hard winter months that can cause flooding without notice. Mike Campbell explained that when an ice jam breaks free flooding can occur very rapidly leaving very little, if any for warnings to go out. Mayor Hibberd added that the City also has an ordinance that limits RV occupation to six months. Discussion followed about the sewer system, and the flood monitoring and notification system.

[8:21:09 PM](#)- Sterling Blackwell asked Lt. Troy Krahn if they had had the opportunity to look at the layout of this 130 space RV Park and if they had any concerns with their ability to access and get to where trouble might be? Lt Krahn, we have not seen the plans as far as accessibility to respond to emergencies yet. Mr. Parker stated that the park roads were designed with the typical fire access radius points. Discussion followed. Clerk McDaniel, this has gone to Dave Loos and Planning & Zoning, and they had a favorable recommendation. Larry Hogg wanted to make sure everyone involved had a chance to review the plan and put an OK on it. Sterling Blackwell, safety is always our major concern and with this property in the FEMA flood zone we need to know you have a plan to keep people safe.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Larry Hogg to table the Parker and Parker Development Agreement Addendum until the June 2025 City Council Meeting to give the Fire and Police a chance to review and approve it. [8:28:07 PM](#)

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

5. CONSIDER PROPOSED DOG PARK AREA ON CITY PROPERTY – Action Item.

[8:29:15 PM](#)

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel gave a presentation to the Council that showed them the location and proposed design for a Dog Park to be located at the north end of the Soccer Complex on East Park Street. Clerk McDaniel read a letter from Sandy Mockwitz explaining the benefits of a dog park, its proposed dimensions, design, and how they will finance the project using LOR funds. Clerk McDaniel stated that what the Council needs to decide tonight is whether or not to allow the proposed Dog Park to go on this city property. Discussion followed covering a variety of topics including maintenance, dog park rules, leash law enforcement, parking, liability, water availability and the proximity of neighbors that could be adversely affected.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Herb Haun to approve the proposed Dog Park Area on City Property. [8:40:00 PM](#)

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

6. DIRTY BURGER BEER AND WINE APPLICATION – Action Item. [8:40:41 PM](#)

Lt Troy Krahn, the police department has no problems with this application.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve Dirty Burger’s Beer and Wine License Application. [8:41:41 PM](#)

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

7. CONSIDER APPOINTING JIM TRACY TO AIRPORT BOARD – Action Item. [8:42:01 PM](#)

Larry Boots, Airport Advisory Board Chairman recommended the appointment of Jim Tracy to the Weiser Airport Board.

[8:44:00 PM](#)- Jim Tracy, Parma Idaho. Mr. Tracy stated that under the leadership of Jim Metzger and Larry Boots the Weiser Airport is well managed, a real gem.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Mike Hopkins to approve the appointment of Jim Tracy to the Weiser Airport Board. [8:45:12 PM](#)

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

8. CONSIDER AVAILABLE WATER SUPPLY AT THE AIRPORT – Action Item. [8:45:39 PM](#)

Jim Metzger, 2191 N River Rd, Payette ID 83661 and Weiser Airport Manager. An advisory letter we received last March from Fire Chief Fisher made us aware that in his opinion we have a shortage of water at the Airport to fight fire effectively. The systems that Chief Fisher suggested are not physically or financially possible for us to install and maintain at this time. However, to help protect the Airport to the best of our ability I have started negotiations with AFC Finishing systems owned by Carl Hagan to get water. We have come to a tentative agreement to use his existing water supply and fire hydrant to fight a fire at the Airport. That hydrant is located 1.0 miles from the front gate of the Airport, a travel time of about two minutes at 30 mph. They have agreed that buying the water when it is used would be the best solution. The cost has not yet been determined but I would suggest the current city retail rate of \$6.30 per 1,000 gallons or the current rate at the time. I am asking Council’s approval to finish the negotiation with Carl Hagan and enter into an agreement with him to purchase water for Airport fire protection.

[8:49:39 PM](#)- Herb Haun, is Chief Fisher OK with this agreement? Jim Metzger, we are not doing this to satisfy his requirement. We are doing this because we are unable to supply the water he would like to see there, it is not a realistic option for us at this time. Mayor Hibberd added that even though it is not what was suggested, it is a substantial improvement. Discussion followed.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Larry Hogg to continue the negotiation process with AFC Finishing (Carl Hagan) and bring an agreement back to City Council for final approval. [8:58:05 PM](#)

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

9. CONSIDER SEWER MAIN BIDS FOR COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE'S ALLEY –

Action Item. [8:58:52 PM](#)

Mike Campbell, this is to replace the sewer main from East 11th to East 12th in the alley between Liberty and Court behind the Road and Bridge Office. The bid is for the excavation and installation only; we have the pipe on hand. Discussion followed.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve the Anderson Excavating LLC bid of \$30,000.00 to replace the Sewer Main in the alley behind the Washington County Road & Bridge building. [9:00:39 PM](#)

ROLL CALL VOTE: Katie von Brethorst, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell,
Larry Hogg and Herb Haun.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

10. CONSIDER EXTRA EXPENDITURE FOR WEST 9TH SEWER MAIN – Action Item.

[9:01:07 PM](#). Mike Campbell, this was supposed to be West 9th Water Main. Skip this item.

11. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR ROAD TO WATER PLANT – Action Item. [9:02:12 PM](#)

Mike Campbell, when Treasurer Valley Farms built their new building they agreed to deed us over the new thirty-foot road that goes to the Water Plant and the Laird Property which includes access to the sand and grease trap to the river.

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Quit Claim Deed for Road to Water Plant. [9:03:35 PM](#)

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

12. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN WEISER BPA REQUEST –

Action Item. [9:04:07 PM](#)

Mike Campbell, this extends our contract with Bonneville Power through September 30, 2044. This is also the best way to keep our costs down, it keeps us in our Tier One that we currently have without having to purchase Tier Two on the open market permanently. Discussion followed.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Weiser BPA request. [9:07:27 PM](#)

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

13. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD INDIANHEAD PATHWAYS – Action Item. [9:07:41 PM](#)

Mike Campbell, we went out to bid to finish the Indianhead Pathways Phase 2 from the High School to the Weiser Christian Church parking lot and Memorial Park hill. Idaho Dirt Company from Meridian, Idaho was the lowest bidder at \$227,200.00. This is a notice to proceed to a contract with them. I would ask Council to include that we can sign the contract, so we are not waiting until June to get this started.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Intent to award Indianhead Pathways Phase 2 and sign the contract. [9:09:53 PM](#)

ROLL CALL VOTE: Katie von Brethorst, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell, Larry Hogg and Herb Haun.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

14. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD WEST 9TH WATER MAIN – Action Item. [9:10:48 PM](#)

Mike Campbell, the Notice of Intent to award is there and also the contract with the amount. Bill Taylor, Water Department Supervisor informed the Council that last year they budgeted to bore a Water Main under the railroad tracks at West 9th so they can run a ten-inch water main from the end of County Rd 70 and tie it into our system and feed it up West 9th for the new subdivision. We received four bids, the high bid was \$450,000.00 and the low bid was from Idaho Site Works at \$273,500.00. We budgeted \$250,000.00 but we have enough money in our construction line item to cover the overage. Mike added that this has been in the Water Department's five-year plan for the last ten years. Mike, the motion will need to include signing the Notice of Intent Award and the contract to Idaho Site Works. Bill Taylor added that this will be for them to jack and bore underneath the railroad tracks for 172 feet and install the pipeline. Discussion followed.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Katie von Brethorst to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Intent to award West 9th Water Main to Idaho Site Works and sign the contract. [9:13:30 PM](#)

ROLL CALL VOTE: Herb Haun, Katie von Brethorst, Mike Hopkins, Larry Hogg and Sterling Blackwell.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION IDAHO CODE 74-206 (1)(E,F) CONSIDER PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS, COMMUNICATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PENDING LITIGATION – Action Item. [9:14:05 PM](#)

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Larry Hogg, Mike Hopkins, Sterling Blackwell, Herb Haun and Katie von Brethorst

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Herb Haun to come out of Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(E,F) Consider Preliminary Negotiations, Communication with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation. [9:18:55 PM](#)

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT – Action Item. [9:19:11 PM](#)

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

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

THIS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT [9:19:16 PM](#)

Randall E Hibberd, Mayor

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk