

CITY OF WEISER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
55 West Idaho Street
Weiser, ID 83672
Monday
JUNE 8, 2026
7:00 pm

Call to Order 7:00:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: Herb Haun, Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Margaret Taggart, Troy Krahn, Delaine Singleton, Bill Taylor and Sherri Breaux.

Guests: Theresa Rasmussen, Dylan Brown, Michael Szura, Jeff Carpenter, Bud Fisher, Becky Wolery, Gordon Wilkerson, Becky Anderson, Jeff Anderson and Michelle Panike.

The Invocation was given by Reverend – No minister.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Taylor. 7:07:37 PM

Commission/Committee Reports:

7:01:04 PM – Joseph Vaughn, Historic Preservation Commission report. from June 3rd meeting. The Idaho Historic Sites Review Board approved the National Register nomination of the Weiser Middle School Gymnasium it now moves to Washington, D.C. for federal review. The P&IN Railroad Roundhouse inspection has been completed and while it may not be eligible for the National Register as it is, there is significant opportunity for preservation and potential for a future nomination. It was confirmed to be the only structure of its kind in the state of Idaho.

7:02:05 PM – Lisa Horzen, Design Review Committee report. They are needing the status update on 409 E 1st Street property. They distributed the Nampa Design Review Handbook to Committee Members to look through and pull information from to help create a handbook for Weiser.

7:02:35 PM – Larry Hogg, Finance Committee report. They met and reviewed some preliminary budget numbers with staff and will be getting those to Council along with some historical numbers.

7:03:02 PM – Larry Hogg, Economic Development Committee had an organizational meeting. At the next meeting they will be setting some goals for the next twelve months. Larry shared a few of the committee's ideas noting they are open to suggestions.

7:04:17 PM – Katie von Brethorst, Library report. They are working on their summer reading program. Katie reminded city residents that library cards are free, noting that the library has a lot more to than just books to read.

Department Reports were presented by Clerk McDaniel. 7:04:54 PM

MINUTES 7:09:43 PM

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Joseph Vaughn to approve the minutes of one (1) Special City Council Meeting on April 23, 2026 and one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on May 11, 2026, as presented and place them on file.

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

NAYES:
ABSTAINED:
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS 7:10:27 PM

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

NAYES:
ABSTAINED:
MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING – TROY HALBERG 7:11:17 PM

Opening Comments:

Troy Halberg, 826 Haas Rd, Weiser ID 83672 addressed the Council with his request to build a four-plex at 204 W Idaho. Mr. Halberg stated that the four-plex can meet all setback requirements, they will be 1,000 square feet two story homes with a garage and the entrance will be off W 2nd street.

7:12:47 PM – Larry Hogg, with your proposal is there sufficient parking for a couple cars per unit off street? Troy Halberg, there will be a two-car garage and one spot on the street as well. There is also parking available along W Idaho.

7:13:25 PM – Larry Hogg, why did you select this property to put a four-plex on? Troy Halberg, I have owned the property for a long time and with four-plex's right across the street I thought adding nice rental property would be a good use of the property.

7:14:01 PM – Lisa Horzen, so parking will be primarily on the street? Troy Halberg, there will be three parking spaces per unit on the property.

IN FAVOR: None. **7:14:38 PM**

NEUTRAL: None. **7:14:58 PM**

OPPOSED: 7:15:11 PM

7:15:27 PM - Michael Szura, 935 W 4th, Weiser ID 83672. I have some observations and concerns relating to this application. Examination of the original application as presented to P&Z on 20 April indicated that the lot in question would not allow proper setbacks or other code requirements utilizing the drawings and dimensions that were provided to P&Z at that point. The application was seen to be incomplete and the narrative insufficient. It's understood that the function of P&Z is advisory. Absent of any agreements made with this application use consideration of these facts when making your decision would be appreciated.

7:16:31 PM – Larry Hogg, if we stated in our motion that all setbacks had to be met would that address your concerns? Michael Szura that would go a long way. One more thing so I can understand the whole protocol of the situation as I understand that this is conditional use permit, correct? To further understand this process, the application of protocol relating to building inspector having a meeting with the applicant after his presentation to P&Z while still on the record would be helpful. Mayor Haun reminded Mr. Szura that tonight's business is only on this hearing.

Closing Comments: 7:17:42 PM

Troy Halberg stated that in the final drawing the four-plex will meet all setback requirements.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:18:20 PM

CONSIDER CONDITIONAL USE AT 204 W IDAHO – Action Item. 7:18:23 PM

Larry Hogg, my main concern was parking so with three on-site parking spots per unit, I am good with that and by City Ordinance he has to meet all our setback requirements.

7:19:13 PM – Joseph Vaughn, for the record can staff verify that this is for a four-plex. Clerk McDaniel, this is for a four-plex.

7:19:32 PM – Joseph Vaughn, will the design review committee evaluate the final building design? Clerk McDaniel affirmed adding that this is just whether Council will grant the conditional use. It will still have to go through the building permit process and design review.

7:19:58 PM – Larry Hogg, is the conditional use because of the number of units? Clerk McDaniel, Multiple Family Units need a Conditional Use to be in a B-1 Residential Zone. Discussion about the multifamily units across the street followed.

7:21:39 PM – Joseph Vaughn, and P&Z did recommend approval of the conditional use? Clerk McDaniel read the conclusions from the P&Z.

Motioned by Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Lisa Horzen to approve the Conditional Use Permit at 204 W Idaho with all setbacks being met. **7:22:52 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

SERVE DAY AWARD. 7:23:33 PM

Becky Anderson, 1040 Haas Rd, Weiser ID 83672 along with Becky Wolery, Just Serve Regional Representative and Michelle Panike, Weiser Representative presented Mayor Haun with a Certificate designating the City of Weiser as an official “Just Serve City.”

SREDA - Action Item. 7:29:50 PM

Jeff Carpenter, 650 College Blvd, Ontario OR 97914 new Executive Director of SREDA addressed the Council. Director Carpenter presented Mayor Haun with a Certificate of Participation to the City of Weiser being one of their founding members. Dir. Carpenter stated that SREDA’s philosophy is that when one city succeeds the entire region benefits. SREDA is an economic development organization dedicated to strengthening communities, supporting businesses and fostering long term prosperity throughout the western treasure valley. Dir. Carpenter continued to explain how SREDA accomplishes their goals regionally and locally, highlighting some of Weiser’s economic business assets and strengths. To continue supporting these efforts and expanding economic development opportunities within the region SREDA is respectfully requesting \$6,249.00 in partnership support from the City of Weiser for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. This number is based on the established city and county membership structure of \$1.00 per capita using the most recent US census population estimates. Dir. Carpenter went on to emphasize the advantages of being a SREDA participant. Because the contribution exceeds \$5,000 the City of Weiser will maintain representation on the SREDA Board of Directors ensuring Weiser continues to have a direct voice in regional economic development planning, investments, strategies and organizational policies.

7:41:02 PM – Mayor Haun called for questions and there being none he thanked Director Carpenter adding their budget request will be looked at during the budget process.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION #714 WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT – Action Item. 7:41:46 PM

Katie von Brethorst reported that the Safety Committee met with the Rural Fire Department Board and lawyers to look at the feasibility of what direction we are going. This resolution is to look at what is most viable and the best option for the citizens of the city of Weiser at this point. The first step will be to create a subcommittee of people to do a lot of the leg work for us. Once the subcommittee is formed they will look at four variables. Katie then reviewed the four options listed in the resolution. The subcommittee will have to research these options.

7:44:49 PM – Mayor Haun, so the subcommittee has to be from the Council or outside the Council? Katie von Brethorst, outside the Council. We would want to choose people from our community with a Council Rep to attend the meetings.

7:45:14 PM – Lisa Horzen, how many members? Katie von Brethorst, at least five.

7:45:31 PM – Larry Hogg, because this is an extremely complicated process with several steps, we need the subcommittee to tell us exactly what we are looking at. Larry went on to explain part of the requirements if we choose option 3 or 4. Katie added that this is dictated by the State Legislature. Larry, because we have to abide by the law, we need the subcommittee to get us the information we need to make a decision based on what our community wants.

7:47:34 PM – Katie von Brethorst clarified where she got the five members from by reading Section 4.1 (a,b, and c) of Resolution #714 that is before Council tonight. Katie also read part of Section 4.2 about non-voting ex officio members or technical advisors.

7:48:27 PM – Mayor Haun, so does tonight's decision need to hinge mostly on whether or not we want to form the subcommittee? Katie von Brethorst, yes and to start to go through the process. The subcommittee will be the fact-finding body to figure out what the community thinks is the best option, to gather as much information and educate people as much as possible. Discussion about who city members could be followed. Clerk McDaniel clarified that Council would be approving the whole resolution not just the first step in the process.

7:50:16 PM – John Srholec, if we approve the resolution are we stuck with what the subcommittee tells us we have to do? Katie von Brethorst, they can advise and give us information, but we choose what to do.

Motioned by John Srholec and seconded by Stephen Fenske to approve Resolution #714.

7:50:36 PM

7:50:50 PM – Joseph Vaughn, what would be the expected timeline for the subcommittees work? Katie von Brethorst, if needed this has to come before the voters by next May.

7:51:34 PM – Joseph Vaughn, will we be asking the subcommittee to include projected tax impacts for both city and rural residents? Katie von Brethorst, I believe so.

7:52:08 PM – Larry Hogg, the goal of this committee is to allow us and everybody else to make an informed decision. Katie von Brethorst, and to make us very transparent to the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7:52:40 PM

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED: Lisa Horzen.

MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ORDINANCE #1280
PROHIBITED ANIMALS – Action Item. 7:53:19 PM**

7:53:48 PM – Clerk McDaniel read Ordinance #1280 in full.

7:56:02 PM – Larry Hogg, due to the closeness of residences in town, there are things you shouldn't have because of the noise they make. The animals listed here shouldn't be allowed.

7:56:29 PM – Joseph Vaughn, there were no steps for identifying or addressing a violation. Clerk McDaniel, once a fowl can be identified as male, it has to go.

Motioned by Joseph Vaughn and seconded by Lisa Horzen to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Ordinance #1280 Prohibited Animals. **7:57:27 PM**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ORDINANCE #1281 NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION – Action Item. 7:58:00 PM.

City Clerk McDaniel, as of right now our ordinance says that we will have five members on the Historical Preservation Commission. However, anytime we go out for a grant we can use our hours of service as in-kind match money. The new ordinance states that we can have five or up to nine members. Again, the importance of the number of members is to get credit for those hours we serve as match money for grants.

7:59:13 PM – Katie von Brethorst, would filling all those spots be an issue? Clerk McDaniel explained why she didn't think so.

7:59:58 PM – Joseph Vaughn, his concern is being able to have a meeting quorum with the higher numbers. Larry Hogg, this allows us to have up to nine but does not mandate that we have nine.

8:00:54 PM – Clerk McDaniel read Ordinance #1281 in full.

Motioned by Joseph Vaughn and seconded by John Srholec to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Ordinance #1281 Historic Preservation Commission Membership as written and read.

8:02:57 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENTS – Action Item. 8:03:32 PM

Mayor Herb Haun presented his Economic Development Committee appointments to the Council for approval: Dave Kirby, Beau McNeff, Layna Hafer, Ricci Storelli and Larry Hogg.

Motioned by Katie von Brethorst and seconded by Joseph Vaughn to approve Mayor Haun's Economic Development Committee Appointments as presented. **8:04:47 PM**

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT – Action Item. 8:05:22 PM

Motioned by Larry Hogg and seconded by Lisa Horzen to adjourn this 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 8:05:39 PM

Herb Haun, Mayor

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk