

CITY OF WEISER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
55 West Idaho Street
Weiser, ID 83672

Monday
JULY 14, 2025
7:00 pm

Call to Order 7:03:22 PM

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: Randall Hibberd, Natasha McDaniel, Mike Campbell, Margaret Taggart, Carl Smith, Troy Krahn, Delaine Singleton, Joshua Pratt, Hayden Newbold, Bill Taylor, Jim Metzger and Sherri Breaux.

Guests: Thereasa Rasmussen and Dave Kirby.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carl Smith.

Commission Reports: 7:04:13 PM

7:04:52 PM - Sterling Blackwell, **Airport Report.** The Airport Board is putting together a contract or agreement that will go out to surrounding landowners notifying them that their land is next to the Weiser Airfield. This is being done as a precaution to prevent future issues and possible litigation that other airports in small communities are experiencing. This will come to the Council when they are finished with it.

7:06:35 PM – Sterling Blackwell, **Design Review Committee** met and have answers to previous questions which we will discuss in item six tonight. They established regular meetings and positions within it.

7:07:11 PM – Larry Hogg, **S.R.E.D.A. report.** There will be a workshop this Thursday at 4:00 PM on the development of commercial businesses, what businesses are looking for when looking at a community. Guest speakers include Jill Miles, formerly with the State of Oregon and Jerry Miller from the Idaho Department of Commerce.

7:08:50 PM – Sterling Blackwell, **Public Facilities Committee Report.** The organization putting in the Dog Park came and expressed their gratitude to the city staff for the work they have done to help put the Dog Park together.

Sterling added that two Board Member for the Weiser Little Theatre are retiring so they are looking for people to replace them.

7:09:50 PM – Larry Hogg, **Finance Committee Report.** The Finance Committee has met a couple of times in the last month to review budget numbers. They will bring a recommendation from their analysis to the next City Council meeting.

Department Reports were presented by Clerk McDaniel. 7:11:15 PM

MINUTES 7:14:56 PM

Motioned by Marg Chipman and seconded by Herb Haun to approve the minutes of one (1) Regular City Council Meeting on June 10, 2024, 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 7:15:16 PM

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPOINTMENT OF NEW POLICE CHIEF – Action Item. 7:16:00 PM

Mayor Hibberd presented his appointment of Lt. Troy Krahn as the new Police Chief as of August 1, 2025. A badge ceremony will be held at the next City Council Meeting.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Sterling Blackwell to approve the appointment of Lt. Troy Krahn as the new Police Chief.

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

2. MR. KIRBY WEISER SCHOOL DISTRICT STORAGE CONTAINERS – Action Item.

7:17:34 PM. Dave Kirby, 2175 N. Amethyst, Meridian ID 83646, Weiser School District Superintendent. Mr. Kirby presented his rebuttal to a recent letter they received from the city about storage containers. Mr. Kirby read a portion of the ordinance he received in the letter, "...the Planning Commission may after notice of public hearing permit the following uses where such uses are deemed essential or desirable to the public convenience or welfare..." Mr. Kirby believes that the containers are essential and desirable for convenience or welfare. Mr. Kirby added that they provide storage areas that are both convenient and useful, they are lockable, watertight and mouse proof. Mr. Kirby shared examples. Mr. Kirby stated that they could place all their containers out of public view. Mr. Kirby concluded by stating that they will comply if necessary but would rather keep them because of the reasons shared.

7:23:24 PM – Mayor Hibberd thanked Mr. Kirby for the information he presented but added that we would have to take this under advisement and will not be acting on it tonight. Clerk

McDaniel added that we are waiting for better legal clarification on the code. A brief discussion followed about when the containers were purchased and if the school had other storage places.

3. CONSIDER PAWN BROKERS LICENSE APPLICATION FOR HAMMERDOWN ARSENAL AND PAWN – Action Item. 7:27:01 PM

Clerk McDaniel noted that Hammerdown Arsenal already has a gun store in town they are just asking to pawn them. Lt. Troy Krahn, acting Police Chief stated that they do not have an issue with them having a pawn broker license.

Motioned by Herb Haun and seconded by Mike Hopkins to approve the Pawn Brokers License application for Hammerdown Arsenal.

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

4. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH AFC FOR USE OF WATER AT AIRPORT – Action Item. 7:28:56 PM

Jim Metzger, Weiser Airport Manager. This is the agreement with the AFC Corporation to use their existing pressurized water hydrant to provide water to fill the Fire Tenders in case of a fire at the Weiser Airport. AFC is located one mile from the front gate to the Airport which decreases the current time to re-fill by 800%. The agreement simply states that if we use the water we will pay for it at whatever the current City of Weiser commercial water rate is at time of use. The agreement also states that we will indemnify AFC Corporation for any incidents that might occur due to access to the use of the water.

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Larry Hogg to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with AFC for use of water at the Weiser Airport. 7:33:13 PM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

5. FY2026 ANNUAL BUDGET – Action Item. 7:33:48 PM

Mike Campbell, we have been able to reduce the deficit some from the Budget Hearing.

General Fund: Property Taxes. (Revenue)

01-311.00-00 Taxes, estimated \$1,527,190.00, actual \$1,641,110.00. + \$113,920.00. Pg 1.

01-311.00-01 Taxes – Foregone, \$68,802.00 to purchase a police car.

An error was found in the Recreation Dept Grant line-item 09-439.01-79 on page 17. We moved \$10,000.00 from the Street Fund revenues to the Recreation Fund revenues to balance that budget. This did add \$5,000.00 to the Street Dept. deficit. Pg 13.

Street Fund: Property Taxes 04-311.00-00 were \$263,190.00, now \$253,190.00. Pg 11.

Total STREET FUND: \$165,000.00- Pg 13.

Recreation Fund: Property Taxes 09-311.00-00 were \$119,702.00, now \$129,702.00. Pg 16.

Total RECREATION FUND: \$0.00 Pg 17.

7:35:19 PM – Sterling Blackwell, are we still looking at granting as many of the requests as we can? Mike Campbell, I left everything in that was requested, including line-items 01-411.00-48 to 01-411.00-54 in the **Mayor and Council Department** Budget on Pg 3. The Street Fund deficit (Pg 13) is up \$5,000.00 and the General Funds deficit (Pg 8) is now down to \$732,562.00. Next month at the regular City Council Meeting we will set the FY2026 Tentative Budget. On August 25th we will have the Budget Hearing and we will adopt the FY2026 Budget at the September meeting.

6. DESIGN REVIEW CLARIFICATIONS. 7:37:35 PM

City Clerk Natasha McDaniel, in the motion to approve the Design Review Ordinance Council requested clarification on questions they had. The Council's questions were taken back to the Design Review Committee who reviewed them. Clerk McDaniel then read the eight questions followed by the Design Review Committee's clarification.

7:42:20 PM – Larry Hogg, at the meeting when I asked why the staff couldn't handle the design review I was told it was because they did not have time to do it. Mayor Hibberd added that the city staff does not have the collective expertise that the individual members of the Design Review Committee have. Discussion followed

7:44:40 PM – Larry Hogg, what does Title 10, Chapter 20-2, A1-4 say a "Project" is? What does the 2,000 square foot project refer to? Clerk McDaniel, this only applies to commercial businesses wanting to go in. Mayor Hibberd added that he believes the term "project" in our code refers to the square footage of the building. Discussion followed. Sterling Blackwell read Title 10, Chapter 20-2, A1-4. More discussion followed concerning when a project has to go to the Design Review Committee.

7. MIKE CAMPBELL UPDATE ON CITY PROJECTS. 7:51:36 PM

1. West 9th Street Water Main Extension Under Railroad Tracks.

We are just waiting for the contractor to set a date, they accepted the contract and the Notice to Proceed has been filed. They are planning for the end of September or October, but before next May.

2. Pond Pathway. 7:52:18 PM

The asphalt pathway completion around the Pond is scheduled for the first week of September.

3. Memorial Park Blue Cross Grant. 7:52:36 PM

We have expended all but about \$1,800.00 of this grant putting in covered areas, sidewalks, barbeques, bike racks, benches, fire pit, etc.

4. Sidewalk at top of Memorial Park. 7:54:00 PM – This was finished today, the asphalt patch-back will hopefully be done before football starts.

5. Indianhead Pathway. 7:54:52 PM

This project is well underway, they are hoping to be done by mid-August.

6. Commercial Street. 7:55:30 PM

There were a lot more soft spots and elevation issues than anticipated. I do expect overages in the range of \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00. I have found some budget resources to make that work. Herb Haun asked when it will be opened. Mike, substantial completion is still set for July 27th, and I hope to see it open by the first week in August.

7:58:43 PM – Sterling Blackwell, what needs to be done for the **Dog Park** still? Clerk McDaniel, we need to do the water tap and run the waterline. We ordered the filling stations for around town that will need installation when they arrive. Then the fencing, a bench and a fire hydrant.

7:59:21 PM – Clerk McDaniel asked Council if they would like her to resume e-mailing them what is planned for the week after the Monday morning meetings? They did.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION IDAHO CODE 74-206 (1)(B,E,F) DISCUSSION ON PERSONNEL AND CONSIDER PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS, COMMUNICATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PENDING LITIGATION – Action Item.

8:00:53 PM - **Motioned** by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Herb Haun to go into Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(B,E,F) Discussion on Personnel and consider preliminary negotiations, communication with legal counsel pending litigation.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT – Action Item. 8:10:59 PM

Motioned by Sterling Blackwell and seconded by Herb Haun 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 8:11:05 PM.

Randall E Hibberd, Mayor

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk

