

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lava Hot Springs, Idaho will be held on April 9th, 2026, at 6:00 pm, Lava City Hall 115 West Elm Street, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho.

In attendance: Mark Oyler, Diane Beckstead, Jeanie Avery, Vicky Lyon, John Head, Jeff Mansfield, Amantha Sierra, Rowdy Larkins, Rodney Burch, Lyle Fuller, Mandy Frandsen

Guests: Aaron Thompson, Becca green, Jonathan LaRue, Wendy Prather, Ryan Speas, Cody Van Buren, Randy Benglan, Elayana Davids, Dane Davids, Nancy Petrun.

Regular City council meeting 6:00 p.m.

1 Agenda

A. Silence Cell Phones

- 1. Call meeting to order.** Maor Lyon called the meeting to order at 6pm.
- 2. Roll Call-** John Head- here, Diane Beckstead- here, Jeanie Avery- here, Mark Oyler- here.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**

2 REPORTING

- a) Sheriff-** Deputy Jons asks about summer budget for enforcement.
- b) Ambulance Coordinator** -No report
- c) Fire Chief** -No report
- d) City Engineer**-No report
- e) City Planner** -No report
- f) Attorney** -No report
- g) Chamber of Commerce-** Ryan Speas reports on Chamber Happenings
- h) Event Coordinator**-No report
- i) Mayor** -No report
- j) Council** -No report
- k) City Clerk / Treasurer-** Amantha Sierra gives report on city financials.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT - Non-agenda items; comments limited to 2 minutes each.

This time has been set aside to hear input from citizens. No decisions will be made, nor will any action be approved or denied, on matters raised under this agenda item. Items requiring City Council action must be agendaized for a future meeting. Comments are limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. Meetings are recorded; please stand at the Podium, announce your name and speak clearly.

Gary Davids had a comment on the Leap Housing Project.

Jonathan LaRue had a comment on his business license approval.

Cody Van Buren had a comment on his business license approval.

Dane Davids had a comment on the Leap Housing Project.

Nancy Petrun had a comment on the drinking fountain downtown at Veteran's Park.

Aaron Thompson introduced himself to council as a District Court judge in Bannock County.

Sara Ries had a comment about the upcoming school levy meeting.

Gary Davids via Zoom had a comment on Leap Housing Project.

4 CONSENT AGENDA – Routine items will be approved together with one motion. Any item needing will be removed for separate consideration - All ACTION ITEM

a) Council approval of Bills – List of bills provided to councilmembers prior to council meeting for review.

b) Expired Business Renewal 16586 – Business Type General Excavation – Business Name KT Exaction LLC – Kris & Victor Lyon – 9754 E Merrick Road

c) Non-Property tax permit application – No. 722 - Market America Inc – outside city limits

d) New Business License Application No. 16615 and Non-property tax application 723 –Business Name – Wild Man Waggles LLC – St. Foundation Olympic Swimming Pool – Food Truck – Jonathan LaRue

e) New Business License Application No. 16616 and Non-property tax application 724 – Business Name Sips ‘N’ Pop LLC– 38 E Elm –Lava Food – Truck Marci Barfuss

f) New Business License Application No. 16617 – Business Name Lava Farmer’s Market LLC dba LFM – St. Foundation Triangle Park – Lava Farmer’s Market LLC & Artisan Village – Cody Van Buren

g) Sign Permit SP26-03 - Business Name Lava Farmer’s Market LLC dba LFM – St. Foundation Triangle Park – Lava Farmer’s Market LLC & Artisan Village – Cody Van Buren

h) Sign Permit SP26-02 – Forever Glow Permanent Jewely – 235 W. Elm – Emily Martinez

i) February 12, 2026, – Correction -The minutes approved on March 12, 2026, contained a typographical error listing the year as February 12, 2025. The corrected version reflects the accurate date of February 12, 2026.

Councilperson Head made a motion to approve items A-I on the consent agenda. Councilperson Beckstead seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

5 ACTION ITEM - ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA REPORTING

6 PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

a) 2026 Arbor Day Proclamation Mayor/Local Government- Arbor Day proclamation read by Mayor Lyon proclaiming April 23rd 2026 as Arbor Day in the City of Lava Hot Springs.

b) Proclamation announced by Mayor/Local Government Entity for Week of the Young Child- Week of the young child proclamation read by Mayor Lyon proclaiming the week of April 11th-17th 2026 the week of the young child in the city of Lava Hot Springs, ID.

7 DONATIONS & FUNDING REQUESTS

a) ACTION ITEM - March Valley High School Class of 2026 donation request. Councilperson Head made a motion to donate \$150.00 to the Marsh Valley High School Class of 2026. Councilperson Oyler seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye,

Diane Beckstead- Nay, Jeanie Avery- Nay, Mark Oyler- aye, **Tie Breaker-** Mayor Lyon- aye. Motion passed 3-1

8 ROWDY LARKINS – BUILDING INSPECTOR

- a) LAV2024-07 – Heidi Patha new build STR - 355 W Main Project Permit – Waiting to extend retaining wall - Progress report.** A few things are still being worked on.
- b) LAV2025-05 Riverside Hot Springs/Eruption Brewing retaining wall - 8.27.25 Rowdy approved updated engineer plans and Building permit issued - Progress report.** This is still a work in progress.
- c) LAV2025-06 – Riverside Pump House - Building & Zoning Permit approved - Building Permit issued – Needs final inspection.** Needs some work before final inspection
- d) LAV2025-08 East KOA Holiday Bath House 9400 S Blaser Hwy - Building Permit issued – waiting on final inspection.** Waiting on final inspection.
- e) LAV2025-11 Garrick Hunsaker - 71 Portneuf – House remodel plus garage Elevation Certificate approved - Floodplain permit approved - Building Permit issued – footer, foundation poured. In Progress**
- f) LAV2026-02 Garrick Hunsaker – 71 Portneuf – Deck replacement due to windstorm – Elevation Certificate approved – Floodplain permit approved – Building Permit issued -Deck in progress. Deck is completed.**
- g) LAV2026-01 Deck re-build project 78 N 3rd Ave W Jeremy smith contractor Building & Zoning Permit received - Building Permit issued – Close to completion. Close to finish**
- h) LAV2026-03 Daniel Cox – 344 W Main – Building Permit issued. Footing and foundation is done and has been inspected.**
- i) LAV2026-04 Patrick Navarro – 187 W Elm – House repair due to windstorm – Building Permit issued – Progress Report Almost finished.**

j) LAV2026-05 Kody Tillotson – Riley’s Constructions Inc. – 695 E Main - Tilly’s Thai – project walk-in freezer/cooler - Building & Zoning Permit in review process – plans approved and invoice issued. Work in progress.

k) LAV2026-06 Riley Sorensen - Outdoor access to upper-level staircase - 196 E Main – Building permit issued. Staircase approved but no work has been started yet.

l) Sam Netuschil – 44 & 48 Purple Moon Roof - Building Permit Application Building & Zoning Permit received not approved -Waiting on snow load &on IBC requirement. No Building permit issued. Work in progress

9 SHORT-TERM RENTAL APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS PRIOR TO MORATORIUM

a) New Business License Application – 16596 and Non-Property Tax permit 713.1 – Business Type – Short Tem Rental – The Lounge at Lava Hot Springs – 355 W Main – Heidi Patha – motion required if certificate of occupancy approved if not approved will move to next month’s agenda – ACTION ITEM (if any) No action taken

10 AGENDA REQUEST/SPECIAL EVENT –

a) ACTION ITEM – Consideration of Special Event Application and Fee Waiver – Lava District Summer Reading Program (Buddy Campbell Park)

Cassie Greenwood – June 2, 9, 16, & 23, 2026 | 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | 12–15 children and 2 adults. Request for approval of the Special Event Application and waiver of the pavilion rental fee for the dates identified in the application.

Council President Avery made a motion to approve the Summer Reading Program and to waive the pavilion fees. Councilperson Head seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head-aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

b) ACTION ITEM – Consideration of Special Event Application – Lava Hot Springs School Academy PTO Stars & Stripes Bash Qaren Whitworth – July 4, 2026, | 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Location: Lava Hot Springs School (indoor and outdoor). Request for approval of the Special Event Application.

Council President Avery made a motion to approve the Lava Hot Springs Academy PTO Stars & Stripes Bash special event application. Councilperson Oyler seconded the motion.

All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye.
Motion passed

c) ACTION ITEM – Consideration of Special Event Application – Lava Hot Springs Wellness Festival (Foundation West Park & Community Center) Sponsored by Caribou Medical Center – May 8 & 9, 2026 | Location: Community Center & West Park | Vendor tables and tents - Request for approval of the Special Event Application.

Councilperson Head made a motion to approve the chamber Wellness Festival special event application for May 8th and 9th 2026 . Councilperson Beckstead seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye.
Motion passed

d) ACTION ITEM – Consideration of Special Event Application Memorial Day May 25, 2026 Parade – POW*MIA Awareness Association of Pocatello – POW*MIA Idaho Thunder Run - Request for approval of the Special Event Application.

Council President Avery made a motion to approve the POW-MIA Idaho Thunder Run special event application. Councilperson Oyler seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

e) ACTION ITEM – Consideration of Special Event Application - Lava Flow Live Concert Series and Cratering Permits for the events – May 2, 23 – June 13, 20, 27, July 3, 4, 11, 18, 25 – August 1, 7, 15, 22, 29 – September 5 – October 3, 2026 Time 5 pm to 10 pm. Request for approval of the Special Event Application.

Councilperson Head made a motion to approve the Lava Flow Live special event application. Councilperson Beckstead seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

11 PRESENTATION BY LEAP HOUSING

Tyler Ross gave a presentation to the council and mayor on the Leap Housing Project.

12 COUNCIL BUSINESS

a) ACTION ITEM – Review and Authorize the mayor to sign a Contract FCS, a Bowman company, is set to complete a comprehensive Water and Sewer Rate Study and Capitalization fee update agreement. Councilperson Head made a motion to approve the water and sewer rate study and capitalization fee update agreement and to authorize the mayor to sign. Councilperson Beckstead seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

b) ACTION ITEM – Review and Authorize the mayor to sign the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between City of Lava Hot Springs, ID (City) and State of Idaho, Lava Hot Springs Foundation (State). Councilperson Beckstead made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the MOU between the City of Lava Hot Springs and the State of Idaho State Foundation main street bridge project. Councilperson Oyler seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

c) ACTION ITEM – Consider options, including potentially suspending enforcement of City’s recently-passed short term rental ordinance, in light of new State law I.C. 67-6539.

Councilperson Head made a motion to suspend the enforcement of the recently passed short term rental ordinance & to direct legal counsel to update the ordinance that is in compliance with the new state law I.C. 67-6539. Council President Avery seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

d) ACTION ITEM – Close city bank account with KeyBank account.

Council President Avery made a motion to close the city bank account at Key Bank and transfer the funds to the state treasury. Councilperson Beckstead seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

13 PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE

a) ACTION – Consideration of Removal of Drinking Fountain at Veterans Park (Inoperable; replacement not recommended due to maintenance and safety concerns)

Council President Avery made a motion to remove the existing broken water fountain and cap the connection so it can be used in the future. Councilperson Beckstead seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

14 PERSONNEL MATTERS

a) ACTION ITEM – Discussion and Consideration of approving Personnel Policy

Councilperson Oyler made a motion to send the personnel policy to ICRMP for approval once Jeanie has finished the formatting on the policy. Councilperson Beckstead seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

b) ACTION ITEM – Consideration of Job Posting, Description, and Pay Range for Full-Time Public Works Position

Councilperson Head made a motion to approve the job description and posting for the full-time public works position. Councilperson Beckstead seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

c) ACTION ITEM – Consideration of Job Posting, Description, and Pay Range for Part-Time Office Staff Position

Councilperson Oyler made a motion for the consideration of job posting and the pay range for the part time office staff position. Council President Avery seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

d) ACTION ITEM – Consideration of Job Posting, Description, Pay Range, and Schedule for Part-Time Code Compliance Position

Council President Avery made a motion to approve the consideration of the job posting, pay range, and schedule for part time code compliance officer. Councilperson Head seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

15 RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE – Moved above agenda item 14

a) ACTION ITEM - Ordinance 2026-4 -Consider amendments to City flood plain ordinance, Title 12 Chapter 1 – Councilperson Oyler made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2026-004 and move that the ordinance can be read once in summary and waive the three separate readings. Councilperson Head seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

Lyle Fuller City Attorney read Ordinance 2026-004 once in summary-
City of Lava Hot Springs, Idaho
Ordinance 2026-004

Summary would be an ordinance of the City of Lava Hot Springs, Idaho, updating title 12, chapter one of The Lava City code to amend provisions with outline responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said title and chapter to include the definition for city floodplain administrator, make other minor edits and affiliated administrative provisions.

16 Motion to Enter into Executive Session – Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) & (1)(B) - To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement. And also, to consider the evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, or public-school student.

Councilperson Head made a motion to enter into executive session Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) & (1) (B) to communicate with legal counsel. Councilperson Beckstead seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

17 ACTION ITEM - Motion to return to open meeting.

Councilperson Head made a motion that we come out of Executive Session and return to open meeting. Councilperson Beckstead seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

18 ACTION ITEM Consideration of possession agreement with Victors in connection with bridge renovation project

Councilperson Head made a motion in regards to the consideration possession agreement with the Victor family in connection with the bids project, renovation project that we authorize Horrocks to send the letter. Councilperson Beckstead seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

19 ACTION ITEM - Motion regarding Personnel Executive Session

Council President Avery made a motion to for Justin Casperson compensation to increase it to \$30 per hour, and going forward, \$2 for each additional certification that he has, that he will gain, and for Mandy Frandsen to have a Two to raise her to \$20 from \$18, Amantha to \$25. Councilperson Head seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed


20 Announce next regular meeting – May 14, 2026, Deadline May 4th, 2026.

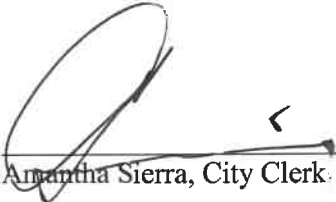
Mayor Lyon announces the next meeting date and deadline.

21 ACTION ITEM - Adjourn regular meeting.

Councilperson Beckstead made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Head seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, Mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed

Mandy Frandsen by as
Mandy Frandsen, Transcriber


Vicky Lyon, Mayor


Amantha Sierra, City Clerk