

A Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Lava Hot Springs, Idaho will be held on Wednesday January 14th, 2026, at 2:00 pm, Lava City Hall 115 West Elm Street, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho.

Attendance: Jeanie Avery, John Head, Diane Beckstead, Mark Oyler, Vicky Lyon, Lyle Fuller City Attorney, Rodney Burch City Planner, Bryan Phinney City Engineer, Jeff Mansfield City Engineer, Matthew Hill City Engineer, Amantha Sierra, Mandy Frandsen.

Guests: Leah Navarro, Pat Navarro, Lora Gunter, Amanda Collins, Tristan Jugler, Nate Mortimer, Karen Holladay, Walter Holladay, Nancy Petrun, Susan Thomas.

1. REGULAR AGENDA

a) Silence Cell Phones

b) Call Meeting to Order- Mayor Lyon calls the meeting to order at 2:05 pm

c) Roll Call- John Head- here, Jeanie Avery- here, Diane Beckstead- here, Mark Oyler- here.

d) Pledge of Allegiance

2. NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL RESOURCES

a) AIC Logins (setup by Amantha)

b) Newley Elected Officials Manual (AIC)

c) Roles and Responsibilities (AIC)

Mayor Lyon, Rodney Burch, Lyle Fuller, and Amantha Sierra go over items A-C in the manual with the council members. Amantha was directed to send PDF files to all council members due to packet pages being cut off.

3. KELLER ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING PRESENTATION

a) Water Capacity

- **Redundancy**
- **Growth Limitations**
- **Financial Impacts**

Jeff Mansfield, Bryan Phinney, and Matthew Hill presented to the council members and mayor.

b) Sewer Capacity

- **Growth Limitations**
- **Financial Impacts**

Matthew Hill gives a presentation to the council members and the mayor.

4. DEATON & COMPANY – Doran Lambson review of past years audit’s – ACTION ITEM

Doran Lambson gives an update on the audit being worked on for fiscal year 2020. They are waiting on bank reconciliations to be finished.

5. RODNEY BURCH - CKJ Jesse Development

- **Project History**
- o **City vs County Development**
- **Contract Zoning**

Rodney Burch discusses the document that Kim Jesse and her attorney have put together that shows the timeline of the project.

6. FUTURE DATES – ACTION ITEM

a) Budget and Finance

- **Budget Manual (AIC)**
- **FY26 Budget Summary**
- **Audit Status**

b) Fees/Rates

- **Water/Sewer Rate Study (FCS)**

c) Civility Training (AIC)

d) Open Meeting Training (AIC)

e) Comp Plan – Status Update

f) Bridge Project/Lava Spa

Items A-F will be discussed at the February 10th 2026 special education meeting.

7. Comprehensive Plan Committee update Jeanie Avery – ACTION ITEM

Council President Avery updates the council members and mayor on the new changes. Mayor Lyon suggested adding Sherril Tillotson to the list of committee members. Council President Avery made a motion to accept the names of Nancy Petrun, Lora Gunter, Cody Steffler, Mark Oyler, Hallie Benglan, John Tolman, Susan Thomas, and Sherril Tillotson to all serve on the comprehensive plan committee. Councilperson Head seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed.

8. Public comment time on future city council agenda – ACTION ITEM

Council President Avery made a motion to include an open public comment section at the beginning of meetings with a speaking time of 2 minutes. Councilperson Oyler seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed.

9. Motion to adjourn into executive session in accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public-school student – ACTION ITEM

Councilperson Oyler made a motion to adjourn into executive session in accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public-school student. Councilperson Beckstead seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed.

10. Motion to return to open meeting – ACTION ITEM

Council President Avery made a motion to return to open meeting. Councilperson Head seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed.

11. Motion regarding Executive Session – ACTION ITEM

Councilperson Oyler made a motion for Strategic Communities Alliance to change their contract with the City of Lava Hot Springs to show mutual indemnification. Councilperson

Beckstead seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head- aye, Diane Beckstead- aye, Jeanie Avery- aye, mark Oyler- aye. Motion passed.


12. Announce next regular meeting – February 12th, 2026, Deadline February 2nd, 2026.


Mayor Lyon announces the next meeting date and deadline date to have items on the agenda.

13. Adjourn regular meeting - ACTION ITEM

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


Mandy Frandsen, Transcriber


Vicky Lyon, Mayor


Amanda Sierra, City Clerk