

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lava Hot Springs, Idaho will be held on July 16th, 2026, at 3:00 pm, Lava City Hall 115 West Elm Street, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho.

In Attendance: Councilperson John Head, Councilperson Diane Beckstead, Councilperson Jeanie Avery, Councilperson Mark Oyler, City Planner Rodney Burch, City Clerk Amantha Sierra, Office Assistant Wendy Pelayo.

Via Telephone: Mayor Vicky Lyon.

1) AGENDA

- **Silence Cell Phones**
- **Call Meeting to order.** President Jeanie Avery called the meeting to order at 3:02pm
- **Roll Call -John Head – here, Diane Beckstead – here, Jeanie Avery - here, Mark Oyler – here.**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**

2) ACTION ITEM – Adoption of FY27 Tentative Budget

Rodney Burch opened by clarifying the purpose of the meeting is to approve the tentative budget, then to be advertised twice giving notice to the public. The approval of the maximum amount that would be anticipated both in revenue and expenditures between now and the public hearing. He then proceeded to review the candidate budget, the revenue portion of the budget and the expenditure portion. By statute requirement is to represent what is intended for 27-year budget to be. Representing years 26, 26 and 27. From the last meetings input from all the departments all items were included into the budget on the expense side, then worked through the assignment of local option tax, property tax and fund balances to make the revenue balance against the expenses.

Councilperson Head made a motion to adopt fiscal year 2027 tentative budget presented and reviewed today. Councilperson Beckstead seconded the motion. All in favor, John Head – aye, Diane Beckstead – aye, Jeanie Avery – aye, Mark Oyler – aye. Motion passed.

3) DISCUSSION - FY27 Budget Resolution Process.

Rodney explained that the resolutions are in relation to the fund balance, there are three choices in the foregone amount. First – have to declare if going to recover any of foregone for operations that's limited to 1% but have to declare formally as part of the budget process, second – recover 3% of forgone in a on-time capitol project that doesn't remain in your budget ongoing to use in that year and third – choose to not increase property tax by 3%, have to declare do you want to bank that land. Currently programmed the use of the 3% increase, the use of the 1% recovery of foregone, and the use of the 3% recovery of foregone, third option becomes irrelevant due to not banking the property tax, actually increasing the property. Councilperson Oyler questioned the history behind the property tax, whether it has stayed the same, charged more,, charged less. Rodney responded with recovering the 1%, the 3% and

increasing the 3% is what was done the last year. Mayor Lyon commented, reminding everyone the 3% increase is not the property tax going up but what the city assesses out of the property tax.

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular City Council Meeting: August 13, 2026
- Agenda Item Deadline: August 3, 2026.

President Jeanie Avery announced the next city council meeting and deadline.

5) ACTION ITEM – Adjourn special meeting.

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

X 
Wendy Pelayo, Transcriber

Date 13-Aug-2026

X 
Vicky Lyon, Mayor

Date 8/13/2026

X 
Amantha Sierra, City Clerk

Date 8/13/26