

## Regular City Council Meeting

City Hall

March 2, 2026

Mayor Ferguson opened the meeting at 7:00pm and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Attending are:

Council: Kerri Baird, Jeff Davis, Mike Duval, and Leonard Woehler

City Staff: Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer, Kris Novotny, Public Works Director, Lana King, City/County Planning Department, and Jim Lippert, City Attorney

Public: Angela Selby, Mike Shirley, Anita Dore, Linda Carlson, Linda Brunckhorst, Barbara Selk, Norene Brown, Mark Curry, Kirk Stephens, Pam Stene, and Aaron Freed

Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2/17/26 Regular City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Sheriff Ronneberg stated that there were 199 complaints, 5 cases, and 20 citations for the month of February 2026. The department hired a new full-time dispatcher and she started last week. Public Comment: Mike Shirley thanked Sheriff Ronneberg for his service.

Councilman Davis made a motion for informal consideration of all remaining agenda items, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Kris Novotny, Public Works Director, stated that Wes Tech is still working on the SCADA programming for the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant. There will be a progress meeting on March 18, 2026. The sewer department is still waiting for a new discharge permit from <sup>MTDEG</sup> They will start excavation this week for the streets project. They will advertise the street paving project on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and will bring the recommended bid to the Council for approval on April 6<sup>th</sup>. He stated Great West Engineering is only contracted through the bidding phase and the city will handle the rest.

Kris Novotny asked the Council to look at the city's current water/sewer hookup and development fees. Discussion was held and Kris will get an estimate for a consultant to help the city determine what their fees should be. Aaron Freed asked for confirmation on what the charge would be for an additional dwelling. Kirk Stephens thinks the sewer hookup fee is really cheap.

Lana King from the City/County Planning Board presented the boundary relocation for Sabrina Steer on East 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. It was recently divided into two tracts. She needs to have the mylars signed by the mayor and have the council approve the certificate of survey. She stated that the resident has met all the planning office requirements. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the Steer boundary relocation, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mayor Ferguson asked the Council to revisit the change order estimate from Bomber Mountain Demo for the City Hall demolition. Councilwoman Woehler made a motion to approve the change order

estimate from Bomber Mountain Demo for City Hall demolition, seconded by Councilman Duval. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Hope Mosness asked the council to approve the request for qualifications document so she can send it to insurance agents to receive a quote for Worker's Compensation Coverage. The Council would like it to go to the local agents first. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the worker's compensation coverage request for qualifications as written, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilmembers Baird and Woehler presented four floor plan options for the new City Hall building. Public Comment: Linda Brunckhorst wondered if the Garden Club would continue to keep up with landscape and would like the Council to consider putting in maintenance free landscape. Kirk Stephens does not want to see a driveway off of McLeod St and would not have any garage doors facing McLeod Street. He and Mike Shirley both like Option 3. Anita Dore asked if the Senior Pantry would be part of the new City Hall building. Pam Stene representing the Senior Pantry stated that insurance was never brought to her attention until last summer. They do have liability insurance now. She would like to see the city continue to provide a space for them. Councilman Davis says Big Timber's population has never changed and doesn't think we need the extra warehouse space and doesn't think we should foot the bill for the Senior Pantry space. He believes there are other options for the pantry. Councilman Woehler would like to get a quote for both a plan with a warehouse space or one without a warehouse space. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to choose Option 3 and Option 4 and to get bids so we can make a comparison, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Kris Novotny asked the Council which budget they should take the tree removal and trimming costs from for the three cottonwood trees that were damaged at the city campground. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the tree removal to Gibson Trees and Fence for \$1200 taking the money out of the Park and Recreation Services, other repairs and maintenance budget, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Hope Mosness presented form RM88 #17 for approval. Councilman Duval made a motion to approve the RM88 form as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the claims, payroll, and overtime for February 2026 with the amendment of Claim 30968 from \$13500 down to \$10000, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Public Comment: Pam Stene wanted to thank the city for providing a space for Senior Pantry over the years.

There being no further business to go before the Council, Councilman Woehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm, seconded by Councilman Duval. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.



Justin Ferguson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Hope Mosness

Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer