

Public Hearing and Special City Council Meeting

Carnegie Library Meeting Room

August 31, 2026

Mayor Ferguson opened the Public Hearing 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, Jim Lippert, City Attorney

Public: None

Mayor Ferguson asked the Council if they had any adjustments they would like to see in the budget. Councilman Woehler discussed the option of working backwards and pushing some of the city hall project budget into next fiscal year. Councilman Davis stated that we have already done the work and doesn't see the need to change the budget now because it is balanced.

Mayor Ferguson asked for discussion on the Stenberg Construction Connex for Animal Control. Councilmembers Duval, Davis, and Woehler like this option for animal control because it's ready to go and we don't need to worry about a place for her. Councilwoman Baird disagrees and thinks the city should not spend the money on it and would like to see it to go back to City Hall.

Public Comment: Mayor Ferguson read a voicemail from AJ Lorenzen he received. He stated that \$20,000 is too much to spend for a Connex. He believes it violates the procurement policy. He worries that because it is a metal building and we put it in the scorching sun it will be expensive to heat and cool and isn't sure it meets best practices for housing animals. He is also concerned with the sanitary situation for the animals.

Mayor Ferguson closed the public hearing at 7:26pm and opened the Special City Council Meeting.

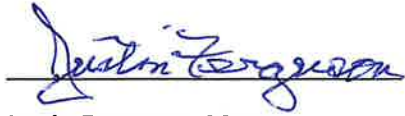
Mayor Ferguson stated that a decision on the Stenberg Construction Connex is the first item on the agenda. Councilman Duval estimated the total cost for the building and set up would be \$24,000. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the purchase of the Connex from Stenberg Construction for \$22,000 plus an additional \$2,000 for the setup of the building for a total of \$24,000 added to the budget, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried with Councilmembers Davis, Duval, and Woehler voting aye. Councilwoman Baird voted nay.

Mayor Ferguson read Resolution #1056: A Resolution establishing a Large Taxpayer Reserve Fund for the City of Big Timber. Councilman Woehler made a motion to approve Resolution #1056 as amended, seconded by Councilman Duval. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilwoman Baird read Resolution #1057: A Resolution to Adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve Resolution #1057, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

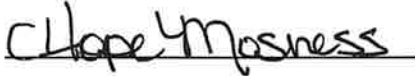
Public Comment: None

Councilman Woehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm, seconded by Councilman Duval. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

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Justin Ferguson, Mayor

Attest:

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Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer