

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 8, 2025



The City Council meeting was held at the City Hall
108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT

Council Members Present: Raoul Ribeiro, City Council President; Hayley Allen-Blakney, City Council Vice President; Shawni Vaught, Katherine Maudrone, Earlene Powell, and Larry Lack.

The City Council meeting was recorded via audio and is available for review on the city website.

City Officials Present:

Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

Kelliann Barton, Clerk

Timothy Goen, City Attorney

Others signed in: The sign-in sheet is attached.

Rusti Leivestad opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kelliann Barton made a note of who was present.

The Council passed a motion 6-0 to approve setting the Agenda. (Maudrone, Vaught)

The Council passed a motion 6-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. (Allen-Blakney, Powell)

Standing Committee Reports:

ACTION TAKEN

1. The Council motioned 4-2 to deny the variance request to allow a rooster in city limits. There were public comments. (Ribeiro, Powell)
2. The Council motioned 6-0 to table the discussion about the parking lot issue next to Rose Garden Park. (Ribeiro, Powell)
3. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Thompson Falls Women's Club Proclamation. (Ribeiro, Allen-Blakney)
4. The Council motioned 6-0 to move the October Council meeting to October 6th. (Powell, Lack)
5. The Council motioned 6-0 to appoint Jonathan Bergstrom as a Library Board Member. (Powell, Lack)
6. The Council motioned 6-0 to send to the Recreation/Public Properties Committee. (Allen-Blakney, Vaught)
7. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the computer software updates and to send the remaining packet to the Budget/Finance Committee. (Ribeiro, Vaught)
8. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the FY26 Budget. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)

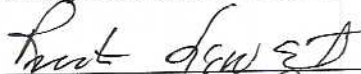
9. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the contract with Montana League of Cities and Towns. (Allen-Blakney, Powell)
10. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Fiscal Year End 2025 Audit Contract. (Powell, Vaught)
11. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Revenue and Assessment BAN Resolutions Amendments. (Maudrone, Vaught)
12. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the DNRC Loan Closing. (Ribeiro, Lack)
13. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Wastewater Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application for Reimbursement. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Powell)
14. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Engineering Services Contract for the Water Systems Improvements Project. (Maudrone, Vaught)
15. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Water Project Pay Application for Reimbursement. (Allen-Blakney, Ribeiro)

Unscheduled Public Comment: There was public comment. Representative Paul Fielder spoke for Pine Tree Hollow residents about the sewer project. Mayor Leivestad invited him to come into the office to discuss further.

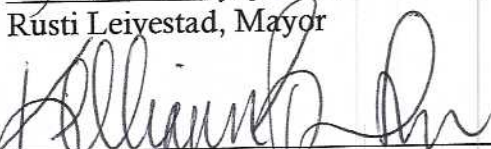
MAYOR'S REPORT –

- Meetings, telephone calls, and emails with landowners about questions for sewer in Phase 3, on-site visits with the engineer and public works
- Draft finding for Hoyt Special Use Permit
- Council member from Plains called to ask about our camper/RV ordinance, asked to have a copy sent.
- Following up on a placement permit that has not been approved yet because of concerns by the adjacent landowner.
- Met with Kevin Fallon, who manages the activities and business dealings of the Veterans' program at Patrol Base Abbate. It was to acquaint the City with their program.
- Several budget meetings and a hearing
- Took complaints about 3 different campers parked illegally and partially on city right of way – extension cords, etc – showing people were living in them.
- Attended Main Street meeting
- Attended Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Pre-construction meeting for Wastewater Project 3&4 with S&L Underground.
- Met with some residents about various concerns about parking, speeding, and unapproved building. (each a separate incident)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.


Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kelliann Barton, Clerk