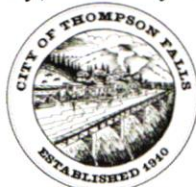


# CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 9, 2026



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

Council Members Present: Raoul Ribeiro, City Council President; Katherine Maudrone, City Council Vice President; Rusti Leivestad, Larry Milner, Catherine DeWitt, and Mike Shear.

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

City Officials Present:

Gussie O'Connor, Mayor  
Kelliann Barton, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Tim Goen, City Attorney

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

Gussie O'Connor opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Kelliann Barton noted who was present.

The Council passed a 5-1 motion to set the Agenda. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)  
The Council passed a 5-1 motion to approve the Consent Agenda. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)

Standing Committee Reports: Committee of the Whole

## ACTION TAKEN

1. The Council motioned 6-0 to appoint Kelliann Barton as the City Clerk/Treasurer. There was public comment. (Maudrone, Shear)
2. The Council motioned 4-2 to approve the Zoning/Board of Adjustment Committee. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
3. The Council motioned 5-1 to discontinue the Zoom pilot program. There was public comment. (Leivestad, Maudrone)
4. The Council motioned 5-1 to support the Women's Club Child Safety Event. There was no public comment. (Leivestad, Ribeiro)
5. The Council motioned 6-0 to table abandoning the alley off Madison St due to proper procedure needing to be followed. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, DeWitt)
6. The Council motioned 5-1 to support Beautification Days April 16-18, 2026. (Ribeiro, Maudrone) Motion amended to approve covering the cost of advertising for Beautification Days and update the city website. There was public comment. (Leivestad, Maudrone)


7. The Council motioned 6-0 to support the Thompson Falls Farmers Market and waive the \$100 park use fee. There was public comment. (DeWitt, Leivestad)
8. The Council motioned 6-0 to table and authorize the mayor to reach out to Great West about making edits to the Comprehensive Plan. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
9. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the first reading of Ordinance #359. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, DeWitt)
10. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Comprehensive Plan Pay Application for Reimbursement. There was no public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
11. The Council motioned 5-1 abstention to approve the Wastewater Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application for Reimbursement. There was no public comment. (Leivestad, Ribeiro)
12. The Council motioned 5-1 abstention to approve the Water Project Change Order #1. There was public comment. (Maudrone, Ribeiro)
13. The Council motioned 5-1 abstention to approve the Water Project Phases 1 & 2 Pay Application for Reimbursement. There was public comment. (Leivestad, Milner)

Unscheduled Public Comment: There was public comment.

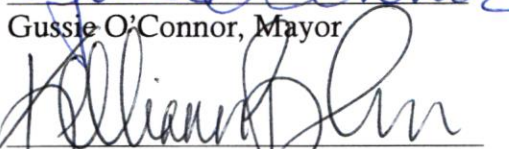
MAYOR'S REPORT –

- Onsite review of lift stations with Great West Engineers and S&L Construction.
- Special City Council meeting to approve Phase 3 & 4 Wastewater Pay Application for reimbursement.
- Had a meeting with Rusti and Neil for discussion of City Pool condition and further repair process.
- Attended construction meetings every Thursday with engineers and construction companies.
- I attended the monthly Sanders County Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting to elect new board members. I was voted to remain on the Board.
- Katherine Maudrone and I interviewed Kelliann Barton for the City Clerk/Treasurer position.
- I presented to the Women’s Club the condition and need for repairs for the City Pool in hopes they might be able to help with costs.
- Announcement from the Public Works Department, “Please DO NOT flush flushable wipes down the sewer, as they do not dissolve.”

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

  
 Gussie O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
 Kelliann Barton, City Clerk/Treasurer

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**AGENDA**

**OPEN MEETING** - Call to order

**ROLL CALL OF THE COUNCIL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SET THE AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Claims, Minutes, Financial Reports, Court Report, & Water Shut-off List/Arrangements

**COMMUNITY DECAY AND VIOLATIONS LIST REPORT** - Attached

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** - Attached

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS - Committee of the Whole:** Attached

**INFORMATION:**

Katherine Maudrone:

- Mission West Community Development Brownfield Grant
- Property Aggregation – Marvin Cross

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Appoint City Clerk/Treasurer – Resolution #865
2. Zoning/Board of Adjustment Committee Appointees
3. Zoom
4. Women's Club Child Safety Event
5. Alley off Madison St – Tina Daugherty
6. 2026 Beautification Days – Annie Wooden
7. Thompson Falls Farmers Market – Annie Wooden
8. Comprehensive Plan Remarks – Crystal Buchanan
9. Ordinance #359 – first reading
10. Growth Policy (Comprehensive Plan) Pay Application for Reimbursement
11. Wastewater Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application for Reimbursement
12. Water Project Change Order #1
13. Water Project Phases 1 & 2 Pay Application for Reimbursement

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**UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT** - The public may speak for up to 3 minutes about items not on the agenda.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** - Mayor Gussie O'Connor's updates.

**ADJOURN**

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Sign-in Sheet

NAME	WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, AND IF YES, WHAT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER?	STREET ADDRESS
Please Print	√ = yes	Please Print ~ thank you
JAN Henry		507 Bighorn Drive #6
Lorraine Renard	Yes #4	3 Sabesh Drive
Miranda Helgert	Yes	360 Mt-Silcox DR
Melinda Thompson		219 Park St.
Randy Duffield		219 Park St.
Ruth Cheney		1806 PTH
Tracy Scott		
Ron Robinson		AKINS
Cheryl Blakney		1810 PTH
Steve Oswald		203 S. Gallatin TF
Annie Wooden		207 S. Madison TF
Loretta Smith		
Mark Sheets		215 Grove St
MARY CROSS		905 EAST HALKEY
ROB VLENS		208 Church St.
Larry Lack		516 Preston Ave
ROB CLARK		409 ADAMS ST.
Crystal Bach		911 Main Street -library

