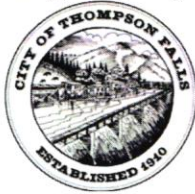


# **CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, July 13, 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 6-0 motion to set the agenda. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)  
The Council passed a 6-0 motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Requested to look into having a trash can at the pool (DeWitt, Leivestad)

Standing Committee Reports: Budget/Finance, Police Commission, Budget/Finance, and Water/Sewer

## **ACTION TAKEN**

**Unfinished Business:**

1. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve a water leak credit for the Rimrock in the amount of \$1,599.00. There was no public comment. (Leivestad, DeWitt)
2. The Council motioned 3 Ayes (Ribeiro, Leivestad, Maudrone) – 3 Nays (DeWitt, Milner, Shear) with Mayor O'Connor breaking the tie with an Aye to send the sewer credit for the Oxfords to the Committee of the Whole. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
3. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve Resolution #871 to allow the 100 Block on S Columbia a parking exemption. There was no public comment. (Ribeiro, Milner)

New Business:

4. The Council motioned 5-1(Ribeiro abstained) to approve the water leak credit in the amount of \$407.25 for 307 Church St. Joy Vold said she had to replace her water main unnecessarily. There was a public comment asking whether the expense of replacing her water main would be reimbursed by the City. That will be sent to the Water and Sewer committee for further discussion. (Milner, Maudrone)
5. The Council motioned 6-0 to send the Mayor's proposal of rezoning the Mule pasture and the orchard to Recreation Open Space (ROS) to the Zoning/Board of Adjustment committee. There was public comment to have no zoning at all or possibly to rural unspecified. (Ribeiro, DeWitt)
6. The Council motioned 5-1 (Shear Nay) to approve the FY27 contract with the Montana League of Cities and Towns. There was public comment about using a local accountant and possibly opening this to bids. (Leivestad, Maudrone)
7. The Council motioned 6-0 to not approve the Western States Preventive Maintenance 3-year contract and to send to the Committee of the Whole. There was public comment about getting other quotes, going local. (Milner, Shear)
8. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the mayor to look further into term limits for the Zoning/Board of Adj. and to stagger them. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
9. The Council motioned 5-1 (Nay: Shear) to approve Resolution #870 to increase the water rates. There was public comment on seeking other funding options and on asking the USDA to waive the bond requirements. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
10. The Council motioned 5-1 (Abstain: Shear, he said it was a waste of money) to approve the Wastewater Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application for Reimbursement. There was no public comment. (Leivestad, Maudrone)
11. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Water Project Phases 1 & 2 Pay Application for Reimbursement. There was no public comment. (Maudrone, Ribeiro)

Unscheduled Public Comment: There was public comment.

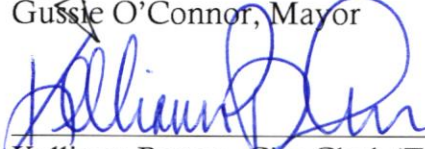
MAYOR'S REPORT –

- I attend Construction meetings each Thursday. On June 11 we had guests from RD in Washington D.C.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> we had a Public Hearing for the Water Rates Increase.
- I met with Josh and Robyn Oxford for conference on their W&S Credit.
- June 19<sup>th</sup> Kelliann and I attended a Webinar with MSU Local Government Center.
- I attended a Budget meeting and a Special City Council Meeting.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> I attended the Sanders County Chamber of Commerce meeting.
- Sat. June 27<sup>th</sup> I participated in the David Thompson Days/ July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Great Fun!
- July 3<sup>rd</sup>, I had the honor of swearing in our new City officer, Garret Sherwood.
- Today was a Planning Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

  
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Gussie O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kelliann Barton, City Clerk/Treasurer

## CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS



**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**In the City Hall, 108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT**  
**Monday, July 13, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.**

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### AGENDA

**OPEN MEETING** - Call to order

**ROLL CALL OF THE COUNCIL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**\*\*DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS\*\***

A **conflict of interest disclosure** requires council members to publicly announce if they have a personal or financial stake in any matter before the council. An **ex parte communication disclosure** requires members to report any private, off-the-record discussions they had with individuals regarding a pending council decision.

**SET THE AGENDA**

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

List/Arrangements

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** - Attached

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Budget/Finance, Police Commission, Budget/Finance, and Water and Sewer:  
Attached

**INFORMATION:**

Main Street – Annie Wooden

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### ACTION ITEMS:

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Water Leak Credit – Rimrock
2. Water/Sewer Credit – Oxford
3. Resolution 871 100 Block S Columbia Parking Exemption

#### NEW BUSINESS

4. Water Leak Credit – 307 Church
5. Mule Pasture and Orchard Rezoning
6. Montana League of Cities and Towns Contract
7. Western States Preventive Maintenance – 3 year Contract
8. Resolution 872 Zoning/Board of Adjustment Term Limit
9. Resolution 870 Water Rate Increase
10. Wastewater Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application for Reimbursement
11. 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**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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# CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS



## City Council Meeting

In the City Hall, 108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT

Monday, July 13, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

## Sign-in Sheet

| NAME             | WOULD YOU LIKE TO<br>ADDRESS THE COUNCIL<br>DURING THE PUBLIC<br>COMMENT PERIOD, AND<br>IF YES, WHAT AGENDA<br>ITEM NUMBER? | STREET ADDRESS           |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Please Print     | √ = yes                                                                                                                     | Please Print ~ thank you |
| Melinda Thompson |                                                                                                                             | 219 Park                 |
| Randy Duffield   |                                                                                                                             | 219 Park                 |
| Jeri Andersen    |                                                                                                                             | 522 Cedar                |
| Dan Andersen     |                                                                                                                             | 522 Cedar                |
| Monna Hempster   |                                                                                                                             | 217 4th Ave E            |
| Steve Oswald     |                                                                                                                             | 203 S. Gallatin TF       |
| Robyn Oxford     |                                                                                                                             | 403 Ferry St TF          |
| Joshua Oxford    |                                                                                                                             | 403 Ferry St - T Falls   |
| MARY B. DUNN     |                                                                                                                             | 25 Silcox lane - T Falls |
| Earlene Powell   |                                                                                                                             | 110 So. Columbia, T-F    |
| Muanda Helgert   |                                                                                                                             | 360 Mt Silcox DR         |
| Holly Sanders    |                                                                                                                             | Harlow                   |
| Kelli Sanders    |                                                                                                                             | Harlow                   |
| Steve Taylor     |                                                                                                                             | Harlow                   |
| Michelle Terry   |                                                                                                                             | 110 S Columbia St        |
| Joy Vold         |                                                                                                                             | 307 Church St.           |
| Nancy Haynes     |                                                                                                                             | 102 Park St              |
| Chris Haynes     |                                                                                                                             | " " "                    |



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