

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS



**Regular City Council Meeting
In the City Hall, 108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT
Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.**

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

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

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

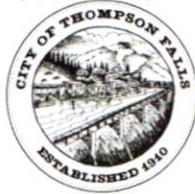
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**CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 12, 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, 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, Acting 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 5-0 motion to set the Agenda, removing #11 & #12. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)

The Council passed a 5-0 motion to approve the Consent Agenda. (Leivestad, DeWitt)

Standing Committee Reports: none

ACTION TAKEN

1. Council member Maudrone nominated Raoul Ribeiro for Council President. 2 Ayes (Leivestad and Maudrone), 0 Nays, 2 Abstentions (DeWitt and Shear). Mayor O'Connor provided the deciding vote in the affirmative to elect Raoul Ribeiro as the City Council President.
 1. Council member Leivestad nominated Katherine Maudrone for Council Vice President, seconded by Ribeiro. 3 Ayes (Ribeiro, Leivestad, and DeWitt) and no response from council member Shear. Katherine Maudrone was elected City Council Vice President.
2. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to approve bank signatories, Resolution #862. There was no public comment. (Leivestad, Ribeiro)

3. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to approve committee assignments. There was no public comment. (DeWitt, Leivestad)
4. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to approve a water leak credit for 525 Bighorn Dr. There was no public comment. (Leivestad, Ribeiro)
5. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to tentatively approve the HighLead Block Party for the last weekend in June. There was no public comment. (Ribeiro, DeWitt)
6. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to authorize Mayor O'Connor to speak with Mr. Clark and prepare a letter for DOT. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
7. The Council motioned 4-0 to (no response from council member Shear) to send the review of Ordinance 271 to the Streets and Alleys Committee . There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
8. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to set a Special City Council meeting for January 26 at 6 pm. There was no public comment. (Leivestad, Ribeiro)
9. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to tentatively set Arbor Day for May 7, 2026. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
10. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to approve the Comprehensive Plan Pay Application for reimbursement. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
11. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to approve the Water Project Phase 1 & 2 Pay Application for reimbursement. There was no public comment. (Leivestad, Maudrone)

Unscheduled Public Comment: There was public comment.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

- On Jan. 2, we swore in the new City Council members.
- I've spent time in City Hall getting familiar with computers, phones, and other materials for City Hall and meetings. I also reviewed all emails.
- I attended the weekly construction meeting with Great West, S & L Underground Construction on W/W phases 3&4
- Today I spent all day at City Hall preparing for the City Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Gussie O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Elect President and Vice President of Council
2. Signatures for Bank - Resolution
3. Set Committee Assignments
4. Water Leak Credit – 525 Bighorn Dr. \$65.70
5. HighLead Block Party – Cody Mosher
6. Speed Limit Signs – Rob Clark
7. Review Ordinance 271 – Mike Terry
8. Letter of Interest Ward 3 – Deadline January 20th and Special Council Meeting January 26th
9. Set Arbor Day Date and Proclamation
10. Growth Policy (Comprehensive Plan) Update
11. Approve Drawing From SRF-26606
12. Wastewater Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application for Reimbursement
13. Water Project Phases 1 & 2 Pay Application for Reimbursement

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

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Join Zoom Meeting

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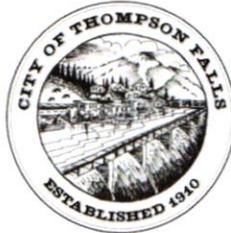
Sign-in Sheet

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
DAVID FAIK		1906 Pine Tree Hollow
Ruth CHENEY		1806 PTH
Lorraine Ruppel	No	3 Salceash Drive
Steve Oswald		203 S. Gallatin TF
Miranda Helger	yes	2800 Mt Silcox DR
Caly marker	yes	Po Box 1914
J. Child	NO	T. Falk 1814 Pine Tree Hollow
Jonathan Colby	NO	525 Bighorn Dr.
Rieki Clark	NO	409 Adams St
ROB CLARK		409 ADAMS ST.
Annie Woodman		Ledger
Tracy Scott		Valley Prep
COURTNEY WILSON		3672 HULL RD
BOB VIENS		208 CHURCH ST.
Tobias L.		574 Maple

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 21, 2026



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

Council Members Present: Raoul Ribeiro; City Council President (by phone), Katherine Maudrone, City Council Vice President, Rusti Leivestad, Catherine DeWitt, and Mike Shear.

City Officials Present:

Gussie O'Connor, Mayor

Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

Others signed in: Sign-in sheet attached.

Gussie O'Connor opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Kelliann Barton noted who was present.

ACTION TAKEN

1. The Council made a motion to approve Drawing from SRF-26606 Resolution #864, 3 Ayes (Ribeiro, Maudrone, and Leivestad), 1 Nay (Shear), and 1 Abstention (DeWitt). Motion carried. (Leivestad, Maudrone)
2. The Council made a motion to approve the Wastewater Pay Application for reimbursement, 4 Ayes (Ribeiro, Maudrone, Leivestad, DeWitt), 1 Nay (Shear). Motion carried. (Leivestad, Ribeiro)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Gussie O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

City of Thompson Falls

Special City Council Meeting

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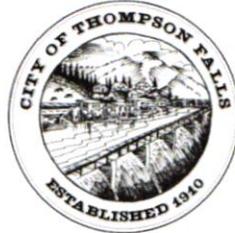
Agenda: Draw from SRF-26606, Wastewater Project
Phases 3 & 4 Pay app for reimbursement, and Claims

If you have any questions, please call

City Hall: 406-827-3557

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 26, 2026



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

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

City Officials Present:

Gussie O'Connor, Mayor

Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

Others signed in: Sign-in sheet attached.

Gussie O'Connor opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Kelliann Barton noted who was present.

ACTION TAKEN

1. The Council made a motion 5-0 to approve the appointment of Larry Milner as a Council member for Ward 3. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)
2. Oath of Office for Larry Milner, administered by the City Council President, Raoul Ribeiro. The signed oath was filed with the City Clerk.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Gussie O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

City of Thompson Falls

Special City Council Meeting

Monday, January 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall,

108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT

Agenda: Interview and Appointment of Ward 3 Council
seat candidate

If you have any questions, please call

City Hall: 406-827-3557

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS



Special City Council Meeting

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Monday, January 26, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

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
Larry M. Iner	Yes	600 Grizzly Dr.
Wanda Thompson		219 Park St
Bandy Duffield		219 Park St
Cheryl Blakney		1810 Pine Tree Hollow.
Nancy Brown		1802 P.T. H
Maree Apple		1804 Pine Hollow
Steve Oswald		203 S. Gallatin TF
Ruth Leroy		PTH 1806
Nancy Shaver	Yes	76 Steamboat Way E TF
Dean Plummer	Yes	" " " "
Gunner & Beth Junge		407 E. 4 th Ave,
Tom Legault		304 Park
Anne Wooden		
Rob Voss		208 Church St
Ricki Clark		409 Adams St.
ROB CLARK		409 ADAMS ST.

Court Code Abbreviations

Case Type:

CR	Criminal
CV	Civil
SM	Small Claims
SW	Search Warrant
TK	Ticket

Case Subtype:

CA	Credit Agency
CO	Contract
LT	Landlord/Tenant
OP	Order of Protection
OT	Other Civil (non-domestic)

Citations:

45-5	Crimes – Against the Person
45-6	Crimes – Against Property
45-7	Crimes – Offences Against Public Administration
45-8	Crimes – Offences Against Public Order

Monthly Case Statistics
January 2026

All cases Pending as of		January 2026		
Type		Subtype		Count
Civil	32			
		Landlord/Tenant		1
		Order of Protection		30
		Other		1
Criminal	7			7
Search Warrant	3			3
Ticket	98			98
Total:				140

All cases Pending as of		February 2026		
Type		Subtype		Count
Civil	32			
		Landlord/Tenant		1
		Order of Protection		30
		Other		1
Criminal	7			7
Search Warrant	3			3
Ticket	104			104
Total:				146

All cases filed in		January 2026		
Type		Subtype		Count
Ticket	28			28
Total:				28

All cases disposed in		January 2026		
Type		Subtype		Count
Ticket	26			26
Total:				26

Orders filed in		January 2026		
Type				Count
Total:				

Monthly Case Statistics

January 2026

Orders disposed in January 2026

Type		Hearing Results		Count
Result	Type	Subtype		Count
Total:				
Continued by Defendant/Respondent	Ticket			3
Result Total:				3
Hearing Held	Ticket			23
Result Total:				23
Hearing Not Held	Civil	Landlord/Tenant		1
	Ticket			17
Result Total:				18
Paid	Ticket			7
Result Total:				7
Report Total:				51

Monthly Activity Report

January 2026

Citations and Non-Citations By Issued Date

Financial Type: Fines and Fees

Cases With and Without Disposition

Citations	Last Month	This Month	Change	Last YTD	This YTD	Change
45-5	0	0	0	1	0	-1
45-6	1	0	-1	3	0	-3
45-8	0	0	0	1	0	-1
DUI	0	0	0	2	0	-2
ORDINANCE	5	5	0	3	5	2
PARTNER/FAMILY MEMBER	1	0	-1	1	0	-1
ASSAULT						
SEATBELT	2	3	1	0	3	3
SPEEDING	7	18	11	17	18	1
TRAFFIC	7	9	2	13	9	-4
Totals:	23	35	12	41	35	-6
Non-Citations						
Totals:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fines and Fees						
Court Costs	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Fine	2,606.00	1,332.50	(1,273.50)	1,095.00	1,332.50	237.50
Law Enforcement Academy	289.45	125.00	(164.45)	220.00	125.00	(95.00)
Misdemeanor Surcharge	345.00	165.00	(180.00)	345.00	165.00	(180.00)
Prosecution Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Technology Surcharge	200.00	110.00	(90.00)	210.00	110.00	(100.00)
Victim Restitution	300.00	12.50	(287.50)	0.00	12.50	12.50
Victim Witness Admin Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	(2.00)
Victim Witness Surcharge	20.00	32.00	12.00	98.00	32.00	(66.00)
Totals:	\$3,760.45	\$1,827.00	\$(1,933.45)	\$1,970.00	\$1,827.00	\$(143.00)

Thompson Falls City Court

User: CUC710

Citation By Officer
 From 01/01/2026 to 01/30/2026
 All Officers
 All Revisions; All Statutes
 Sorted By: Citation
 All Case Types and Sub-Types
 All Clerks

Officer: Derry, Michael

Finding:

Citation	Issued	Charge	Plea	Fine	Case
13461	1/22/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000001

Finding Totals: Citation 1 Fines: 0.00

Finding: Bond Forfeited

Citation	Issued	Charge	Plea	Fine	Case
13460	1/10/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		20.00	TK-795-2026-000001
13462	1/26/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		20.00	TK-795-2026-000002

Finding Totals: Bond Forfeited Citation 2 Fines: 40.00

Totals For: Derry, Michael Citation 3 Fines: 40.00

Citation By Officer
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Officer: Scott, Roy

Finding:

Citation	Issued	Charge	Plea	Fine	Case
13523	1/11/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000000
13525	1/11/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000000
13528	1/16/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000001
13528	1/16/2026	202401/61-3-312 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000001
13530	1/18/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000001
13531	1/19/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000001
13532	1/21/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000001
13534	1/21/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000001
13535	1/24/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000002
13536	1/24/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000002
13537	1/24/2026	202401/61-13-103 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000002
13537	1/24/2026	202401/6.2.1 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000002
13538	1/24/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000002
13539	1/24/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000002
13540	1/25/2026	202401/61-6-301(2) [1st] 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000002
13541	1/25/2026	202401/61-5-212(1)(a)(i) [1] 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000002

Finding Totals: Citation 16 Fines: 0.00

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Officer: Scott, Roy

Finding: Bond Forfeited

Citation	Issued	Charge	Plea	Fine	Case
13519	1/3/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		30.00	TK-795-2026-000000
13520	1/3/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		20.00	TK-795-2026-000000
13533	1/21/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		20.00	TK-795-2026-000000

Finding Totals: Bond Forfeited **Citation** 3 **Fines:** 70.00

Finding: Dismissed by Court

Citation	Issued	Charge	Plea	Fine	Case
13533	1/21/2026	202401/61-6-301(2) [1st] 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000000

Finding Totals: Dismissed by Court **Citation** 1 **Fines:** 0.00

Finding: Guilty

Citation	Issued	Charge	Plea	Fine	Case
13521	1/4/2026	202401/61-3-312 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000000
13521	1/4/2026	202401/61-5-212(1)(a)(i) [2] 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000000
13522	1/4/2026	202401/61-13-103 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000000
13522	1/4/2026	202401/61-6-301(2) [1st] 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000000
13524	1/10/2026	202401/5.3B.4 202401		75.00	TK-795-2026-000000
13524	1/10/2026	202401/5.3B.2 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000000
13526	1/11/2026	202401/5.3B.4 202401		100.00	TK-795-2026-000000
13526	1/11/2026	202401/5.3B.2 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000000
13527	1/15/2026	202401/61-9-405(4)(b) 202401 Suspended Jail: Days: 2		50.00	TK-795-2026-000001

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Officer: Scott, Roy

Finding: Guilty

Citation	Issued	Charge	Plea	Fine	Case
13529	1/18/2026	202401/61-6-301(2) [1st] 202401		250.00	TK-795-2026-000001
13529	1/18/2026	202401/61-13-103 202401		20.00	TK-795-2026-000001

Finding Totals: Guilty **Citation** 11 **Fines:** 495.00

Totals For: Scott, Roy **Citation** 31 **Fines:** 565.00

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Officer: Thornton, Jason

Finding:

Citation	Issued	Charge	Plea	Fine	Case
13440	1/25/2026	202401/61-8-310(1) 202401		0.00	TK-795-2026-000001

Finding Totals:			Citation	1	Fines:	0.00
Totals For:	Thornton, Jason		Citation	1	Fines:	0.00
Report Totals:			Citation	35	Fines:	605.00

**VIOLATION LIST FOR COUNCIL
2/2/2026**

JAN		2026			
Violations Reported:	5				
Number of Certified Letters Sent:	0				
Number of Citations Issued:	3				
Arrangements Made for Compliance:	0				
Number of Officer/Police Admin/ Office Contact:	7				
Verbal warning given:	0				
Type of Violation:	A:	B: 1	C:	D:	E: 3
	F:	G:	H:	I:	Misc: 3

Ledger of Ordinance in Violation/Complaints

- A: Setback**
- B: Parking or Encroachment on city street right of way**
- C: Living in a Camper Trailer**
- D: Placement Permit**
- E: Dog Tags**
- F: Chicken, Ducks, Quail, Rabbits Roosters**
- G: House Number**
- H: Community Decay**
- I: Open Burn with out permit**
- Misc: Dog Complaint, Speed, Dust, Patrols, Foreign Plates , Water/Sewer, Cats**

Completed By Lisa Gregory Police Admin Asst

Handwritten signature and date: 02/02/26

City of Thompson Falls Project Updates:

February 2026

Wastewater System Improvements Ph. 1 & 2:

- Great West Finalized the Operation and Maintenance Manual + Project As-builts for and they have been digitally produced and sent to agencies. The City will receive both digital and hard copies for their records.
- Close-out of Ph 1 & 2 Sewer Project has been completed.

Wastewater System Improvements Ph 3 & 4:

- Wastewater Phase 3 & 4 Bid, public bid opening held on July 31, 2025 in Thompson Falls
 - Contract Awarded to S&L (below projected budget) & Notice to Proceed (NTP) was executed on 9.22.25 .
- GWE has coordinated with City's integrator for SCADA work needed for the three new lift stations to tie into the existing WW system
 - City's integrator has submitted contract to perform SCADA work, which will be paid for from project funds but contracted directly with the City and Set Points.
- GWE, the City attorney and the City have worked with BNSF to negotiate the railroad easement fee
 - The City received the executed BNSF permit (fee fully paid) on 10.1.25
- Construction calendar days are approximately 480 days; therefore, Contractor has two construction seasons to complete the work & a winter shutdown is included. This includes the remaining areas in the City limits that are not currently on the public collection system.
 - ARPA funds associated with the sewer project were expended by 12.31.25 (grant deadline)
- Contract is making good progress and taking advantage of the warmer than usual weather. The Rim Rock area has been completed and is online.
- S&L shut down for the holidays on 12.18.25, and resumed 1.5.26 as weather allows work to continue and S&L will continue to take advantage of unseasonably warm weather. A winter shut down will be executed when/if snow settles in.
 - Due to this un-expected window for construction, the City will likely need to access RD grant funds earlier than anticipated (previous scheduled for June 2026).
 - Great West, Funding Agencies, the City and Bond Council will meet in the coming weeks to discuss using Grant funds prior to closing on Assessment Bonds
 - Assessment Bond closing is scheduled for June/July in order to assess the SID areas on the following year's taxes.

Water System Improvements

- Water System replacement – Project open Bids on 9.30.25
 - Bids were opened on 9.30.25
 - Bids came in excellent and below the engineer's estimate (& project budget). A total of 9 contractors bid the project.
 - There were a total of 4 bid schedules – they should all be able to be awarded.

- The Apparent Low Bidder is Thompson Contracting Inc (TCI) with a total bid of \$4,267,989.
 - Notice to Award issued to TCI.
 - RD back from Gov. shutdown and project contracting is moving forward, RD issued concurrence to award the project.
- The City has received approval for the ARPA grant extension request until June 2026.
 - This allows more time for TCI to start.
 - Pre-construction meeting was held prior to Thanksgiving.
 - Notice to proceed was issued on 2.3.26 for TCI to start, again earlier than anticipated due to the nice weather.
 - City, Contractor and Great West are holding a coordination call on 2.4.26
 - Following this meeting there will be regular weekly construction meetings held specifically for this project.
 - Forest Service easement agreement has been received from Forest Service for new tank at Jefferson Site.
 - Change Order request:
 - There is a change order GWE, TCI and Neil Harnett & the Mayor have discussed executing for the project.
 - This is to increase the wall thickness of the PVC replacement pipe from DR25 (165 psi) to DR18 (235). While the hydraulic model shows pressures reaching 140 psi, the City would also benefit from a thicker wall pipe due to rock in the area.
 - This results in an increase in materials costs of \$34,953.70 and would be covered by the project contingency funds.
- New Well design and plans are not included under this project
 - Well project will be bid out as a separate construction contract – bid window was pushed slightly due to the Water Project Contractor starting up.
 - Bids will start advertising in mid- Feb.
 - DEQ approval moved slower than anticipated but should be able to move forward with construction now.
 - Additionally existing well monitoring equipment was installed by Phil Lewis and GWE hydrogeologist to monitor well production/static level and well influence on one-another to assist in the targeted production and capacity of the new 3rd well at the site.
 - GWE continues to monitor and review this information to inform construction of the new well.
- **Church Street Emergency Waterline Replacement Construction:**
 - Construction has been completed, work is currently in warranty period.

Stormwater PER

- Stormwater PER work has continued, reviewing existing area information and records
 - GWE will be requesting information and holding work sessions with the City's public work staff to inform the report prior to council meetings to review findings.

- Generally pushed back timeline slightly with current project slated to bid this summer. Completion will be approximately over the spring, will work with City staff to finalize detailed schedule and pin down any target dates.
 - GWE has resumed work in January to work towards a draft PER for a Public Hearing in the next few months.
- Extension for PER grant was granted via email on 12.8.25 to extend grant through 12.31.26

Growth Policy Update

- Great West has completed the Growth Policy update and is working on closing out the Policy and Grant.
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Infrastructure Website:

- Great West has updated the www.Cityofthompsonfallsinfrastructure.com. As Wastewater and Water project progress this site will continue to be updated. We are updating the website the week of 2.2.26 to inform current status on both wastewater and water project construction.
 - Please look to this site for a high-level construction schedule/outlook.

Paving:

- The City received SLIPA/HB355 funds for paving. SLIPA program required City to contract by the end of the year (12.31.24) & expend funds by 12.31.25
 - Paving was completed in May/June by TCI
 - Chip sealing has been completed.
 - The City & GWE have approved the final pay app and close out documents during the November's council meeting.

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS

Committee as a whole COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Month: November, Day: 10th, 2025

Council Members Present:

Earlene Powell shawni Vaughn
Larry Lack
Hayley Alken - Blakney
Raoul Ribeiro

City Officials Present:

Mayor Rusti Leivestad

Meeting opened at 5:32 p.m.

Others Present:

see attached

Action/Motion made:

move to Committee of a whole for December
Speak w/ Chief and City Attorney to discuss
ordinance

(Hayley, Larry)

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Sign: Raoul Ribeiro

Print: Raoul Ribeiro Committee as a whole Committee Chair

ATTEST: Kelliann Barton
Kelliann Barton Clerk



City of Thompson Falls

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Monday, November 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall,

108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT

Agenda: Municipal Speeding Code

If you have any questions, please call

City Hall: 406-827-3557

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS



Committee of the Whole

City Hall, 108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT
Monday, November 10, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

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
Gussie O'Connor		501 Main
Annie Wooder		Ledger
Catherine Dew		102 N Gallatin
Steve Oswald		203 S. Gallatin TF
Ruth Cheney		1806 PTH

**REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

I, Gussie O'Connor Phone # _____

request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the February 9 2026, City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: _____

Time: 6:00 pm

Action: Appoint City Clerk/Treasurer
Resolution and Oath of Office

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Wednesday before the Council Meeting.**

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I, Gussie Phone # _____

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the February 9 2022, City Council Meeting:

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approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: _____

Time: 6:00 pm

Action: Board of Adjustment Committee
Appointees

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I, Gussie Phone # _____

request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the February 9 2026, City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: Zoom

Time: 6:00 pm

Action: _____

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RESOLUTION NO. 850

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS, MONTANA, TO ADOPT ZOOM MEETINGS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AS A PILOT PROJECT FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS WHILE MAINTAINING AUDIO RECORDINGS AS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF RECORD PER STATE LAW

RECITALS

WHEREAS, The Recording of Meetings for Certain Boards (Title 2, Chapter 3, Part 214 MCA) permits the City Council to utilize audio recordings as the primary format for meeting records but is open to exploring the feasibility of Zoom meetings as a pilot project for six months; and

WHEREAS, State Law mandates that third-class cities such as Thompson Falls record, retain, and make available meeting records in audio format only;

WHEREAS, The City Council seeks to assess the viability of Zoom meetings as an alternative recording method for another six-month trial period;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Thompson Falls City Council hereby adopts this Resolution to introduce Zoom meetings for City Council sessions as a pilot project for another six months while reaffirming that audio recordings shall remain the primary source of record, as required by state law.

Passed and approved this 9th day of December 2024.



Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTESTATION:



Chelsea Peterson - Clerk, City of Thompson Falls



RESOLUTION NO. 844

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS, MONTANA, TO ADOPT ZOOM MEETINGS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AS A PILOT PROJECT FOR SIX MONTHS WHILE MAINTAINING AUDIO RECORDINGS AS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF RECORD PER STATE LAW

RECITALS

WHEREAS, The Recording of Meetings for Certain Boards (Title 2, Chapter 3, Part 214 MCA) permits the City Council to utilize audio recordings as the primary format for meeting records but is open to exploring the feasibility of Zoom meetings as a pilot project for six months; and

WHEREAS, MCA Section 2-3-214 mandates that third-class cities such as Thompson Falls record, retain, and make available meeting records in audio format only;

WHEREAS, The City Council seeks to assess the viability of Zoom meetings as an alternative recording method over a six-month trial period;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Thompson Falls City Council hereby adopts this Resolution to make a good faith effort to broadcast Zoom meetings for City Council sessions as a pilot project for six months while reaffirming that audio recordings shall remain the primary source of record, as required by MCA Section 2030214.

Passed and approved this 10th day of June 2024.



Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTESTATION:



Chelsea Peterson - Clerk, City of Thompson Falls



**REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

I, Lorraine Renard Phone # 406 827-3521

request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the Feb 9 2026, City Council Meeting:

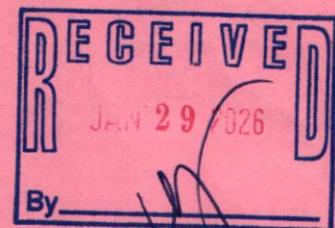
Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: Child Safety Event

Woman's Club sponsoring event with 10 other organizations
to provide families with information about Child Safety

Time: Saturday, May 16th 10 Am - 3 pm

^{FYI}
Action: Sanders City Health Dept will put up traffic
control cones for child car seat inspections on Fri May 15
(day before the event)



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Wednesday before the Council Meeting.**

RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

City of Los Angeles, California

Resolved, that the Board of Directors do hereby authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver to the City of Los Angeles, California, a check in the amount of \$100.00 to the order of the City of Los Angeles, California, for the purpose of paying the balance of the account of the City of Los Angeles, California, in the name of the City of Los Angeles, California, in the amount of \$100.00.

Attest: City Clerk

Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Los Angeles, California, this 10th day of January, 1912.

City Manager

City of Los Angeles, California

City of Los Angeles, California

RECEIVED
BY

All orders must be accompanied by check on the City of Los Angeles, California.

**REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

Diane Morrin and Lucretia Yurczyk-Smith
Represented by Tina Daugherty_ Phone #_406-210-1123, Tina____

request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the__2/9____2026__, City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information:___The unimproved, 20 foot wide alley in Block 6 of
Donlan's Addition off of Madison St.

Time:___10 Minutes_____

Action:___We would like to have the alley abandoned, with the land
divided between the two adjacent land owners; and a utility
easement in favor of the City to remain in place.

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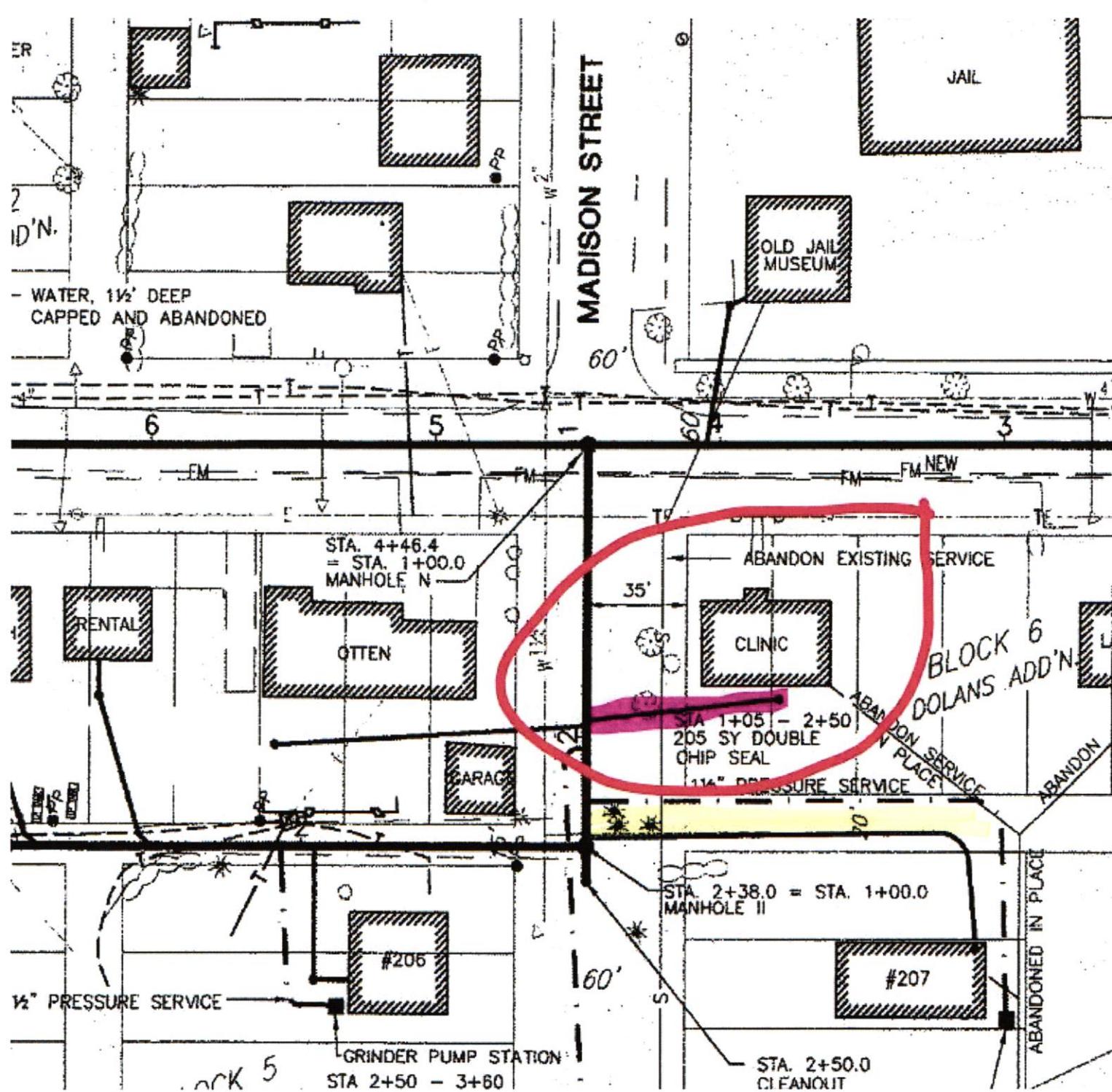




DONLAN'S ADDITION
 & REARRANGEMENT OF BLKS 4, 5, 6 & 8 and
 BLOCK 7 OF DONLAN'S 2ND ADDITION

T21 R29 Sections 7 & 8

1" = 100'



**REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

I, Diane Morrin
Lucretia Yurczyk-Smith Phone # 406-210-1123
Tina Daugherty as Representative

request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the 2-9 2026, City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: Alley in Block 6 of Donlan's, 20 ft wide,
unimproved.

Time: _____

Action: We would like to have the alley abandoned
by the city with splitting the land between the
two adjacent owners, providing a utility easement

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Wednesday before the Council Meeting.**

**REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

I, Annie Wooden Phone # 827-3421

request the following item be placed on the agenda for the
February 9 2026, City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: 2026 Beautification Days

Time: 10 minutes

Action: We are asking the city to help pay for marketing and help
with accessibility and trash pickup.

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Wednesday before the Council Meeting.**

REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL

I, Annie Wooden Phone # 827-2421

request the following item be placed on the agenda for the
February 9 2026 City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: 2026 Beautification Days

Time: 10 minutes

Action: We are asking the city to help pay for marketing and help
with accessibility and trash pickup.

All agenda requests must be submitted by noon on
Wednesday before the Council Meeting.

**REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

I, Annie Woaden Phone # 827-3421

request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the February 9 2026, City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: Thompson Falls Farmers Market

Time: 5 minutes

Action: Approve market thursdays 4-6pm
and respectfully requesting flat fee of
\$ 100 as in previous years. Thank!

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Wednesday before the Council Meeting.**

**REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
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I, Cybil Buchanan - T. Falls Library Phone # 406-827-3547

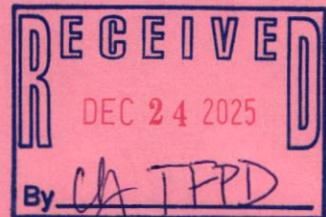
request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the Feb. 9th (?) 2026, City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: Requesting an addendum (?) to the
Comprehensive Plan 2025 to correct inaccurate
terms regarding T. Falls Library

Time: 5 minutes - 10 minutes or less

Action: [Signature]



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Wednesday before the Council Meeting.**

Thompson Falls Mayor

From: Kevin Angland <kangland@greatwesteng.com>
Sent: Friday, December 26, 2025 9:06 AM
To: Thompson Falls Mayor
Cc: tfl3557@blackfoot.net
Subject: RE: Growth policy comment

ops? Rusti

Hi Rusti and Kelliann,

I hope you both had a wonderful Christmas. Since the plan has been adopted, any amendments would have to follow a similar process that we went through previously.

There would need to be another Planning Board public hearing after noticing the hearing, and then follow with the passing of the amendment at the City Council.

This would open things up to the public once again for them to comment on the document as a whole, but the decision for the amendment would be entirely up to the City.

If you do choose to amend the document, use the word document that I had sent on to make the changes in the document, show the public what the changes were, and then when done, re-PDF the document.

I would be more than happy to help guide you all along the way!

Thanks!



Kevin Angland

Planner, CFM

d: (406) 740-7250

o: (406) 952-1109

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Great Falls, MT 59405

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From: Thompson Falls Mayor <tfallsmayor@blackfoot.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 24, 2025 11:29 AM
To: Kevin Angland <kangland@greatwesteng.com>
Cc: tfl3557@blackfoot.net
Subject: Growth policy comment

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Make sure you trust this sender before taking any actions.

Hi Kevin,

The library has several comments about the section on the library. I explained that the plan had been approved, but that I would ask if an insert created with their information could be done and put up on website to give the "facts" and inserted into the growth policys.

Thanks and happy holidays

Rusti

Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

City of Thompson Falls

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I, Gussie Phone # _____

request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the February 9 2026, City Council Meeting:

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approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: _____

Time: 6:00 pm

Action: 1st reading of Ordinance 359
Speeding limitations

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Wednesday before the Council Meeting.**

ORDINANCE NO. 369

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SPEEDING AS A MUNICIPAL INFRACTION
UNDER MCA §7-1-4150**

SECTION 1. Purpose and Authority.

Whereas, this ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to municipalities under MCA § 7-1-4150, which permits a municipality to designate violations of municipal ordinances and certain state-law fine-only offenses as municipal infractions punishable by civil penalty.

SECTION 2. Adoption of Speed Regulations.

Whereas, the City of Thompson Falls hereby adopts by reference the speed restrictions contained in MCA Title 61, Chapter 8, Part 3, including all amendments thereto, as the speed regulations applicable within the corporate limits of the City.

A violation of any adopted speed restriction occurring within the City limits is hereby declared a municipal infraction.

SECTION 3. Civil Penalties.

1. The civil penalty for a municipal infraction established under this ordinance shall not exceed the maximum penalty provided under the corresponding state speeding statute adopted by reference.
2. If the speeding violation constitutes a criminal offense under state law that is punishable only by a fine, the City shall impose all **mandatory statutory surcharges** required by MCA §§ 3-1-317(1)(a), 3-1-318(1), and 46-18-236(6)(a), and such surcharges shall be distributed as required by state law.

SECTION 4. Enforcement and Civil Citations.

1. Any peace officer or code enforcement officer authorized by the City may issue a civil citation to a person who commits a municipal infraction.
2. Each citation must contain the information required by MCA §7-1-4150(4), including:
 - a. name and address of the defendant,
 - b. description of the infraction,
 - c. location and time,
 - d. civil penalty amount or alternate relief sought,

- e. manner and time for payment,
- f. time and place of court appearance, and
- g. penalty for failure to appear.

SECTION 5. Jurisdiction.

The Thompson Falls City Court shall have jurisdiction over all municipal infractions established by this ordinance.

SECTION 6. No Dual Prosecution.

WHEREAS a person may not be prosecuted for the same act under both this municipal infraction ordinance and the corresponding state criminal offense on which the infraction is based, as required by MCA § 7-1-4150(3)(c).

SECTION 7. Disposition of Penalties.

Whereas, all civil penalties collected under this ordinance shall be deposited into the City of Thompson Falls General Fund, unless otherwise required by state law for mandatory surcharges.

SECTION 8. Public Notice.

Whereas, the proposed ordinance will undergo a second reading at the next regular meeting of the Thompson Falls City Council. During the second reading, the Council will review the ordinance in its final form, take public comment, and consider a motion for final adoption. Final passage may occur at this meeting if approved by a majority of the Council. The second reading serves as the public's formal opportunity to comment on the ordinance before it becomes eligible for adoption.

SECTION 9. Publication of Notice of Intent.

Whereas, the City Council hereby directs that notice of the Council's intent to adopt this ordinance be published in accordance with § 7-1-4127, MCA. The notice shall be published twice, with the first publication occurring not less than five business days prior to the Council meeting at which final action will be considered, and shall include the date, time, and place of the meeting; a brief statement of the proposed ordinance; and the name, address, and telephone number of the City official designated to provide additional information. If newspaper publication is unavailable or insufficient under § 7-1-4127, the notice shall be posted in the three public places designated by ordinance, and on the City's website if active.

SECTION 10. Severability.

If any section, subsection, or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after passage and approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS, MONTANA THIS 9TH DAY OF March, 2026.

By: _____
Gussie O'Connor, Mayor

Attest: _____
Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

