

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 11, 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; Shawni Vaught, Katherine Maudrone, Earlene Powell, and Larry Lack (arrived at 6:13 pm)

Present via phone: Hayley Allen-Blakney, City Council Vice President

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. (Ribeiro, Vaught)

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

Standing Committee Reports— The Planning Committee met to review an aggregation deed for John Hamilton, which was approved and signed by the committee chair Earlene Powell.

ACTION TAKEN

1. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the 405 Haley Ave W water adjustment for a leak without the owner being present due to illness. There were public comments. (Ribeiro, Vaught)
2. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) with conditions for 408 Maiden Lane. There were public comments. (Ribeiro, Powell)
3. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the 409 Adams water adjustment for a leak. There were public comments. (Vaught, Powell)

4. The Council motioned 6-0 to move to the Planning Committee. There were public comments. (Ribeiro, Powell)
5. The Council motioned 6-0 to move to the Community and Public Relations Committee. There were public comments. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)
6. The Council motioned 6-0 that the mayor and the clerk discuss information and distribution. (Ribeiro, Vaught)
7. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the bid award to S&L Underground. There were public comments. (Ribeiro, Powell)
8. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the position of Employee Janitor (Lisa Gregory). (Ribeiro, Vaught)
9. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Sewer Project Phase 3 & 4 Pay Application for Reimbursement. (Ribeiro, Lack)
10. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Water Project Pay Application for Reimbursement. (Ribeiro, Vaught)

Unscheduled Public Comment: There were no unscheduled public comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

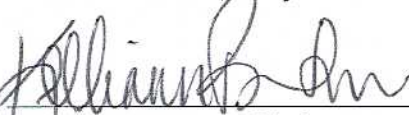
- Received calls with questions about a structure on adjoining property, how it might affect them with rain runoff and snow load. Had subsequent meetings with the builder of the structure and the adjoining neighbors... they are working on finding a mutually agreeable solution.
- Prebid meeting for Wastewater Phases 3&4
- Teleconference with funding agencies
- Attended Main Street meeting
- It was reported to me that the speed limit sign of 45 mph is missing on the eastbound side of Hwy 200. People coming from Blue Slide and/or Rimrock do not see the sign further west that would give them the speed limit. That sign is now in place.
- Budget work on expenditures for 25/26
- Recap the issues the City encountered getting the BNSF permit for easement on Phases 3&4 as per email questions from the League of Cities
- Committee meetings for Growth Policy, Aggregations, and Zoning Variance request
- Bid opening for Wastewater Phase 3&4
- Red Cross called to verify that we would continue to be available as a shelter in the event of an emergency

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelliann Barton, Clerk