

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

Monday, February 12, 2024



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
Katherine Maudrone
Earlene Powell
Shawni Vaught
Larry Lack

City Officials Present:

Rusti Leivestad, Mayor
Chelsea Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer
Tim Goen, City Attorney
Police Chief, Chris Nichols
Police Officer, Jason Thornton

Others signed in: Sign in sheet attached.

Rusti Leivestad opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Chelsea Peterson made note of who was present.

The Council passed a motion 6-0 to approve setting the agenda. (Ribeiro, Allen-Blakney)

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

Standing Committee Reports- The Streets and Alleys Committee met February 1, 2024 to look into placing a stop sign at the corner of Woodland Street and Preston Avenue. The committee decided to leave it a Yield sign.

Community Decay Update – None

Information: None

ACTION TAKEN

1. The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve Resolution #841 regarding the Montana Local Government Review & Establishing a study commission. (Allen-Blakney)
Public Comment: Kristen Wing asked where to find the information. It was explained that the information will be in the upcoming Mayors Corner in the Sanders County Ledger and for further information she could find information on the mt.gov website. Gunner Junge asked if this is where you can change from nonpartisan to partisan. Mark Sheets said that the Form of Government could be

changed during this process. Melinda Thompson asked if the Wards can be changed. Kristen Wing asked about the \$25,000 that would be taxed to the taxpayers and if it was for one year. It was explained that it would be spread over two years but will levy for all next Fiscal cycle FY2025. Barb Mosher asked if she can sit on the committee without being a resident. She was informed per the State Law no you have to be a resident.

2. The Council made a motion 6-0 to table the fee schedule. (Powell, Vaught)
3. The Council made a motion 6-0 to table the Public Records Resolution & Policy & Forms. (Ribeiro, Vaught)
4. The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve the Auditor Contract. (Ribeiro, Lack)
5. The Council made a motion 6-0 to table the Wastewater Project Request for Reimbursements Phases 1 & 2. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)
6. The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve the Wastewater Phases 1 & 2 Change Order #16. (Maudrone, Lack) Public Comment: Asked if the work that was happening downtown was being paid for by just the people on the hill and she was informed that the residence downtown have been on the sewer system since the 1990's and have been paying the loans for the lagoon, sewer system and O&M. Melinda Thompson had questions about her sewer system. Tamra Shear asked for a timeline and process for the Storm Water project.
7. The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve the Wastewater Project Request for Reimbursements for Phases 3 & 4. (Ribeiro, Vaught) Public Comment: Beth Junge asked when construction will start. She was informed that it should be going out to bid this late Spring with construction to follow. Barb Mosher asked if the city has to accept the lowest bid and was informed that no the city does not have to award to the lowest bidder but the construction company has to meet all the criteria set forth by the city engineer. Dean Johnson asked about the lawsuit with Razz Construction and was informed that the city cannot talk about pending litigations.

Unscheduled Public Comment:

Tamara Shear- said there were problems with the road on the corner of Maiden Lane and Broad Street.

Cindy Bronner - apologized to Council for being rude or if she upset the Council. She also said that she is a fact finder, wants to expose the truth, is passionate about the people and what she shares on social media. She wants to set the record straight from the meeting minutes in December that she is not a CPA and never said she was.

Kristin Wing- had concerns about the water test form that was mailed out and wants to know why the EPA wants to know, has concerns about EPA condemning houses and doesn't want to fill out the form. Tod Wakefield explained that he is also having to do this, and it is a good thing because if someone has lead pipes there will be grant funding available to help people out.

Gunner Junge - gave a letter from Steve and Jill Fairbanks regarding if the exercise business they have on Preston Avenue can continue and be sold as an exercise business. They were informed yes in the current and proposed zoning exercise businesses are allowed in the permitted uses.

Katherin Maudrone- Congratulated Barb and John Mosher for getting a grant for their electric buses.

Helen Jensen - asked if the pool will be open this year.

MAYORS REPORT –

Met with a couple of veterans regarding the Memorial at Ainsworth Field. They have some questions and concerns about the maintenance responsibilities. I've been reviewing the MOU to get clarification.

Chelsea, Erica and I had a Zoom meeting with Ascent and Avista regarding the pool. Discussion about helping fund swimming lessons for young people or other possible ways to support usage.

Teleconference with Great West and Rural Development on status of Phases 1&2 for final completion, Phase 3&4 in final design to be to DEQ in March, Water Project in final design to DEQ by May.

Had meeting with TRACS, and Chris Nichols regarding costs for MOU.

Zoom meetings for New Officials, a 5-week series.

Microsoft Team meeting for Government Review

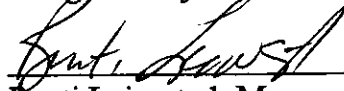
Attended a Zoom with DOT regarding Safe Streets – some ideas discussed were Radar Signs and traffic problems at elementary school when people pick up their children.

A letter was sent to all water users regarding EPA guidelines. The letter included a test form to determine the service line material where it enters the home at the service meter. If you have any questions about this or need help, contact city hall for assistance.

Will be going to Montana Municipal Elected Officials Workshop in May.


I have reviewed the Wayfinding Plan, met with Kayla Mosher about my comments. An updated plan should be available for final review next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTEST:



Chelsea Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer

City of Thompson Falls City Council Meetings



Zoning Committee Meeting
City Hall, 108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT
Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 5:15 P.M.

Agenda:

Public Comment to be taken on agenda items.

1. Going over the whole Zoning Ordinance to make sure correct with the MT State Law specifically Section 10-01-18
2. Adding Daycares to residential areas
3. Adding Short Term Rentals in residential areas (Airbnb's and Bed & Breakfast)
4. Taking off the Adult Shops
5. Storage Units
6. Parking Lots
7. Electric Charging Stations for Electric Buses and other vehicles

and

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AGENDA

OPEN MEETING

ROLL CALL OF THE COUNCIL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA: Claims, Minutes, Financial Reports, Court Report, Water Shut-off

List/Arrangements

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFORMATIONAL: None

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Rusti Leivestad will present the Agenda Item unless otherwise listed.

1. Resolution regarding Montana Local Government Review & Establishing a study commission –
Public Comment
2. Fee Schedule - Public Comment
3. Public Records Resolution & Policy & Forms -Public Comment
4. Auditor Contract - Public Comment
5. Wastewater Project Request for Reimbursements Phases 1 & 2 - Public Comment
6. Wastewater Project Request Change Order #16 - Public Comment
7. Wastewater Project Request for Reimbursements Phases 3 & 4 - Public Comment

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 minutes

MAYOR'S REPORT

ADJOURN

****There may be issues discussed during the meeting which may not be listed on the agenda. If a decision is required on items of significant interest, it will be scheduled for another date/time and posted within the required 48-hour notice. This schedule is subject to change without notice but will be posted within the required 48-hour notice. If you have any questions, please contact 406-827-3557.**

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| Stephanie Webb | ✓ | | 39 Silcox Park Ln, FF |
| Julie Repp | | | 408 Madison St FF |
| Steven Taylor | ✓ | | 307 Washington St |
| Julie Repp | | | W. Runkle Dr FF 59873 |
| Julie REPP | | | 211 CLAY ST. 59873 |
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| Cindy Bronner | | ✓ | 93 Cherry Creek Rd |
| WILLIAM KENYON | | | 78 Fir Drive |
| Tobias Levin | | | Maple St. TF |
| Gary Hinkle | | ✓ | 5 Gable |
| GREG HINKLE | | | 5 Gable Rd |
| Helen Jensen | | | 24 Park Pl TF |
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| <p>Catherine DeWitt</p> | | | <p>102 N. Gallatin T.F</p> |
| <p>Tracy Scott</p> | | | <p>Valley Press Plains</p> |
| <p>Steve Oswald</p> | | | <p>203 S. Gallatin T.F</p> |
| <p>Leslie BRANT</p> | | | <p>441 Cherry Cr. Rd.</p> |
| <p>John Susk</p> | | | <p>1206 Helen Ave</p> |
| <p>LINDA & Ron Weygand</p> | | | <p>504 Cherry Crk</p> |
| <p>HOWARD JANKS</p> | | | <p>2503 Mossy Rock Ct</p> |
| <p>FRANK ROBERTS</p> | | | <p>117 WOODLAND T.F.</p> |
| <p>Ann. Moody</p> | | | <p>Ledge</p> |
| <p>Rick A Price</p> | | | <p>110 CLAY ST. T.F</p> |

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| <i>David Anderson</i> | | | <i>707 Blue Slide Rd</i> |
| <i>MARK sheets</i> | | | <i>215 Grove St.</i> |
| <i>James White</i> | | | <i>3220 US 93 South</i> |
| <i>TAMBA RANDEAN</i> | ✓ | ✓ | <i>704 Maiden Lane</i> |
| <i>Gussie O'Connor</i> | | | |
| <i>Krista Wing</i> | All | yes | |
| <i>Rick & Lesley Tagerberg</i> | | | <i>1417 Maiden Lane</i> |
| <i>Karen Higgins</i> | | | <i># 7 Fawn Lane</i> |
| <i>Mike Wells</i> | | | <i>Silcox Ln.</i> |
| <i>Lynette Elliott</i> | | ✓ | <i>1014 Maiden</i> |

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| Nancy Johnson | ✓ | ✓ | Res of TF |
| Dean Johnson | ✓ | ✓ | Res of TF |
| Jason VanHoo | | | Res of TF |
| Tony Cox | ✓ | ✓ | 212 1/2 Lincoln |
| Melinda Thompson | | | 219 Park |
| Randy Duffield | | | 219 Park |
| Cynthia Wynn | | | TFalls |
| David A. McNeill | | | 15 Osprey Dr. E. TF |
| Mark Bronner | ✓ | | 93 cherry crk TF |

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| Jill Fairbank | | | 507 Preston |
| Todd Wakefield | | | 60 East Steamboat Way |
| JASON STEVENSON | | | |
| Donna McQueen | | | |
| Nadean Nelson | | | 207 Woodland |
| Philip Williamson | | | 1219 MAIN ST. |
| Jea Herndon | | | 12 Gileston Lane |
| BOB CLARK | | | 409 ADAMS ST. |
| Ricki Clark | | | Adams St. |
| MARY DUNN | ✓ | | SILCOX Lane |