

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

Monday, May 13, 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  
Larry Lack  
Shawni Vaught  
Not present: n/a

City Officials Present:

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

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

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

Chelsea Peterson made note who was present.

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

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

Standing Committee Reports- The Zoning Committee/Board of Adjustments Committee met to discuss Zoning Variance Request for Mosher Transportation requesting to build electric vehicle charging stations for electric buses. The committee is requesting plans at all 3 locations: 425 Washington Street, 418 Washington Street, and 323 Greenwood Street:

- a. A plan for decommissioning the diesel buses
- b. A plan to clean up the properties
- c. A placement permit plan for the buildings in regard to dimensions so they meet the setback regulations

The Committee recommended approving only the electric vehicle charging stations. When the Mosher's decide to build a building, they must fill out a Placement Permit and have it approved by the Public Works Director and the Mayor.

Community Decay Update – None

Information: The Department of Transportation (MDT) updated the Council on current and upcoming projects in the city and county.

**ACTION TAKEN**

The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve a Zoning Variance Request for Mosher Transportation requesting to build electric vehicle charging stations for electric buses at 3 locations: 425 Washington Street, 418 Washington Street, and 323 Greenwood Street. When the Moshers decide to build a building, they must fill out a Placement Permit and have it approved by the Public Works Director and the Mayor to ensure the buildings meet the Setback regulations. (Ribeiro, Vaught)

Unscheduled Public Comment:

Gunner Junge asked Rusti how training went.

Greg Hinkle believes he can find a solution to the friction between the people. He stated he sent a certified letter to the Mayor and that the 3-minute time limit doesn't cut it.

Tamara Shear stated that the October 9th meeting did not reflect the statement she had read.

Linda Weygint suggested that the City Clerk/Treasurer do some training so people can understand financial reports.

Kristin Wing was upset that the citizens could not access the millings.

Steve Oswald referred to the April 8th meeting regarding a comment made about staff not living in city limits. He said it's not required, and the Council members are the only person making the financial decisions.

Melinda Thompson was upset she was denied a place on the agenda. She said she had learned a lot about the government review process and believed her agenda item was worthy.

Gail Hinkle had a public comment regarding having the financials available for review at the meeting.

**MAYORS REPORT –**

Mayor's Report April/May 2024

Met with a resident about variance request

Teleconference in Wastewater phases 3&4 status

Several meetings with various representatives of IIG regarding the proposed installation of fiber optic cable

Reviewed water and wastewater rates in the DNRC report and compared to TF rates ( we are somewhere in the middle)

Followed up on complaint about pole being in the way of drivers

Attended County refuse board meeting

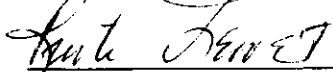
Continuing to define MOU for Ainsworth Memorial

Main Street Meeting

Read to Kindergartners (sponsored by Women's Club)

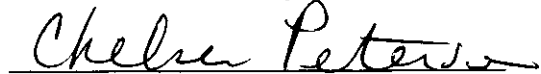
Reviewing history at Wild Goose Landing – use and maintenance  
Served at the 7th Grader Etiquette Lunch (Earlene was there as well)  
25 and 35 MPH Traffic speed signs have been moved 500 feet at each end of town.  
Women's Club is now fundraising for Speed feedback signs  
Attended Municipal Elected Official's Workshop  
Attended Board of Adjustment meeting  
Attended Zoning Committee meeting.  
Took part in Partial Completion Walkthrough for Phases 1 &2

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



Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTEST:



Chelsea Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer

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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: The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) will update on current or upcoming projects in the city/county.

ACTION ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

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

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Public Comment

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT – The public may speak for up to 3 minutes one time about anything, not on the agenda.

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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Please Print		Please Print ~ thank you
Steve Oswald	✓ unscheduled	203 S. Gallatin T.F.
BARB Mosher		
John Mosher		81 Elk Ridge FF
Vi Caudle		
LEA HERNDON	<del>108 S. GALLATIN T.F.</del>	12 GIBBERDINE LN, T.F.
JASON PERKINS		700 Southwood
Cody Allen	✓	
TAMARA BARKER	✓	704 Maiden Lane
SENATOR GREG HINKLE	✓	5 BRACK T.F.
Gail Hinker	✓	5 Gable T.F.

Annie Woodin

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<i>Tobias Leinert</i>		
<i>Ruth CHENEY</i>		<i>1806 PTH, TF</i>
<i>DeWanda Thompson</i>		<i>219 Park</i>
<i>Randy Duffield</i>		<i>219 Park</i>
<i>Dean Johnson</i>		<i>Citizen</i>
<i>Nancy Johnson</i>		<i>Citizen</i>
<i>Ros Christell</i>		
<i>Ren &amp; LINDA Weygand</i>		<i>504 Cherry Crk</i>
<i>Gunnar &amp; Beth Terzaga</i>		<i>407 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.</i>
<i>Krista Wuy</i>		<i>1214 Haley</i>
<i>John Schmidt</i>		<i>MDT</i>
<i>Bob Voser</i>		<i>MDT</i>

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<i>Philip Williamson</i>		<i>1219 Main St</i>
<b>ROB CLARK</b>		<i>409 Adams</i>
<i>Ricki Clark</i>		<i>409 Adams</i>
<i>Ginny Brown</i>	☺	
<i>Judy Jorgensen</i>		<i>Ula Rounin Dr TF</i>