

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

Monday, November 13, 2023



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

Council Members Present:

Acting Mayor, Raoul Ribeiro, City Council President
Hayley Allen-Blakney, City Council Vice President
Katherine Maudrone
Earlene Powell
Shawni Vaught
Larry Lack

City Officials Present: City Clerk/Treasurer, Chelsea Peterson, and Tim Goen

Others signed in: Sign in sheet attached.

Raoul Ribeiro opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Chelsea Peterson made note of who was present.

Unscheduled Public Comment:

Raoul Ribeiro informed the public that the council was not taking any action tonight on any zoning issues. He explained that any zoning issues would first be discussed at the committee level, then presented to the full council. When the committee sets the next meeting date the public will be informed via posting sites

Greg Hinkle said I'm glad you clarified what's going on. To clarify, we're all grateful we live in Sanders County. We live in a bubble. I would just like to put it out there that we don't need to be making changes to Sanders County.

Jake Susic informed the Council of the rumors of possible housing at the Orchard property. He said as far as housing he would like the council to put forth a memo that housing or permanent structures are off the table and to back the community members.

Cindy Bronner submitted 444 signatures on a petition she created. The petition requests the city council change the Orchard property zoning from residential A to recreation.

Rob Clark said that there is a major concern that housing could be an option.

Lorilee Cuvillier asked if Mayor interviews were happening in the meeting.

Peggy Bates addressed the Council on rezoning the Mule Pasture to be recreational use only and suggested to the public to contact Senator Daines regarding a bill that is in the Legislature right now that he is a co-sponsor on.

Mark Sheets addressed the Council regarding NorthWestern Energy and their relicensing that is coming up and that they should make sure the easement around our sewer lines will be okay in the future.

Brian Cole addressed the Council regarding zoning issues and how his property was zoned, upset with how the map was created and upset about the sewer project.

Dean Johnson, upset about having to be annexed into the city for water and the sewer project.

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

Standing Committee Reports- None
Community Decay Update – None
Information: None

ACTION TAKEN

1. The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. (Vaught, Lack)
2. The Council made a motion 6-0 to table the Commercial Real Estate Lease for the Community Center for Pre-School. (Powell, Vaught)
3. The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve a letter of support for the Rex Theater Grant. (Vaught, Lack)
4. The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve the letter of support for recertification of Lake County Community Development Corporation. (Allen-Blakney, Maudrone)
There was public comment regarding what this was about, the timeline and why the Community Development Corporation did not attend the meeting. Raoul informed everyone that this organization has helped the city with many projects in the past and currently with the Community Needs Survey on the city website.
5. The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve the water leak adjustment of \$796.22 on the water/sewer bill for the Conoco owned by the Moshers. (Lack, Powell)
6. The Council made a motion 6-0 to table the Records Request Resolution Policy. (Maudrone, Powell)
7. The Council made a motion 6-0 to table Intercap Loan and Resolution for Skid Steer Loader and Trailer. (Allen-Blakney, Vaught)
8. The Council made a motion 6-0 approve the Great West Engineering Contract for updating the Capital Improvements Plan. (Maudrone, Powell)
9. The Council made a motion 6-0 to table the Great West Engineering Contract for the upcoming Water Project. (Powell, Vaught)
10. The Council made a motion 6-0 to table Wastewater Project request for reimbursements for Phases 1 & 2. (Maudrone, Powell)
11. The Council made a motion to approve the Wastewater Project request for reimbursements for Phases 3 & 4. (Maudrone, Lack) There was public comment on where the reimbursement is coming from. Raoul informed everyone that the

payment was to Great West Engineering and the city will be getting a reimbursement from the ARPA Grant.

12. The Council made a motion to table the Water Project request for reimbursements. (Allen-Blakney, Vaught)
13. The Council made a motion to approve the Wastewater project Change Orders 10, 11, 12 & 14. (Maudrone, Allen-Blakney) There was public comment about Park Street and how Razz Construction has not finished. There were questions about where the sewer lagoon sludge will go, when and where the weekly meetings for the sewer project are, and complaints about the sewer project. There were also complaints about the paving of Main Street this last summer and how businesses lost money. There were questions about when Phases 3 & 4 of the wastewater project will go out to bid. There were questions about who audits the construction companys work when it is done. The City Engineer informed the public they hire an inspector to inspect the construction work being done and that they are finishing the final design and will go out to bid in the Spring of 2024 and construction will begin after that. There were more complaints about Park Street & Ferry Street regarding the clean up from the sewer project. Someone asked if the County could move the sludge from the lagoon.
14. The Council made a motion to appoint Russlyn Leivestad as Mayor until December, 31, 2024. (Ribeiro, Lack) The Council interviewed 3 candidates. The public was given the opportunity to ask the 3 candidates questions. There was public comment regarding advise for the Council appointing the Mayor.

MAYORS NOTES - None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.


Raoul Ribeiro, Interim Mayor

ATTEST: 
City Clerk/Treasurer, Chelsea Peterson

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Sign in Sheet

NAME (Please Print)	Would you like to address the council? √ = yes	Street Address
Please Print		Please Print ~ thank you
Melissa M Porcari	.	33 Dagny Ct Trout Creek, MT 59824
Dagny Bate	yes	4441 Hwy 200 T. Falls
Robert Legault		304 Park TF
Nanette Hauke	yes	105 Park St Thompson Falls
Avenue Boon		511 Grizzly dr.
Walker B. Bergmann	yes	321 Park Street Thompson Falls, MT
Cardace Geisbusch		5 Silcox Park Ln
Chadd Laws		18 Laws Lane, TF
Amy Laws		18 Laws Lane TF
Ron Chishell		200 Woodlin Ln.
Karen Sheets		225 Grove St TFalls
Delo Wilson		11 ESTATE RD.
Brylan Cole	yes	1210 Haley Ave W.
Kim McMahan	on agenda	Plains, MT
Margaret Junema.7		7 Fruitland Ln TF
Malvin Patterson		106 3 rd Ave W TF
Tobo Leivestad		Maple St. TF
Kayla Mosher		EWK Ridge Rd
Ruth Cherry		806 Pine Tree Hollow

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Donna McQueen		111 Hill Street
Shirley Lucas		551 Shugly Dr. T. Falls
ROB CLARK		409 ADAMS ST T.F.
Ricki CLARK		409 Adams St. T.F.
Nancy Johnson		76 Steamboat Way E T.F.
Michelle Brigham		11 STEAMBOAT W. W. T.F.
KUSTI CEVESTAD		534 MAPLE ST TF
SANDY LANGFORD		542 Shugly Dr TF
Cathy Mills		33 Showlene Dr, TF
Julia Vanicek		1000 3rd Ave W, TF
Madean Nelson		207/209 Woodland St, TF
Summer Beth Jurgens		207 E 4th AVE, TF
Richard Magaffin		417 Grove Street
DAVID SQUIR		103 HILL ST.S.
Gerald & Rhonda Cuvillier		1315. Tring Bellman Trout Creek
Richard LA FRANCE		5 Five Mile Rd TF
Ron & Sheryll Alday		317 Adams TF
Stephanie Webb		39 Silcox Park Ln TF
Bob Knack		33 Prospect Cr Rd T.F.
DAW E. MILLIGAN		190 HARLOW RD. TF
Deborah J. HARLOW-MILLIGAN		190 HARLOW RD. TF

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Gwelle Mitchell	✓	15 OSPREY DR E TFalls 59873
David Oll Mitchell		15 Osprey dr. E T-falls 59873
Terry V. Grimmer		110 clay ST. T.F.
Rick Price		110 clay ST. T.F.
Randy Duffield		219 Park ST TF
Melinda Thompson		219 Park ST TF
CAROL & TIM NORRIS		
MIKE BRUSE		543 GRIZZLY DRIVE
Gussie O'CONNOR		315 GROVE
Ross Gilliland		408 FERRY ST
Debbie Gilliland		408 FERRY ST
Bob Mashe		81 Elk Ridge Rd.
Tammara Shear		704 + 712 MANDEN Lane
Kerilee Cuillier		131 Sittingsbell Lane, TC
Catherine DeWitt		102 N. Gallatin Thompson Falls
Cindy Bronner		93 Cherry Creek Rd
Mark Bronner		" " "
Helmer Jensen		24 Park Pl. TF MT 59873
Sara Johnson		12 GUTTERIDGE LN T.F.
Philip Williamson		1219 main St
DEAN JOHNSON		MT SILCOX

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Lynn Bierwagen	✓	65 Grimes Creek Lane TF
Steve Oswald	✓	
Jake Sisk		1706 Hayes Ave
Juleah Ryder		215 Adams St. TF
Mike Ryder		215 Adams
Tom Legault		304 Park
John D. Haakens		33 Dagny Ct Trout Creek, MT
Jinnie Wozniak		Ledge
Lisa Snell		427 Clay Street T.F.
Nancy Fields		2715 Cornerstone Rd TF
Todd Wakefield		8212 Madison
Howard Inke		2506 Mossy Rock Ct
MARK SHEETS		215 Grove St.
Ryland Deane		208 5 th Ave. E
Tom Holleran		60 Silcox Lane TF FALLS
CARRIE GARDNER		GREAT WEST ENGINEERING
Judy Johnson		66 Riverview Dr TF 59789
Christine Monday		12 Buck Ct Trout Creek MT 59874
✓ MARY DONN		25 Silcox Lane TFalls 59873
Lesley Fagerberg		1417 Maiden Lane TF
RICK FABERBERG		1417 MAIDEN LANE 59873

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AGENDA

OPEN MEETING

ROLL CALL OF THE COUNCIL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SET THE AGENDA

**CONSENT AGENDA: Claims, Minutes, Financial Reports, Court Report, Water Shut-off
List/Arrangements**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFORMATIONAL:

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Raoul Ribeiro will present Agenda Item unless otherwise listed.

1. Commercial Real Estate Lease for the Community Center for Pre-School Krystal Park
2. Letter of Support for the Rex Theater Grant
3. Letter of support for recertification of Lake County Community Development Corporation
4. Conoco water leak requesting adjustment to water/sewer bill Barb Mosher
5. Records Request Resolution Policy
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7. Great West Engineering Contract for updating the Capital Improvements Plan
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11. Water Project Request for Reimbursements
12. Sewer Project Change Orders for Phases 1 & 2
13. Interview for Mayor position and appoint Mayor

MAYOR'S REPORT

ADJOURN

***Public Comment will be heard on agenda items.**

****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 question please contact 406-827-3557.**