

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

Monday, October 9, 2023



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, Shawni Vaught, Earlene Powell, Hayley Allen-Blakney, City Council Vice President and Larry Lack

City Officials Present: City Clerk/Treasurer, Chelsea and Jerry Lacy, Mayor

Others signed in: Sign in sheet attached.

Jerry Lacy opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Chelsea Peterson made note of who was present.

Unscheduled Public Comment: Katherine Maudrone said that she thought the mural the kids painted on the sewer lift station was beautiful. Catherine DeWit said that the Women's Club will take over Beautification Days. Jake Susic asked if the NWE Easements pertained to his property. Jerry Lacy told him no. Melinda Thompson said it would be nice if the city taped the meetings and put them on the website. Chelsea told her next July, 2024 the new State Law requires it. Tamra Shear voiced her opinion on being upset with the City Clerk and the processes she has had to go through to get her many Agenda requests dealt with.

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

Standing Committee Reports-

The Zoning Committee met for a work session to work on amending the Zoning Ordinance. They will meet again. The Streets and Alleys Committee met regarding placing a stop sign on the corner of Broad Street and Maiden Lane. They decided not to place one there.

Community Decay Update – None

Information: None

**ACTION TAKEN**

1. The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. (Powell, Vaught)
2. The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance Adopting Regulations for Winter Parking on Main Street. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)
3. The Council made a motion 6-0 to have the Mayor write a letter to MRL and the State Hwy. Department asking if it would be feasible to create diagonal parking spaces on the North side of Hwy. 200 by the Sunflower Gallery due to many businesses and more traffic in that area. (Maudrone, Ribeiro) There was public

comment from the members of the Sunflower Gallery. They stressed how nice it would be to have diagonal parking spaces on the North side of Highway 200.

4. The Council made a motion 6-0 to have the Mayor talk to the Chief of Police to do more traffic control on both sides of the city limits. There was public comment about different ways to get the money to put automated speed detector or flashing speed limit signs on both side for he City limits. (Ribeiro, Powell)
5. The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve the request for funds from the Montana Department of Commerce Montana Mains Street Program for the Wayfinding Plan. (Allen-Blakney) There was public comment on the Wayfinding Project.
6. The Council made a motion 6-0 to table the Wastewater Project Request for Reimbursements for Phases 1 & 2. (Ribeiro, Lack)
7. The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve the Wastewater Project Request for Reimbursements for Phases 3 & 4. (Maudrone, Lack)
8. The Council made a motion 6-0 to table the Water Project Request for Reimbursement. (Ribeiro, Allen-Blakney)
9. The Council made a motion 5-0 to sell asphalt millings to the County. (Ribeiro, Powell) Maudrone abstained. There was public comment asking questions about the rest of the millings and where they would be used also if private property owners could use some.
10. The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve the Records Destruction Form. (Maudrone, Allen-Blakney) There was public comment on what records were being destroyed.

#### MAYORS NOTES

Attended sewer project meetings with Great West and Razz on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Had 2 meetings with Police Chief Nichols about encroachments and street safety concerns. Met with City Attorney for Northwest Energy easements and community decay. Had 2 meetings with County Commissioner Tony Cox for exchange of ground asphalt and the possibility of a left turn lane on Highway 200 at the post office. Met with Joseph Altman about his request for adding angle parking on Main Street. Had 2 meetings with Representative Paul Fielder with citizen concerns about City sewer rates. Attended the Zoning Committee meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



Raoul Ribeiro, Acting mayor signing for Jerry Lacy as he resigned.

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
<b>Please Print</b>		<b>Please Print ~ thank you</b>
ALTMAN, JOSEPH	✓	719 MT SILCOX DR THOMPSON FALLS, MT 59873
Kathy ALTMAN		" "
Paul Karcher		Great West Eng
Jake Susic		1706 Haley Ave
Melinda Thompson	✓	219 Park St.
Randy Duffield		219 Park St
Gina West		220 Wood St 59873
Gussie O'Connor	✓	315 Grove
Gunner & Beth Jurgal		407 E 4th Ave,
Kirsti Lew ESTAD		534 MAPLE
Catherine Dewot		102 Gallatin
Katie Jo Benhardt		106 Riverwalk Ln.
Serena Pearson		708 Church St.
Shannon Brown		Ledger
Kayla Mosher		121 Elk Ridge Rd
AMBER SEAR		704 MADON + 712 MADON
Kirsten Wuy		
Tobe Lepinard		Maple St.

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Bowman		81 Elk Ridge Rd.

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**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:**

1. **Parking Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

**Jerry Lacy**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Jerry Lacy will present Agenda Item unless otherwise listed.

2. **Diagonal Parking Spaces North side of Hwy. 200 by Sunflower Gallery due to many businesses and more traffic in that area**  
**Joseph Altman**
3. **Speeding on Hwy 200 by Barber Shop – possibly put in automated speed detector or flashing speed limit sign on both sides of the City Limits**  
**Gussie O'Connor**
4. **Request for Funds from Montana Department of Commerce Montana Main Street Program for the Wayfinding Plan**  
**Kayla Mosher**
5. **Wastewater Project Request for Reimbursements Phases 1 & 2**
6. **Wastewater Project Request for Reimbursements Phases 3 & 4**
7. **Water Project Request for Reimbursements**
8. **Selling Asphalt to the County**
9. **Records Destruction**

**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.**