

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 14, 2025



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

Council Members Present: Hayley Allen-Blakney, City Council Vice President; Shawni Vaught, Katherine Maudrone, Earlene Powell, and Larry Lack

Present via phone: Raoul Ribeiro, City Council 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

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

Rusti Leivestad opened the meeting at 6:01 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. (Powell, Allen-Blakney)

The Council passed a motion 6-0 to approve the Consent Agenda with an amendment to add Kelliann to the Budget/Finance Committee minutes. (Maudrone, Vaught)

Standing Committee Reports— The Budget/Finance Committee met to review the city pay schedule. The Budget/Finance Committee met again to review the city pool pay schedule.

ACTION TAKEN

1. The Council motioned 6-0 to table the 405 Haley Ave W water adjustment for a leak due to the owner not being present. (Vaught, Powell)
2. The Council motioned 6-0 to move to the Board of Adjustment for a variance request. There were public comments. (Maudrone, Allen-Blakney)
3. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Parks Request form, but remove Railroad Park from the form. There were public comments. (Maudrone, Vaught)
4. The Council motioned 6-0 to remove the and/or verbiage from the city pay schedule, to remove that raises are contingent on evaluations, and to approve the city lifeguard pay schedule. (Powell, Lack)

5. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the BNSF permit for Sewer Project Phases 3 & 4 for \$20,325. There were public comments. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)
6. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Sewer Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application for reimbursement. There were public comments. (Maudrone, Powell)
7. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Water Project Pay Application for Reimbursement. (Maudrone, Powell)
8. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Wastewater Bond Documents Phase 3 \$643,000 & \$1,100,000. (Allen-Blakney, Vaught)
9. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Wastewater Bond Documents Phase 4 \$750,000 & \$2,300,000. (Powell, Lack)
10. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the FY23 Water Bond Documents \$1,933,000. (Maudrone, Powell)

Unscheduled Public Comment: There were unscheduled public comments.

MAYORS REPORT –

Follow up with GWE on BNSF easement for Phase 3&4

Phase 3&4 were put out to bid, newspaper notices are being published, and bid opening is scheduled for July 31, 2025.

Discussion with Chief Nichols and Tim Goen recommending an ordinance similar to alcoholic consumption in public would be the best approach to vaping in public, especially on City property.

Attended Budget Committee meetings to discuss salary schedule updates, and create a schedule for lifeguards.

Misc interaction with Main Street leaders on details for David Thompson Days

Had three Special Meetings: 1) Sewer project pay application - TCI 2) Block Party Car Show and 3) Salary Schedule.

Attended Main Street meeting

Attended Chamber meeting

Site visit - final walk-through for Sludge project with GWE, TCI representative, Public Works.

Landowner had questions about placement permits, sewer, and water hookups in Phase 4.

Research Gas Tax as a means of paving entire streets as water and sewer projects are completed.

Surveys have been coming in on-line and paper copies to City Hall for Growth Policy. Cutoff date July 15 for comments. To date there have been 86 responses.

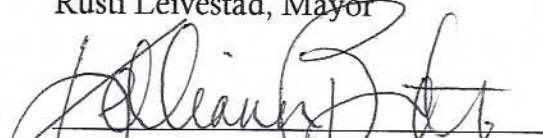
Received a complaint from a resident about debris blowing from Town Pump.

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



Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelliann Barton, Clerk