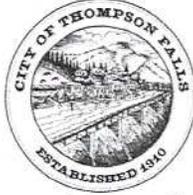


**CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 12, 2026



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

Council Members Present: Raoul Ribeiro, City Council President; Katherine Maudrone, City Council Vice President; Rusti Leivestad, Catherine DeWitt, and Mike Shear.

The City Council meeting was recorded via audio and is available for review on the city website.

City Officials Present:

Gussie O'Connor, Mayor  
Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer  
Tim Goen, City Attorney

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

Gussie O'Connor opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Kelliann Barton noted who was present.

The Council passed a 5-0 motion to set the Agenda, removing #11 & #12. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)

The Council passed a 5-0 motion to approve the Consent Agenda. (Leivestad, DeWitt)

Standing Committee Reports: none

**ACTION TAKEN**

1. Council member Maudrone nominated Raoul Ribeiro for Council President. 2 Ayes (Leivestad and Maudrone), 0 Nays, 2 Abstentions (DeWitt and Shear). Mayor O'Connor provided the deciding vote in the affirmative to elect Raoul Ribeiro as the City Council President.
  1. Council member Leivestad nominated Katherine Maudrone for Council Vice President, seconded by Ribeiro. 3 Ayes (Ribeiro, Leivestad, and DeWitt) and no response from council member Shear. Katherine Maudrone was elected City Council Vice President.
2. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to approve bank signatories, Resolution #862. There was no public comment. (Leivestad, Ribeiro)

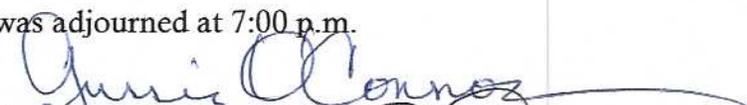
3. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to approve committee assignments. There was no public comment. (DeWitt, Leivestad)
4. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to approve a water leak credit for 525 Bighorn Dr. There was no public comment. (Leivestad, Ribeiro)
5. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to tentatively approve the HighLead Block Party for the last weekend in June. There was no public comment. (Ribeiro, DeWitt)
6. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to authorize Mayor O'Connor to speak with Mr. Clark and prepare a letter for DOT. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
7. The Council motioned 4-0 to (no response from council member Shear) to send the review of Ordinance 271 to the Streets and Alleys Committee . There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
8. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to set a Special City Council meeting for January 26 at 6 pm. There was no public comment. (Leivestad, Ribeiro)
9. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to tentatively set Arbor Day for May 7, 2026. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
10. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to approve the Comprehensive Plan Pay Application for reimbursement. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
11. The Council motioned 4-0 (no response from council member Shear) to approve the Water Project Phase 1 & 2 Pay Application for reimbursement. There was no public comment. (Leivestad, Maudrone)

Unscheduled Public Comment: There was public comment.

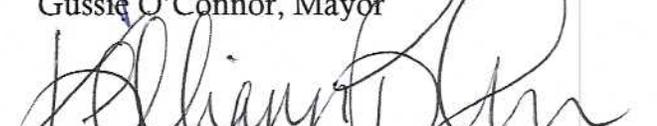
MAYOR'S REPORT –

- On Jan. 2, we swore in the new City Council members.
- I've spent time in City Hall getting familiar with computers, phones, and other materials for City Hall and meetings. I also reviewed all emails.
- I attended the weekly construction meeting with Great West, S & L Underground Construction on W/W phases 3&4
- Today I spent all day at City Hall preparing for the City Council meeting.

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

  
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 Gussie O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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 Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer