

# CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 10, 2025



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; Earlene Powell, Shawni Vaught, and Larry Lack.

Not present: Katherine Maudrone

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, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

Tim Goen, City Attorney

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

Rusti Leivestad opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kelliann Barton noted who was present.

The Council passed a motion to amend agenda item #1 from adoption to proposal 5-0 to set the amended Agenda. (Powell, Vaught)

The Council passed a motion 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. (Powell, Allen-Blakney)

Standing Committee Reports: Committee of the Whole meeting again on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm to discuss the municipal speeding code.

## ACTION TAKEN

1. The Council motioned 5-0 to send to the Committee of the Whole. There was no public comment. (Ribeiro, Vaught)
2. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the water leak credit for Cheryl Blakney. There was no public comment. (Vaught, Lack)
3. The Council motioned 5-0 to send to committee, Streets and Alleys. There was public comment. (Powell, Ribeiro)
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5. The Council motioned 5-0 to send to committee, Zoning and Board of Adjustment. There was no public comment. (Allen-Blakney, Vaught)
6. The Council motioned 5-0 to send to committee, Water and Sewer. There was no public comment. (Ribeiro, Vaught)
7. The Council motioned 4-1 to approve the Montana League of Cities and Towns Contract Amendment. There was no public comment. (Ribeiro, Allen-Blakney)
8. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the Water Project Amended BAN Resolution. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Powell)
9. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the Water Project Contract Award. There was no public comment. (Powell, Ribeiro)
10. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the Term Extension for ARPA Grant AMC-23-0068. There was no public comment. (Ribeiro, Allen-Blakney)
11. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the Wastewater Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application for reimbursement. There was no public comment. (Ribeiro, Powell)
12. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the Water Project Pay Application for reimbursement. There was no public comment. (Allen-Blakney, Vaught)

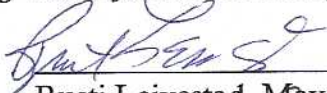
Unscheduled Public Comment: None.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT –

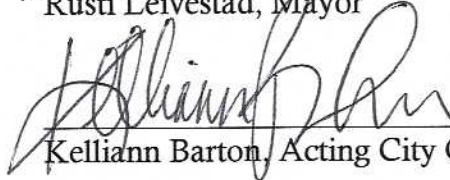
- Various comments from residents about Wastewater project – Compliments about crews and progress so far, a couple of complaints about dust. The weekly updates from contractor about where they plan to be working are being posted on City website, Facebook and City Hall door and seem to be reaching our residents and helping to keep them informed.
- Weekly Construction meetings with GWE, City (staff and Public Works), funding agencies and contractor.
- Dept of Commerce here to review compliance checklist for CDBG and MCEP for the Wastewater Phase 3&4
- Special Council meetings for Claims and Hearing/Budget Amendment
- Growth Policy Open House
- Team meeting with GWE and funding agencies. Some aspects of funding are being impacted with Government shutdown.
- Site visit and release form for remedial work.
- Attended Main Street meeting
- Attended Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Swore in reserve officer
- Submitted a budget modification to DNRC for Phase 3 W/W project to transfer \$150,000 from Engineering to RPR Services and \$529,711 from Assessment Bond Funding to Construction. This was to expedite the use of ARPA funding to avoid asking for an extension of the ARPA contract term. Given the progress that S&L has been making, it looks as though we are able to avoid asking for an extension on that project.
- Met with funding agencies to determine since the government shutdown is still unresolved - best approach to be able to award contract for Water Project.

- We received notice that Department of Commerce has approved our request to modify CDBG grant to allow an expansion of benefits to residents in Phases 1 and 2. There will be meetings soon to determine the exact process this would take and to establish the proper way to pay those assessment balances as these SIDs have been on the Tax Rolls for a few years.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

  
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Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer



## **CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS**



**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**In the City Hall, 108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT**  
**Monday, November 10, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.**

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### **AGENDA**

**OPEN MEETING** - Call to order

**ROLL CALL OF THE COUNCIL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SET THE AGENDA**

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

**COMMUNITY DECAY AND VIOLATIONS LIST REPORT** - Attached

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** - Attached

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS** - Attached

**INFORMATION:**

Growth Policy Open House

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### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Proposal of Municipal Speed Limit Code
2. Water Leak Credit: Blakney \$90.00
3. Yield Sign
4. Parking Ordinance
5. Conditional Use Permit
6. Update Water Regulation Policy
7. Montana League of Cities and Towns Contract Amendment
8. Water Project Amended Bond Anticipatory Note Resolution
9. Water Project Contract Award
10. Term Extension for ARPA Grant AMC-23-0068
11. Wastewater Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application
12. Water Project Pay Application for Reimbursement

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**UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT** - The public may speak for up to 3 minutes about items not on the agenda.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** - Mayor Rusti Leivestad's updates.

**ADJOURN**

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### **Join Zoom Meeting**

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# November

# Sign-in Sheet

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