CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 6, 2025



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

<u>Council Members Present:</u> Raoul Ribeiro, City Council President; Hayley Allen-Blakney, City Council Vice President; Katherine Maudrone, Earlene Powell, and Larry Lack. 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

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

<u>Standing Committee Reports</u>: Growth Policy Open House will be on October 29th, 6-7:30 pm at the Community Center. Karren McKinzie gave a presentation about the Montana Clean Air Act.

ACTION TAKEN

- 1. The Council motioned 5-0 to send the vaping ordinance to the Recreation/Public Properties committee. (Allen-Blakney, Ribeiro)
- 2. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the closing of Broad St on Halloween for a trunk or treat. (Ribeiro, Powell)
- 3. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the Haun water leak credit. (Maudrone, Lack)
- 4. The Council motioned 5-0 to send the adoption of the Municipal Speed Limit Code to the Committee of the Whole. There were public comments. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)
- 5. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the Kegel Easement. (Ribeiro, Lack)
- 6. The Council motioned 5-0 to issue a Notice of Award for the Water Project Contract to TCI for \$4,267,898 pending the Agency concurrence to award. (Ribeiro, Powell)

- 7. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the DNRC Renewable Resource Grant Request for Extension. (Ribeiro, Powell)
- 8. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the Wastewater Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application. (Allen-Blakney, Maudrone)
- 9. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the Water Project Pay Application for Reimbursement. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)
- 10. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the SLIPA Streets Pay Application for Reimbursement. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Powell)

Unscheduled Public Comment: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT -

- Had meetings with various residents of Pine Tree Hollow
- A resident called me about all the feral cats in her neighborhood.
- Reviewed draft Growth policy
- Discussion about some violations on placement permit and lack of one
- Meeting with Rich Wallace about Big Sky Passenger Trains passed that information along to Planning Committee for Growth Policy discussion
- Had correspondence with a resident concerned about the Antimony Mine
- Meeting with funding agencies about status of Phase 3&4 Wastewater and Water projects one major topic is ARPA funding deadline.
- Attended Phase 3&4 Wastewater construction meetings
- Attended bid opening for Water project TCI was selected low bidder
- I have written a letter to Department of Commerce to ask if they would consider using unapplied CDBG funds to help residents who qualify in Phase 1 & 2 with SID payments. A copy of the letter is on the website.
- A copy of the City's Budget Message has been included in packet. This is a good summary
 of where we stand. The entire budget will be uploaded when approved by the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer