

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS



Regular City Council Meeting
In the City Hall, 108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT
Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

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 – **Budget/Finance, Planning Board, & Budget/Finance:**
Attached

INFORMATION: Thompson Falls Community Trails Committee – Kathy Conlin

ACTION ITEMS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Comprehensive Plan

NEW BUSINESS

2. Water Leak Credit – 925 Main St
3. Block Party Car Show – American Classic Garage
4. Zoom Reinstatement – Resolution #866
5. Water & Sewer Charges to Vacant Lots – Resolution #867
6. Signage and Traffic Enforcement – Gordon Wood
7. City Personnel Policy
8. Ordinance #359 – second reading
9. Wastewater Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application for Reimbursement
10. Water Project Phases 1 & 2 Pay Application for Reimbursement

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

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Gussie O'Connor's updates.

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

Monday, February 9, 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, Larry Milner, 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, 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 5-1 motion to set the Agenda. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)
The Council passed a 5-1 motion to approve the Consent Agenda. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)

Standing Committee Reports: Committee of the Whole

ACTION TAKEN

1. The Council motioned 6-0 to appoint Kelliann Barton as the City Clerk/Treasurer. There was public comment. (Maudrone, Shear)
2. The Council motioned 4-2 to approve the Zoning/Board of Adjustment Committee. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
3. The Council motioned 5-1 to discontinue the Zoom pilot program. There was public comment. (Leivestad, Maudrone)
4. The Council motioned 5-1 to support the Women's Club Child Safety Event. There was no public comment. (Leivestad, Ribeiro)
5. The Council motioned 6-0 to table abandoning the alley off Madison St due to proper procedure needing to be followed. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, DeWitt)
6. The Council motioned 5-1 to support Beautification Days April 16-18, 2026. (Ribeiro, Maudrone) Motion amended to approve covering the cost of advertising for Beautification Days and update the city website. There was public comment. (Leivestad, Maudrone)

7. The Council motioned 6-0 to support the Thompson Falls Farmers Market and waive the \$100 park use fee. There was public comment. (DeWitt, Leivestad)
8. The Council motioned 6-0 to table and authorize the mayor to reach out to Great West about making edits to the Comprehensive Plan. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
9. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the first reading of Ordinance #359. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, DeWitt)
10. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Comprehensive Plan Pay Application for Reimbursement. There was no public comment. (Ribeiro, Leivestad)
11. The Council motioned 5-1 abstention to approve the Wastewater Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application for Reimbursement. There was no public comment. (Leivestad, Ribeiro)
12. The Council motioned 5-1 abstention to approve the Water Project Change Order #1. There was public comment. (Maudrone, Ribeiro)
13. The Council motioned 5-1 abstention to approve the Water Project Phases 1 & 2 Pay Application for Reimbursement. There was public comment. (Leivestad, Milner)

Unscheduled Public Comment: There was public comment.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

- Onsite review of lift stations with Great West Engineers and S&L Construction.
- Special City Council meeting to approve Phase 3 & 4 Wastewater Pay Application for reimbursement.
- Had a meeting with Rusti and Neil for discussion of City Pool condition and further repair process.
- Attended construction meetings every Thursday with engineers and construction companies.
- I attended the monthly Sanders County Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting to elect new board members. I was voted to remain on the Board.
- Katherine Maudrone and I interviewed Kelliann Barton for the City Clerk/Treasurer position.
- I presented to the Women's Club the condition and need for repairs for the City Pool in hopes they might be able to help with costs.
- Announcement from the Public Works Department, "Please DO NOT flush flushable wipes down the sewer, as they do not dissolve."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Gussie O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kelliann Barton, City Clerk/Treasurer

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INFORMATION:

Katherine Maudrone:

- Mission West Community Development Brownfield Grant
- Property Aggregation – Marvin Cross

ACTION ITEMS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appoint City Clerk/Treasurer – Resolution #865
2. Zoning/Board of Adjustment Committee Appointees
3. Zoom
4. Women's Club Child Safety Event
5. Alley off Madison St – Tina Daugherty
6. 2026 Beautification Days – Annie Wooden
7. Thompson Falls Farmers Market – Annie Wooden
8. Comprehensive Plan Remarks – Crystal Buchanan
9. Ordinance #359 – first reading
10. Growth Policy (Comprehensive Plan) Pay Application for Reimbursement
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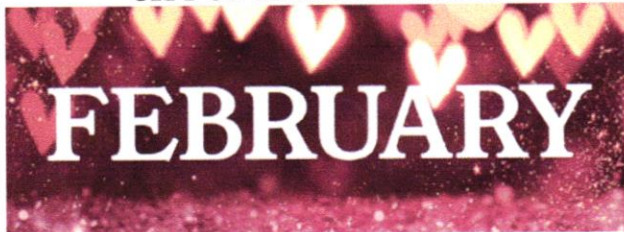
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Sign-in Sheet

NAME	WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, AND IF YES, WHAT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER?	STREET ADDRESS
Please Print	√ = yes	Please Print ~ thank you
JAN Henry		507 Bighorn Drive #6
Lorraine Renard	Yes #4	3 Saleesh Drive
Miranda Helgert	Yes	360 Mt-Silcox DR
Melinda Thompson		219 Park St.
Randy Duffield		219 Park St.
Ruth Cheney		1806 PTH
Tracy Scott		
Ron Robinson		MAINS
Cheryl Bakney		1810 PTH
Steve Oswald		2035, Gallatin TF
Annie Woodem		807 S. Madison TF
Loretta Smith		
Mark Sheets		215 Grove St
MARY CROSS		905 EAST HALKIN
ROB VIEWS		208 Church St.
Larry Hack		516 Preston Ave
ROB CLARK		409 ADAMS ST.
Crystal Becken		911 Main Street Library



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CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS

Budget

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Month: FEB, Day: 9, 2026

Council Members Present:

KATHERINE MURDRENE
RAOUL REBERIO
RUSTI LEIVESTAD

City Officials Present:

GUSSIE O'CONNOR

Meeting opened at 7:55 P.m.

Others Present:

JAN KENNY

REVIEW UNIVISION PROPOSAL

Action/Motion made:

SERVER WOULD BE GOOD UPGRADE
WANTED TO CHECK IF WE HAVE CONTRACT WITH UNIVISION,
NEED TO INVENTORY WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE - USERS NEEDS
POSSIBLE THAT WE EXPLORE OTHER PROVIDERS
(GET RECOMMENDATIONS - AND ANY PROBLEMS)

RAOUL, KATHERINE

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.m.

Sign: Rusti Leivestad

Print: RUSTI LEIVESTAD, BUDGET Committee Chair

ATTEST:

Kelliann Barton, Clerk



City of Thompson Falls

Budget/Finance Committee

Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall,

108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT

Agenda: Computer Updates

If you have any questions, please call

City Hall: 406-827-3557

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS

Planning Board COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Month: Feb 23, Day: Monday, 2026

Council Members Present:

Raoul Ribeiro
Rusti Leivestad
Catherine Dewitt
Larry Milner

City Officials Present:

Mayor Gussie O'Connor

Meeting opened at 5:30 p.m.

Others Present:

Action/Motion made:

Motion to approve

(Rusti , Catherine)

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Sign: Raoul Ribeiro

Print: Raoul Ribeiro, Planning Board Committee Chair

ATTEST:

Kelliann Barton, Clerk



City of Thompson Falls

Planning Committee

Monday, February 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall,
108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT

Agenda: Lot Aggregation

If you have any questions, please call

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CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Month: MARCH, Day: 2, 2026

Council Members Present:

KATHERINE MAXFORD
RUSTI LEIVESTAD
RAOUL RIBERO

City Officials Present:

GUSSIE OGDENOR, Mayor KELLIANN BARTON, Clerk/Treasurer
RAOUL RIBERO

Meeting opened at 5:30 P.m.

Others Present:

LARRY MILNER
CATHERINE DEWITT
KEVIN WHITTENBURG

Action/Motion made:

- LOOK FURTHER FOR MINUTES ABOUT VOTING COLA EACH YEAR
- GET PIR # OF WHAT PLAINS PAYS FOR LIFEGUARDS
- DISCUSSION ABOUT ADDING CERTIFIED POOL OPERATOR TO SALARY SCHEDULE
- EXTEND PAY SCHEDULE TO 40 YEARS
- DISCUSSION ABOUT POOL COSTS & OPTIONS

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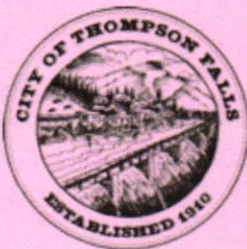
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.m.

Sign: Rusti Leivestad

Print: Rusti Leivestad, _____ Committee Chair

ATTEST:

Kelliann Barton, City Clerk/Treasurer



City of Thompson Falls

Budget/Finance Committee

Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall,

108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT

Agenda: City Pay Schedule

If you have any questions, please call

City Hall: 406-827-3557

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS PAY SCHEDULE - Potential Office Schedule

SEE FULL DESCRIPTION BELOW

		1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	4TH YEAR	6TH YEAR	8TH YEAR	10TH YEAR	
	0	ENTRY	STEP 1A	STEP 1B	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
	1	\$10.85	\$10.96	\$11.07	\$11.18	\$11.29	\$11.40	\$11.52
	2	\$16.42	\$16.58	\$16.75	\$16.92	\$17.09	\$17.26	\$17.43
	3	\$18.66	\$18.85	\$19.04	\$19.23	\$19.42	\$19.61	\$19.81
Assistant Clerk - Starting wage and/or No Certifications. City Court Clerk	4	\$20.58	\$20.79	\$20.99	\$21.20	\$21.42	\$21.63	\$21.85
Assistant Clerk Active MMCT & FOA Member	5	\$22.50	\$22.73	\$22.95	\$23.18	\$23.41	\$23.65	\$23.88
Assistant Clerk CMC Certificate	6	\$24.42	\$24.66	\$24.91	\$25.16	\$25.41	\$25.67	\$25.92
Assistant Clerk CMC and APT Certificates	7	\$26.34	\$26.60	\$26.87	\$27.14	\$27.41	\$27.68	\$27.96
Assistant Clerk CMC, APT and MMC. City Clerk/Treasurer - Starting wage and/or No Certifications	8	\$28.26	\$28.54	\$28.83	\$29.12	\$29.41	\$29.70	\$30.00
Assistant Clerk All Certificates and Committed to EEP Program. City Clerk/Treasurer Active MMCT & FOA Member	9	\$30.18	\$30.48	\$30.79	\$31.09	\$31.41	\$31.72	\$32.04
City Clerk/Treasurer CMC Certificate	10	\$32.10	\$32.42	\$32.75	\$33.07	\$33.40	\$33.74	\$34.07
City Clerk/Treasurer CMC and APT Certificates	11	\$34.02	\$34.36	\$34.70	\$35.05	\$35.40	\$35.76	\$36.11
City Clerk/Treasurer CMC, APT and MMC Certificates	12	\$35.94	\$36.30	\$36.66	\$37.03	\$37.40	\$37.77	\$38.15
City Clerk/Treasurer All Certificates and Committed to EPP program	13	\$34.84	\$35.19	\$35.54	\$35.90	\$36.25	\$36.62	\$36.98

		12TH YEAR	14TH YEAR	16TH YEAR	18TH YEAR	20TH YEAR	22ND YEAR	24TH YEAR
	GRADE	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8	STEP 9	STEP 10	STEP 11	STEP 12
	1	\$11.63	\$11.75	\$11.87	\$11.99	\$12.11	\$12.23	\$12.35
	2	\$17.60	\$17.78	\$17.96	\$18.14	\$18.32	\$18.50	\$18.69
	3	\$20.01	\$20.21	\$20.41	\$20.61	\$20.82	\$21.03	\$21.24
Assistant Clerk - Starting wage and/or No Certifications. City Court Clerk	4	\$22.06	\$22.29	\$22.51	\$22.73	\$22.96	\$23.19	\$23.42
Assistant Clerk Active MMCT & FOA Member	5	\$24.12	\$24.36	\$24.61	\$24.85	\$25.10	\$25.35	\$25.61
Assistant Clerk CMC Certificate	6	\$26.18	\$26.44	\$26.71	\$26.97	\$27.24	\$27.52	\$27.79
Assistant Clerk CMC and APT Certificates	7	\$28.24	\$28.52	\$28.81	\$29.10	\$29.39	\$29.68	\$29.98
Assistant Clerk CMC, APT and MMC. City Clerk/Treasurer - Starting wage and/or No Certifications	8	\$30.30	\$30.60	\$30.91	\$31.22	\$31.53	\$31.84	\$32.16
Assistant Clerk All Certificates and Committed to EEP Program. City Clerk/Treasurer Active MMCT & FOA Member	9	\$32.36	\$32.68	\$33.01	\$33.34	\$33.67	\$34.01	\$34.35
City Clerk/Treasurer CMC Certificate	10	\$34.42	\$34.76	\$35.11	\$35.46	\$35.81	\$36.17	\$36.53
City Clerk/Treasurer CMC and APT Certificates	11	\$36.47	\$36.84	\$37.21	\$37.58	\$37.96	\$38.33	\$38.72
City Clerk/Treasurer CMC, APT and MMC Certificates	12	\$38.53	\$38.92	\$39.31	\$39.70	\$40.10	\$40.50	\$40.90
City Clerk/Treasurer All Certificates and Committed to EPP program	13	\$37.35	\$37.73	\$38.10	\$38.49	\$38.87	\$39.26	\$39.65

		26TH YEAR	28TH YEAR	30TH YEAR	40TH YEAR
	GRADE	STEP 13	STEP 14	STEP 15	STEP 16
	1	\$12.47	\$12.60	\$12.72	\$12.85
	2	\$18.87	\$19.06	\$19.25	\$19.45
	3	\$21.45	\$21.66	\$21.88	\$22.10
Assistant Clerk - Starting wage and/or No Certifications. City Court Clerk	4	\$23.66	\$23.89	\$24.13	\$24.37
Assistant Clerk Active MMCT & FOA Member	5	\$25.86	\$26.12	\$26.38	\$26.65
Assistant Clerk CMC Certificate	6	\$28.07	\$28.35	\$28.63	\$28.92
Assistant Clerk CMC and APT Certificates	7	\$30.28	\$30.58	\$30.89	\$31.19
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City Clerk/Treasurer CMC and APT Certificates	11	\$39.11	\$39.50	\$39.89	\$40.29
City Clerk/Treasurer CMC, APT and MMC Certificates	12	\$41.31	\$41.73	\$42.14	\$42.56
City Clerk/Treasurer All Certificates and Committed to EPP program	13	\$40.05	\$40.45	\$40.85	\$41.26

COLA WILL BE ADDED TO SCHEDULE EVERY YEAR
 SCHEDULE CHANGES WHEN MINIMUM WAGE CHANGES
 SCHEDULE IS BASED UPON MINIMUM WAGE THEN GRADE 2 ADD \$2.25 THEN EACH GRADE AFTER ADD \$1.50
 EMPLOYEES MOVE UP A GRADE PER GOOD EVALUATION/CERTIFICATION - EACH DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE THEIR OWN GOALS
 EMPLOYEES MOVE UP A STEP EVERY OTHER YEAR PER GOOD EVALUATION

GRADE	
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