

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

Monday, February 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; Katherine Maudrone, Earlene Powell, Larry Lack, and Shawni Vaught

Not present: n/a

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

City Officials Present:

Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

Chelsea Peterson, 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.

Chelsea Peterson made a note of who was present.

The Council passed a motion 6-0 to approve setting the Agenda. (Maudrone, Lack)

The Council passed a motion 6-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. (Powell, Lack)

Standing Committee Reports—

**ACTION TAKEN**

1. The Council motioned 6-0 to table the Zoning Committee Vacancy as there have been no letters of interest turned in or interest shown at the City Council meeting. (Allen-Blakney)
2. The Council motioned 6-0 to move back to the City Council of the Whole Discussion and Support for Proposed Land and Building Exchange - City Council support for the proposed exchange of property between the City and the Thompson Falls High School District. The exchange involves the school district's property located northeast of the High School and the following City properties: tennis/pickleball courts, softball field, Babe Ruth baseball field, city shop, and

associated property line adjustments as detailed in the Montana Cadastral property report.

3. The Council motioned 5-0 to elect the City Council President. (Powell, Lack)
4. The Council motioned 6-0 to table the renewal of HighLead Block Party until he gets together a few more details. (Powell, Ribeiro)
5. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve paying for the Beautification Committee advertisement in the paper for Beautification Days on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. (Maudrone, Powell)
6. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the use of Rose Garden Park for the Farmers Market and look into allowing food trucks. (Ribeiro, Powell)
7. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the INTERCAP Loan Resolution #851 for financing Police Cars and Police Equipment. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)
8. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the RD Bond Reslution #852 – 2025 Drinking Water Project and BAN Resolution #853 approving SRF Bond Anticipation Note for interim construction financing. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)
9. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Sewer Project Phases 1 & 2 Pay Application to RD for \$4,879.25. (Ribeiro, Allen-Blakney)
10. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Sewer Project Phases 3 & 3 Pay Application to ARPA of \$58,285 & DNRC RRG \$622.50. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)
11. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Water Project Pay Application for Reimbursement to ARPA of \$36,397.97. (Maudrone, Allen-Blakney)
12. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve Task Order #8 for the SLIPA Grant Paving Project Engineering Service. (Ribeiro, Lack)

Unscheduled Public Comment: There were no unscheduled public comments.

## MAYORS REPORT –

Attended Main Street meeting

Attended Chamber of Commerce

Preparation for hosting Reimagining Rural webinars

Hosted 1st Reimagining Rural Webinar February 4<sup>th</sup> – two more to follow on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

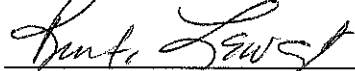
The Committee of the Whole met to discuss a proposed land trade between the local school and City of Thompson Falls.

This is an update on the Mayors report from last month. The MTSEP (Montana Coal Endowment Program) Grant had letters of conditions and contracts that were to be signed by this last September 30, 2024. Due to COVID and the auditing firm we were contracting had stopped doing Federal audits, we did not have our audit for FY23 completed. This created a complication for the MTSEP deadline. We were able to engage a new auditor who needed some time to prepare our audit for FY 23. This same auditor is currently auditing for our FY24. Chelsea and I traveled to Helena prepared to present information to the Legislature about retaining the MTSEP grant for our Water Project. There were several municipalities in the state that were in the same situation. Those of us who were finally able

to submit the audit for FY23 were approved to go forward with the grant, which had been awarded at \$750,000.

Check out the City's website to see the link for infrastructure that has been developed by Great West. "www.Cityofthompsonfallsinfrastructure.com which in the past was used for the original WW PER and has morphed into an infrastructure hub for the City's current projects".

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. (Maudrone, Ribeiro)



Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTEST:



Chelsea Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer