

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

Monday, March 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. Claim numbers 28389 through 283503. (Powell, Lack)

Standing Committee Reports— The Recreation Public Properties met to go over the Events Forms for rental of city parks and are still working on them.

ACTION TAKEN

1. The Council motioned 6-0 to table the Zoning Committee Vacancy due to no interest. (Maudrone, Ribeiro)
2. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve Resolution #854 regarding **Western Region APA Status Notice to Western Region Jurisdictions**. The Western Region Hazard Mitigation Plan is part of Montana's broader effort to reduce or eliminate long-term risks to life and property from hazards such as floods, wildfires, tornadoes, and earthquakes. This plan is coordinated by the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (MT DES) and aims to support consistency across the state, lighten the administrative burden on

local and tribal governments, and ensure comprehensive eligibility for FEMA mitigation grant funding.

3. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve Hayley Allen-Blakney as Vice President of the City Council. (Vaught, Lack)
4. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Water adjustment for a leak in their water service line at 604 Grove Street. \$61.97. (Ribeiro, Vaught)
5. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Water adjustment for a leak in their water service line at 614 Clay Street. \$70.80. (Vaught, Lack)
6. The Council motioned 6-0 to table the City Council looking into the possibility of building a Skate Park in the City Limits until next month. (Powell, Ribeiro)
7. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Sewer Project Phases 1 & 2 Pay Application for reimbursement from USDA RD in the amount of \$293,561.59. (Ribeiro, Lack)
8. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Sewer Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application for reimbursement Sewer Project Phases 3 and 4. (Allen-Blakney, Vaught)
CDBG \$448.25, ARPA \$21,715.00, RRG \$3,454.75 and City \$1,886.00. Total \$27,504.00.
9. The Council motioned 6-0 to approve the Water Project Pay Application for reimbursement Water Project. ARPA \$21,927.60. (Maudrone, Ribeiro)

Unscheduled Public Comment: There were unscheduled public comments.

MAYORS REPORT –

Attended Main Street meeting – They are researching doing Thompson Falls Days (a variation of former David Thompson Days)

I attended the CDBG start-up meeting for the Growth Policy update. The Planning Board is scheduled to meet on 3/24 regarding the growth policy.

Completed hosting the Reimagining Rural series

DNRC Teams meeting for Water and Sewer projects

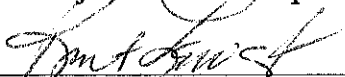
Attended Parks Committee Meeting

Review W/W Phases 3&4 temporary construction easements

Executive Forum in Helena

Received a check from Town Pump to share the cost of paving Lincoln Street

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTEST:



Chelsea Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Sign-in Sheet

NAME (Please Print)	WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, AND IF YES, WHAT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER? √ = yes	Street Address
Please Print		Please Print ~ thank you
Catherine DeWitt		102 N. Gallatin
Sunday Dutton Sauter	√ #6	584 CHERRY CREEK RD
Bill Nagels		
Marsha Hart		614 Clay St - TF
Lorraine Renard		3 Saleosh Dr. TF
Tracy Scott		Valley Press
Ruth Cheney		1806 PTH
DANIEL Mow		2 woodbine
JASON BETHUNE		
Steve Oswald		203 S. Gallatin TF
V. Byers		604 Grove St.
Marianne Moe		101 Fulton T. F's
Tobo Leivestad		534 Maple St.
Shirley Kram		Ledger
Danny Moe		224 Madison
Kristen Wang		1214 Haley

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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 - Recreation Public Properties Committee

INFORMATION – Annie Wooden presenting detail on Thompson Falls Days – June 27, 2025 – June 29, 2025

ACTION ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Zoning Committee Vacancy** - Zoning Committee vacancy.
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NEW BUSINESS - *Mayor Rusti Leivestad will present the agenda items unless otherwise noted.*

2. **Western Region APA Status Notice to Western Region Jurisdictions Resolution.** The Western Region Hazard Mitigation Plan is part of Montana's broader effort to reduce or eliminate long-term risks to life and property from hazards such as floods, wildfires, tornadoes, and earthquakes. This plan is coordinated by the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (MT DES) and aims to support consistency across the state, lighten the administrative burden on local and tribal governments, and ensure comprehensive eligibility for FEMA mitigation grant funding. **Bill Naegeli**
 3. **City Council Vice President** - Election of City Council Vice President.
 4. **Water adjustment** for a leak in their water service line at 604 Grove Street. \$61.97 **Virgina Byers**
 5. **Water adjustment** for a leak in their water service line at 614 Clay Street. \$70.80 **Marsha Hart**
 6. Present to the City Council the possibility of building a **Skate Park in the City Limits.** **Sunday Dutro Sauter**
 7. **Sewer Project Phases 1 & 2 Pay Application**—Pay Application for reimbursement Sewer Project Phases 1 and 2. The total amount is \$265,161.59, which includes RD \$67,696.00, RD \$62,465.59, and RD \$135,000.00
 8. **Sewer Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application** - Pay Application for reimbursement Sewer Project Phases 3 and 4. CDBG \$448.25, ARPA \$21,715.00, RRG \$3,454.75 and City \$1,886.00. Total \$27,504.00.
 9. **Water Project Pay Application for Reimbursement** - Pay Application for reimbursement Water Project. ARPA \$21,927.60
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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

Zoom Meeting Details: The City of Thompson Falls is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: City Council Meeting, March 10, 2025

Time: Mar 10, 2025, 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82807804709?pwd=PJc9yb0obpsQlq0n3Pl1qy7nMoGSB9.1>

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