

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL DIETRICH, IDAHO

June 01, 2026

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor, Aaron Nicholes. The roll was called; those answering present were Shawna Stewart, Trent Hanson, Rex Hendrix and Dean Grissom. Also, present were City Maintenance Operator, Chris Kennison; City Clerk, Emily Buckway; Deputy Kammeron Hairston, Planning and Zoning Chairman Cody Hollibaugh.

Community members present: Kat Hurdman, , Callie Peterson - 4 Seasons Tree Trimming

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nicholes.

A motion was made by Shawna Stewart to add the executive session to the meeting. Second by Trent Hanson. All in favor and the motion carried.

Pulled approval for Class A permit and Ordinance from consent agenda based on Planning and Zoning rewriting building ordinance.

A motion to approve the consent agenda Shawna Stewart and 2nd by Trent Hanson All were in favor and the motion carried.

The following bills were received:

FROM	FOR	ITEM		AMOUNT	CHECK
Emily Buckway	May 2026 Paycheck		*	\$2,616.32	Direct Deposit
Michelle Johnson	May 2026 Paycheck		*	\$1,940.16	Direct Deposit
Chris Kennison	May 2026 Paycheck		*	\$3,284.15	Direct Deposit
Kelly Nebeker	May 2026 Paycheck		*	\$921.45	Direct Deposit
Aaron Nicholes	2026 Stipend			\$646.45	Direct Deposit
Dean Grissom	2026 Stipend			\$323.22	5056
Rex Hendrix	2026 Stipend			\$323.22	Direct Deposit
Shawna Stewart	2026 Stipend			\$323.22	Direct Deposit
Trent Hanson	2026 Stipend			\$323.22	Direct Deposit
United States Treasury	Withholding May 2026			\$2,310.84	Online
Internal Revenue Service	Penalty Fees / 2024-25			\$381.76	5064
	CHECK NUMBERS USED 5052, 5054-5071				
Aaron Aggeler	May 2026 Pay			\$150.00	5070
Century Link	City Hall - 2102 (# 333548962)	\$108.01		\$290.03	5069
	Pump House - 7847 (# 333619173)	\$80.09			
	Lift Station - 7020 (# 333548963)	\$101.93			
City of Dietrich	Water \$44.0 / Sewer \$54.00 - City Hall & City Park			\$98.00	Online
Dietrich Shaw Merc	Batteries			\$38.00	5068
Ferguson Waterworks	INV #0958294 Water Meters - Iperl and Omni	\$7,433.07		\$12,154.08	5067
	INV #0958296 4x5 Wire Flag	\$22.01			
	INV #0959255 Flxnt M2 1 yr supp walk/drv	\$4,699.00			
Frontier Credit Card (3000)	Valleywide - City Fuel	\$70.12		\$232.96	Online
	Indeed US	\$122.13			
	Walmart - Cooler and batteries	\$19.52			
	Epson - Printer	\$21.19			
Frontier Credit Card (3001)	Intuit Quick Books Payroll Processing Fee	\$9.00		\$2,786.02	Online
	IRWA - Wastewater training Chris	\$366.00			
	Freedom and Glory - 250 Celebration Flags	\$112.34			
Amazon	Popcorn Machine	\$331.38			

	Speaker, Popcorn Packs, Pop corn bags and boxes, Projector	\$1,225.83		
	Letter opener, File Hangers	\$34.98		
	Replacement for damaged jacket - Kelly	\$119.99		
	Food Grade Grease and Mineral oil for Hydrant maintenance	\$38.98		
	Promotion for Amazon order total \$1,198.98	-\$220.80		
	Chafing Dishes for Park Events	\$99.99		
	Lateral Filing Cabinet	\$99.99		
	Mini Fridge with Freezer - General	\$79.99		
	Mini Fridge with Freezer - Water	\$80.00		
	Self inking stamp - Bills	\$11.95		
	Walmart - Tape Gun	\$19.06		
Home Depot	Blower, Inner Tubes	\$198.34		
	Ladder	\$179.00		
Gray, David	Utility bill overpayment reimbursement		\$4.50	5054
Grover Electric and Plumbing	Maxi-Paw Impact in a can - City Park Water Repair		\$229.80	5066
Idaho Power	Lift Station - 8508	\$103.12	\$1,633.95	5071
	City Park - 0692	\$28.53		
	City Hall - 1730	\$197.85		
	Wells - 1382	\$946.96		
	New Meter - 8367	\$25.84		
	Street Lights - 1088	\$331.65		
Lincoln County	SIRCOMM		\$714.20	5063
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	Sheriff's Agreement		\$350.00	5062
Lincoln County Historical Museum	Road Trip to Treasure Sponsorship		\$150.00	5052
Magic Valley Lab	Monthly Water Test (INV #)	\$27.00	\$841.00	5061
	2691891 Well house PFAS	\$814.00		
McHugh Bromley, PLLC	Rangan Water / INV #		\$86.04	5060
Valley Wide Co-op Inc	Fuel	\$210.22	\$303.89	5059
	Sprinkler head - repair city park	\$23.68		
	Killzall - city weed kill	\$69.99		
Van Kleeck, LLC	Computer Set up		\$240.00	5058
Williams, Meservy & Larsen LLP	Review Correspondence Keith Hopper		\$60.00	5057
Voided Checks	5055 Misprint		\$0.00	
	5065 - Idaho Power Incorrect amount		\$0.00	
	Total		\$31,140.16	

The following credits were received:

FROM	FOR	ITEM	AMOUNT	CHECK
Automatic Deposit / General Fund	Liquor Distribution		\$2,511.00	Automatic
Automatic Deposit / General Fund	AMERICA 250 Grant		\$2,500.00	Automatic
LGIP TRANSFER	Transfer from Hwy LGIP to Account to reimburse bills		\$1,593.58	Online
LGIP TRANSFER	Transfer from Water LGIP to Account to reimburse bills		\$30,000.00	Online
ACCT TRANSFER	Water Bond Fund (Transfer From Water Collections)		\$1,500.00	Online

ACCT TRANSFER	Reimburse General Fund May 2026 Bills (Transfer From Water Collections)		\$23,866.38	Not Transferred
ACCT TRANSFER	Reimburse General Fund May 2026 Bills (Transfer From Highway Fund)		\$40.71	Online
Deposit - 05/01/2026	Into Water Collections Acct		\$1,505.28	
Deposit - 05/11/2026	Into Water Collections Acct		\$1,711.70	
Deposit - 05/21/2026	Into Water Collections Acct		\$2,179.01	
Deposit - 05/29/2026	Into Water Collections Acct		\$1,333.21	
Deposit - City Hall water bill	Into Water Collections Acct		\$98.00	Online
Deposit - 05/01/2026	Into General Fund		\$1,107.37	
Deposit - 05/11/2026	Into General Fund		\$10.89	
Deposit - 05/21/2026	Into General Fund		\$150.00	
Transfer - City Hall water bill	Transfer from General Fund		\$98.00	Online
Lincoln County - 05/14/2026	2025 Tax Receivable	\$1,185.47		
	2025 Tax Penalty Receivable	\$16.05		
	2025 Tax Interest Revenue	\$30.04		
	2025 Tax Highway	\$0.48	\$1,232.04	
Transfers Between Accounts - Total				\$23,907.09
Automatic Deposits / General Fund				\$5,011.00
LGIP Account Transfers				\$31,593.58
Total Deposits Into Water Collections Account - FRONTIER				\$6,827.20
Total Deposits Into General Fund Account - FRONTIER				\$2,598.30
Total Deposits Into Water Bond Account - FRONTIER				\$1,500.00
		Total	\$71,437.17	

Public Comment: Kat Hurdman commented on camera issue and would like to know what happened to the last camera system and why we are trying to get a new one. Chris Kennison (maintenance) explained that the old cameras were a home camera system. Due to age and wear the cameras are falling and not staying in place. It is also possible to unplug them from the outside, which makes them easily accessible for the public to unplug them and make them inactive while doing damage to the park. She is also concerned that the cameras could be used to spy on citizens. Doesn't want cameras to be able to oversee or have other cameras installed like Floc cameras where they are "Government spy" cameras here in Dietrich. Her next concern is that citizens have a 1st amendment right to speak. She states "I don't need to ask all your permission to speak at an open town meeting...I am not going to hand over my first amendment right to speak in a public meeting. If I have a question in a week and need to ask that question, I don't have to wait a month to ask that question. That's ridiculous to ask somebody to wait a month to ask a question. I have a first amendment right to speak. I have a first amendment right to ask a question and speak to my government. I am pointing that out. I won't ask permission again in the future to speak. I am more than happy to raise my hand and say I have something I would like to say but, I am not going to hand over my first amendment right and ask you all's permission to speak. I understand you take down our names and everything for the minutes. We don't have to give you our names. Fourth amendment right I have the right to be secure in my person, papers, and effects. We don't have to give you our names or address to speak at a public meeting. On the other end of that, when you all had a one on one, and I don't believe you said you were going to do it again, but you were all wondering why I was listening in on a meeting, but you all cut me out of it because I did not give my information. I have a 5th amendment right not to give my information so on the computer online meeting we do not have to tell you who we are and why we are listening to a public town meeting. The first meeting I attended shortly after I moved in was the meeting I attended online. I just want to point out I am not saying this to cause problems or be on the she's going to be a trouble maker and cause problems list because I am not. I am trying to protect my rights. I want to keep them because we are losing more of them everyday. So, I will assert my rights. I am not saying that as a threat to be combative. The cities who don't let people assert their rights and use them, they have been subject to law suits, they have been subject to serious bad press, it's not good. I don't want that out here, This is a small town. I want to keep it small. I don't want government going well this, well this, we're going to

watch you for public safety. No sir, no mam, no.” The mayor then asked if she felt like she needed to ask permission to speak today. She stated that we all put down that we must put it in writing. The mayor explained that we don’t think we have to put it in writing and if that was done, he apologized that was a mistake. You don’t have to request in writing to speak but we do put it down on the agenda to keep things organized.

Clerk Report – City logo is needed. Will open a “Logo Contest” up to the students in the upcoming school year to design the city logo and council will choose their favorite to adopt as the official city logo. Mayor said that we have a great point. Chris has the issue in town where no one knows him so having something that makes it identifiable to the town would be a great thing.

Resolution was made by Shawna Stewart to have the logo contest. Second made by Rex Hendrix. Vote unanimous resolution passed.

Legal counsel on sidewalk grant. Need to follow up with lawyer again to find out what needs to happen with the sidewalk issues where the original contractor has not provided everything on the invoice given to the city and paid to the original contractor. The worry is what happens from a grant standpoint. What are the parameters that may happen to the grant process.

Irrigation issues happening in town where neighbors are flooding neighbors. What is the city stance and who do we have enforce the encroachments? Utility easement is flooded as well as neighbor crawl space into their home being built. How are we getting money back to fix flooding damages? Legal council will need to be obtained. Mayor will follow up on this.

Maintenance Report – City Cleanup quotes for city cleanup day from PSI Environmental, Tire Reclaim, Republic, and 42 North. Reclaim is separate. Resolution to only use the free tire day Lincoln County offers yearly. Batteries were stated to offer public information on Interstate Batteries, and they can take their cores to them for credit towards new battery. Resolution to use Republic as the cleanup dumpster dropping it off on July 29th and pickup on August 3rd with Tire Reclaim and the date for cleanup day is set for August 1st made by Trent Hanson, 2nd by Shawna Stewart. All in favor, resolution carries.

4 Seasons Tree trimming – Callie Peterson presented that the trees needed most to remove total 4. They all have “crotch out” which makes them weak. These trees are also hollow and only have 3 inches of cambium layer left. They could fall tomorrow or in 2 years. The unknown of when it falls is what could cause the city issues with damage to property and people. They are a public safety concern. 4 Seasons charged us daily rates of \$2,300 for a total of \$4,600. This is a huge discount for the city. Concerns of losing the shade they currently provide, and citizen concerns was brought up. Motion to proceed forward with using 4 Seasons to remove no less than 4 trees on June 11th-12th by Shawna Stewart, 2nd by Rex Hendrix, 1 opposed 3 for. Motion carries. Park will be closed for 2 days until movie night.

Planning and Zoning Report – Class A permit was finalized and moving forward with concerns of not having the permit process in the ordinance was raised. Nuisance ordinance will also be revamped and brought to the city council at a future meeting. Alleyways being put in throughout the city is a huge cost for the city so putting them in is difficult due to budget constraints. We understand they are needed but we also need to make sure that we can afford to put them in place. Planning and Zoning is focusing on getting ordinances updated and building permits in place. Planning and Zoning needs maps to operate. City Clerk will investigate costs and who can provide us with maps and map storage a city hall to preserve current maps as well as future maps. Variances for buildings that are currently in alleyways and other city properties could be granted by council to help with future issues. City footprint is in discussion. Currently none of the city utility infrastructure is within city limits. We should bring them in so that the city can obtain the property tax base the infrastructure is sitting on. Motion to approve Class A Permit pending revision of ordinance 150.04 by Shawna Stewart, 2nd by Trent Hanson. All in favor motion carries. Property boundary inspections need to make sure we have the legal capability to perform those duties.

America 250 preparation – Flags are flying for America 250. Movie screen, projector, popcorn machine, parade organization is the works, Falls Brand is donating hot dogs, all other supplies are being ordered or bought. Agenda for the day was given to Fire Department.

Law Enforcement Report – 45 area checks total of 63 records. Copy of report was not sent to city clerk but Kammeron will fix that. Kammeron is working through the kinks and will update the format until he likes it. Sheriff Department is working with SIRCOM to get reduced pricing by not using them so much. They are

implementing an app system to help with calls. The savings is not yet known but the hope is that it will decrease in the future. Citizens have requested more coverage on Rail Street and Wacaunza. Speeding is an issue all over the county as well as state. Officers will do their best to put more presence in the areas of concern.

Old Business – RFQ questionnaire filled out consensus is Keller is to be used as the new City Engineer. No retainer fee. Mayor will send out an email to clerk to notify them of when they need to present to the city. Junk at city hall. Auction will take generator. The rest of the items can be taken to Road Trip to Treasure and if it doesn't sell to then take it to donation center. Motion to take items to Road Trip to Treasure done by Trent Hanson 2nd by Rex Hendrix. All in favor, motion carries. Motion to put generator out for sale at auction and Facebook page once money amount is researched made by Trent Hanson 2nd by Shawna Stewart. All in favor motion carries.

New Business – Idaho Power Plan, per Angela Miller plan to get bids for electrical and heating and cooling at city hall. Bid approved from Heider Electric was approved by Idaho Power. Waiting on Bid from HVAC upgrade. Plan tabled for next meeting since we are not sure what exactly what Idaho Power needs. Chris and Mayor will work together to get the plan together. Motion to accept approved bid from Heider Electric postpone the plan made by Shawna Stewart. Trent Hanson abstained, 2nd by Rex Hendrix. All not abstaining approved. Motion carried. Motion to table Vendor Food Trucks, LEPC meeting and Executive Session made by Shawna Stewart, 2nd by Trent Hanson, All in favor, motion carried. Review quotes for 5-year water tank cleaning. Chris presented to council quotes for them to review AWS, Potable Divers, and Aquadrone. Council asked about overage charges for sediment. If sediment is over 1 inch what will the charge be? Approval tabled. Council president selection process brought forward. Rex Hendrix nominated Trent Hanson. Dean Grissom nominated Shawna Stewart. Vote for Trent Hanson made 3 votes carry the majority vote. Trent Hanson is now the City Council President.

A motion was made by Rex Hendrix to adjourn to executive meeting and 2nd by Trent Hanson. All were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk