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CITY OF HAUSER

11837 N. Hauser Lake Road, Hauser, Idaho 83854

HAUSER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

(ZOOM Meeting & Public Attendance)

REGULAR MEETING – July 8, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Ray at 6:37 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Council member Pomykala
3. **ROLL CALL** – *Council:* Hoerner, present; Pomykala, present; Finley, present; Duchesne, not present.
Staff: Mihara, present; Wheeler, zoom; Espe, present; Sauter, present; Fondahn-Baker, present.
4. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA, DECLARATION OF CONFLICT, EX-PARTE CONTACTS** – Council member Pomykala made a point that her Action item of new chairs for the Elias will not be an action item.
5. **MINUTES**
ACTION ITEM:
. Minutes of June 10, 2025 – 6:32 p.m.: Council member Hoerner moved to approve the Minutes of June 10, 2025 as presented. Council member Finley seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye. Motion carried.
6. **MAYOR, Bill Ray**
. Lakeview Trailer Park – Emergency meeting discussion: This will be tabled at the July 18, 2025 Special Meeting with the City Attorney's report.
ACTION ITEM:
. Retire obsolete surplus office printers: City of Hauser has upgraded their computers and Mayor Ray would like the Clerks to assemble a list of surplus computers from IT so we may dispose and possibly donate them. The list will be tabled for next month's meeting.
. Hauser City Park plan: This will be tabled for next month's meeting.
7. **REPORTS**
. Cindy Espe, Code Enforcement: She has started the 2025 building permit and budget list projecting \$23,000-\$24,000 for the year-to-date total. Permits should be lower for next year's budget. There has been less construction this time of year.

8. TRESURER, Lee Wheeler

- . **Preliminary Budget Review:** He has drafted a proposed budget for next year and approved the budget for next month and needs the Council's approval to be published in the paper and would like their feedback. The Treasurer also needs the budget approval posted July 21 or the 28th, both in time for August's Agenda. There will be a Special Meeting at City Hall for a budget workshop on July 18 at 5:30.

ACTION ITEM:

- . **Treasurer Report – June 2025:** He questioned why we are still paying Pacific Automation invoices for an old copier? The Clerk's confirmed that they received a cancellation email from them. The present bank account balance is \$889,000. The Profit and Loss account decreased due to low building permits, a balance of \$38,000 net (\$33,000 in revenue and expense due to decreased building and paying for Brad Ziel, Hauser's inspector). There is a total net of \$50,000 for 2025 building permits. The \$20,000 litigation money should break even for the year. Council member Hoerner moved to accept the Treasurer's Report of June 2025. Council member Finley seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye. Motion carried.
- . **Report ARPA spending expense breakdown discussion:** There was no discussion as this was covered at last month's meeting.

9. COUNCIL MEMBERS & STAFF

- . **Jeff Hoerner, Public Works – Streets & Roads:** No report other than making the comment that Hwy 53 is becoming extremely dangerous. He talked to the Idaho Highway Dept. who spoke with a woman who said she would investigate the matter since there was a truck collision last week where a woman was rushed to the ER.

. **Alice Pomykala, Land & Buildings:**

- . **Wildfire Mitigation Grant status:** She spoke with Hauser Fire Chief Neils in reference to working on the grant that will be a part of Hauser since we have land for mitigation. The Kootenai County Office of Emergency Management (KCOEM) will handle the land improvements (ie. Rice Rd., Hollister Hills, HOA's, etc.) once the grant is approved. Chief Niels will be attending mitigation meetings and remains hopeful.

ACTION ITEM:

- . **New chairs for Dias:** As mentioned in number 4, this will not be an action item but added that she found nice chairs at Costco and will keep searching for the right seating.
- . **Daniel Finley, Special Projects:**
 - . **SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) presentation:** This SOP is how to operate and make meetings more accessible via YouTube. Uploading is easy for the Clerks where there will be no downloading. We will not get rid of Zoom. We can archive with no manual digitalization. He can implement by practicing with the Clerks. Council member Hoerner and Pomykala like the idea of simplicity and archiving for public review.
 - . **Research on other city community gardens:** He found that other communities just sign a waiver and their Parks Dept. approves. Post Falls has a 20x20 garden which is run by the city community. There was mention of where the water would come from. Attorney Mihara suggested a Hauser Lake pump. Council member Finley suggested building small garden beds at City Hall. He will research further on obtaining water, building the boxes and indemnification. Mayor Ray liked the idea and commented that the Attorney would have to review the application.

- . **Mark Duchesne, Council Member:** Not present.
- . **Kristin Sauter, City Clerk:** No report.
- . **Laurie Fondahn-Baker, Deputy Clerk:** No report.

10. CITY ATTORNEY, Kinzo Mihara

ACTION ITEM:


- . **Offer of Settlement – RIZR Representative:** Mr. and Mrs. Carroll signed and paid the Indemnity Agreement regarding the dead trees on or off City property. Legally, it has been a quiet month. There is no report on the ACI representative/s as they have not been present at the last two meetings. They are offering the City of Hauser a settlement and the Council is willing to listen to their proposal. The July 18 Special Meeting will accommodate their request.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: This is an opportunity to address concerns Not on the agenda (no formal action allowed.) There is a three-minute time limit. Comments regarding performance by City employees are inappropriate at this time and should be directed to the Mayor.

- a. Robin Brodhead: Her and her husband are new to the area and like the idea of YouTube. She is wondering how we can get information out to the Hauser community. She asked if the YouTube meetings will be posted on the City's website. Mayor Ray clarified there will be a link to the meetings.
- b. Council member Pomykala: Commented that the scheduled time for Council meetings need to be updated on our website. She agrees with Robin about finding a way to get the Hauser community involved.
- c. Brad Remington: He proposed to build a bench if and when the City of Hauser creates a community garden.

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT: 7:24 p.m.



Kristin Sauter, City Clerk



Bill Ray, Mayor