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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 – January 13, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:32 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council member Pomykala
3. **ROLL CALL – Council:** Hoerner, present; Pomykala, present; Finley, present; Duchesne, present
Staff: Mihara, present; Wheeler, not present; Espe, zoom; Sauter, present; Fondahn-Baker, present
4. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA, DECLARATION OF CONFLICT, EX-PARTE CONTACTS:** Council member Pomykala stated she did not receive a contractor's bid for her action items and therefore requests her section be removed. Council member Finley moved to remove Council member Pomykala's section. Council member Duchesne seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye; Duchesne, aye. Motion carried. The Mayor also requested that his section be removed off the agenda because after speaking with Kootenai County, the City of Hauser does not need a National Flood Insurance Program. Council member Hoerner moved to remove the Mayor's section. Council member Finley seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye; Duchesne, aye. Motion carried.
5. **MINUTES**
ACTION ITEM:
. *Minutes of December 9, 2025 – 6:33 p.m.:* Council member Hoerner moved to approve the Minutes of December 9, 2025 as presented. Council member Duchesne seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye; Duchesne, aye. Motion carried.
6. **MAYOR, Bill Ray**
ACTION ITEM:
. *National Flood Insurance Program:* Kootenai County is in the process of revising and updating its Emergency Response Program, which is submitted to FEMA. The draft includes language stating that the City of Hauser is not participating. This designation is based on the fact that there are no homes located within designated flood zones in the city, and that existing city ordinances restrict development in those areas.

The Mayor stated that the City is comfortable with this wording and noted that, in the event of a natural disaster affecting the area, FEMA would still provide assistance. Council Member Duchesne added that he had spoken with the Idaho State Department of Water Resources, which advised that it is important for each city to review all references to itself within the County's emergency plan to ensure accuracy. The Mayor directed the City Clerk to contact Sarah Long, Preparedness Coordinator for Kootenai County Emergency Management, to verify that all references to the City of Hauser in the updated County plan are accurate.

7. REPORTS

. **Cindy Espe, Code Enforcement:**

. **Monthly Report:** Council member Duchesne questioned the address in the first line under "Active Permits" from the Post Falls Hwy District might be 13842, not 18322; Council member Finley is hoping for a February Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) meeting. Ms. Espe said Planning and Zoning (P&Z) will be having a 1/15/26 and 1/27/26 final meeting and will check with the Treasurer to see if the last two invoices have been paid; Under "Violations," persons living in the RV park on 2nd Ave. have 30 days to respond to a letter that was sent 12/7/25, continuing with a mitigation plan. Finally, an inspection will be conducted after the occupant leaves; Council member Duchesne commented on the AOI/Comp Plan changes noting that our maps, road maps, and expansions maps are the only changes we need to make. Attorney Mihara is predicting that when the map is completed, it will have the same finish line as the Comp Plan. Attorney Mihara said the final draft was off the table as of 1/1/26 and the map will not change the way the Comp Plan is worded. Even though we do not have AOI annexation issues, we have revenue sharing. Ms. Espe will check how many building permits we had last month; Council member Finley questioned the public hearing notice, referencing back to the Comp Plan, and she replied that a person can either call, view our website, or a copy can be mailed that will give them access to the draft Comp Plan. Attorney Mihara said we need to wait until the AOI map is complete and approved from the Kootenai County Commissioners, possibly 3-6 months.

8. TREASURER, Lee Wheeler

ACTION ITEM:

. **Treasurer Report – January 13, 2026:** Since the Treasurer is absent, this month's Report will be discussed at next month's council meeting.

9. COUNCIL MEMBERS

. **Jeff Hoerner, Public Works – Streets & Roads:** Spoke with the Post Falls Hwy District in reference to Hwy 53 access. State engineers are putting up numerous frontage buildings; The stop sign at the intersection of the fire station and Fay Pl. is not possible due to the cost and hard work it would take to align the streets, however, a traffic calming sign could be installed; Council member Duchesne questioned where Hauser is slotted in the published Post Falls Hwy District plowing Schedule? Council member Hoerner replied that they are on a regular basis and keep their plows and equipment at the so-called "Bodine Pit" (off McGuire) because it is convenient not coming from Post Falls. The Mayor added that we are on a bus route so plowing is an urgent necessity.

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

ACTION ITEM:

. *Shrub Bed and Bare Ground Weed Control*

ACTION ITEM:

. *Lawn Fertilization and Weed Control*

ACTION ITEM:

. *Pest/Insect Control*

. **Daniel Finley, Special Projects:** No report.

. **Mark Duchesne, Council Member:** Commented that there are no usable council meeting videos online. Council member Finley said he will check into it.

. **Kristin Sauter, City Clerk:** No report.

. **Laurie Fondahn-Baker, Deputy Clerk:** No report.

10. CITY ATTORNEY, Kinzo Mihara

. *General Legal Update:*

It was a quiet month and there were no claims against the City. He met with the County attorneys last Friday, 1/9/26, and will be attending the Attorney's Conference 1/28/26.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

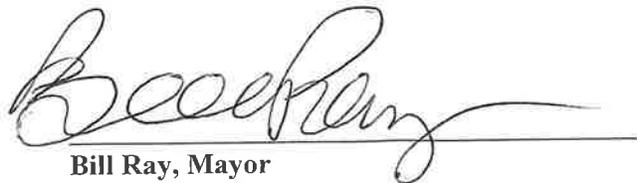
- a. Robin Brodhead – Is disappointed with the Cloverleaf and Hwy 53 intersection. It is dangerous turning onto the highway driving from 35mph merging into 55mph traffic.
- b. Jeff Brodhead – He wrote the State governor's office in reference to life, liberty, and property stressing that people are at risk not stopping at the non-functioning traffic light at Hwy 53 and Beck Rd. He feels his letter impacted the dilemma as they worked on it the next week.

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT: 7:27 p.m.



Kristin Sauter, City Clerk



Bill Ray, Mayor