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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 – April 14, 2026, 6:30 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:37 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, zoom; Espe, not present; Sauter, present; Fondahn-Baker, present.
4. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA, DECLARATION OF CONFLICT, EX-PARTE CONTACTS:** None
5. **MINUTES**  
***ACTION ITEM:***  
*. Minutes of March 10, 2026 – 6:32 p.m.:* Council member Hoerner moved to approve the March 10, 2026 Minutes. Council member Duchesne seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye; Duchesne, aye. Motion carried.
6. **MAYOR, Bill Ray**  
***ACTION ITEM:***  
*. 2026 All Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval:* The Plan is completed with everything that was asked of them. It is requested to draw up Resolution 2026-211. Council member Duchesne read the final draft on Kootenai County’s website which still states that the City of Hauser is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, the City is not a participant, and therefore, the County needs to make the correction and the City should draft a Resolution as such. Attorney Mihara advised that Chief Neils was appointed as the point of contact if any issues are to arise.

## 7. REPORTS

### . **Cindy Espe, Code Enforcement**

. **Monthly Report:** Even though Ms. Espe was not present, Council member Duchesne said he noticed on Hauser's website that he could obtain the draft Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan), but it was not present, nor were hard copies available at City Hall. Ms. Espe had instructed at last council that a notice would be mailed saying people could view the website or pick up copies on 4/21. He also wanted to know if the Comp Plan would be reviewed at next council meeting. Attorney Mihara acknowledged that the public hearing will be held on 4/28 and that you can have more than one public hearing. Council member Finley commented the property owner on Lake St. seems to have violated permits and inspections because it has been built beyond a single residence with a lot of debris. Mihara stated that it has been surveyed and there are reasonable conditions attached to the agreement. It is public record and can also be accessed through the County Land records. Deeds are attainable with the County and building permits can be obtained from Hauser Planning and Zoning (P&Z).

## 8. TREASURER, Lee Wheeler

### **ACTION ITEM:**

. **Treasurer Report – April 2026:** The bank balance is above \$870K; Profit/Loss is still concerning with IT, software, and engineering costs (Coleman Engineering) being over budget; The Profit/Loss benefitted from an uptick in building permit fees. Council member Duchesne questioned if this revenue would be offset by pending related expenses or be largely retained. Wheeler stated that the majority is expected to be retained as accretive to the P/L. Coleman Engineering goes back several years showing unbudgeted expenses; \$15K increasement went to Brad Ziel's revenue. Council member Hoerner moved to approve the April 2026 Treasurer Report. Council member Pomykala seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye; Duchesne, aye. Motion carried.

## 9. COUNCIL MEMBERS & STAFF

. **Jeff Hoerner, Public Works – Streets & Roads:** Had three concerned citizens asking why Woodlake and Liree Dr. are not being paved, only Woodlake Loop. Post Falls Highway District is allotted a certain budget through IDOT. Therefore, they only had it in the budget to pave the loop. However, as money comes in, they will complete the neighborhood at a further date.

. **Alice Pomykala, Land & Buildings:** No report.

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

. **Mark Duchesne, Council Member:** No report.

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

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

## 10. CITY ATTORNEY, Kinzo Mihara

. **General Legal Update:** Kootenai County is having an AOI (Area of Impact) workshop in June and is asking what cities are going to be included by 5/28. Attorney Mihara will be in attendance

for Hauser. He stated that Hauser is different because we are checker-boarded making our City boundaries unique and noting 1/8 of a mile boundary could be more encompassing. Our strategy was to maintain ACI (new - Area of City Impact) boundaries with submittals and documents. The County did not like our revenue cost sharing arrangement. As long as we have an approved ACI map, we meet State requirements and annexations are allowed. Annexation eligibility is based on contiguity to the City boundary. The ACI boundary has no bearing on eligibility. There were no claims against the City, so it's been a quiet month.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:** It was stated that the AIC (Assoc. of Idaho Cities) newsletter will have the public hearing dates (an August meeting) and the budget submittal.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** 7:30 p.m.



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**Kristin Sauter, City Clerk**



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**Bill Ray, Mayor**