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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 – March 10, 2026, 6:30 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council member Finley
3. **ROLL CALL – Council:** Hoerner, present; Pomykala, present; Finley, present; Duchesne, present  
**Staff:** Mihara, present; Wheeler, zoom; Espe, present; Sauter, present; Fondahn-Baker, present
4. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA, DECLARATION OF CONFLICT, EX-PARTE CONTACTS:** None

#### 5. MINUTES

***ACTION ITEM:***

. ***Minutes of February 10, 2026 – 6:32 p.m.:*** Council member Hoerner moved to approve the February 10, 2026 Minutes. Council member Pomykala seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye; Duchesne, aye. Motion carried.

#### 6. MAYOR, Bill Ray

***ACTION ITEM:***

. ***Staff Computer Class Cost:*** The Mayor proposed that both Clerks attend a Microsoft computer class. The City Clerk provided an Agreement for Services from North Idaho College (NIC) outlining a three-hour training course at the cost of \$625. The Mayor questioned if we have the budget for this. The Treasurer replied that due to staff costs being under budget for the year, this can be factored into the budget. In addition, Council supported the idea of staff attending the computer class. Council member Duchesne moved to accept the NIC computer training class. Council member Finley seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye; Duchesne, aye. Motion carried.

#### 7. REPORTS

. ***Cindy Espe, Code Enforcement:***

. ***Monthly Report:*** A final draft of the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) is currently being reviewed and will be addressed at the March 24 Planning and Zoning meeting. She explained

that after the April 28 Public Hearing, it will be presented to Council for review.

Attorney Mihara commented that having more public hearings than less is beneficial and the City is not penalized for having as many as needed. Council member Duchesne said he reviewed the 2011 Comp Plan which he said was well written but explained the goals in the Plan are beyond the authority of Hauser. He questioned why didn't we revise/update the 2011 draft plan rather than hiring consultants for drafting a 2026 plan? Ms. Espe said there was not enough of a committee to complete the Plan and realized the old Plan does not apply to Hauser's current small infrastructure; Ms. Espe discussed upcoming mailings: the City's newsletter will be mailed next week and letters for the public hearing will be mailed in a couple of weeks. The Treasurer questioned whether to go forth and make payment on the invoice from SCJ Alliance. The Mayor will contact SCJ before a final payment will be made. The Treasurer agreed to hold off payment until he receives notification to go forth.

**8. TREASURER, Lee Wheeler**

***ACTION ITEM:***

. ***Treasurer Report – March 10, 2026:*** Profit/Loss increased due to building permits; Property taxes, business and liquor licenses are right on par; Staff cost/educational training is under budget; IT services were higher than budgeted due to spending \$3,400 upgrading to new computers; Coleman Engineering expenses had 8 invoices ranging from \$200-\$1,500 and \$5,800 for site disturbance permits; Balance sheet cash is over \$878K; Audits are moving along and should be completed by the 3/15 deadline. Council member Pomykala moved to accept the Treasurer's Report of March 10, 2026. Council member Hoerner seconded the motion. Roll call: Hoerner, aye; Pomykala, aye; Finley, aye; Duchesne, aye. Motion carried.

**9. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

. **Jeff Hoerner, Public Works – Streets & Roads:** No report.

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

. **Daniel Finley, Special Projects:** Is consulting with AI to fix the City's landline and emailed the Clerk's past council video recordings.

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

. **Kristin Sauter, City Clerk:**

***ACTION ITEM:***

. ***Outdoor Drop Box:*** Residents have suggested a drop box as an option to deliver forms, payments, and surveys, etc. Council members were in agreement to install a mail slot in the front door. Council member Pomykala was concerned about packages left outside. It was suggested that a small box be built outside of City Hall, but there was no decision to take action.

. **Laurie Fondahn-Baker, Deputy Clerk:**

. ***Outdoor Bulletin Board:*** Attorney Mihara explained that installing an outside bulletin board for business flyers and cards could be a liability, citing that the First Amendment would not allow the City to restrict what could be posted on an open forum bulletin board. Council members agreed to cancel the request.

**10. CITY ATTORNEY, Kinzo Mihara:**

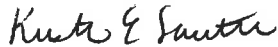
- . **General Legal Update:** The Mayor and both Clerk's have been receiving calls from Brad Remington about his landscaping contract that was submitted and approved at last council, questioning when he can begin.
- . **AOI Update:** Community Development has workshops with all the County Commissioners, not one-on-one. He will let us know about the public hearing.
- . **City Officer/Employee/Contractor Responsibilities:** Reviewed Brad Remington's draft of the landscaping contract with the City. There are no claims against the city nor have any escrow companies reached out; Council member Pomykala asked about spreading a loved one's ashes on public land. Mr. Mihara answered that he is a member of the IMA (Idaho Municipal Assoc.) and confirmed that there is no such law.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**12. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

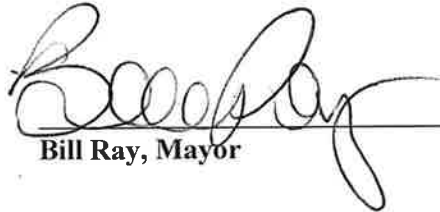
The Mayor and Council member Duchesne attended an ITD (Idaho Transportation Dept.) meeting where there were concerns about safety issues arising from Cloverleaf Rd. and Hwy 53. Fifteen years ago, thorough research and studies were done in that area and it was determined that a bypass road might be constructed behind Epic Storage, which the Post Falls Highway District believes is the best solution. IDT and PFHD will work together to determine the best path to funding and executing such a plan and will report back on any progress or obstacles.

**13. ADJOURNMENT: 7:32 p.m.**



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**Kristin Sauter, City Clerk**



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**Bill Ray, Mayor**