

COUNCIL WORKING MEETING
April 7, 2026
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Douglas Howarth	Mayor	Sheridan Sylvester	Clearwater Financial
Marla Sisson	Council President	Stephanie Bonney	Bond Counsel
Ryan Loos	Council Member	Jeremy Engbaum	Police Chief
Fred Bartlett	Council Member	Candice McCall	Code Enforcement
Cortlin Runyan	Council Member		
Chelsea Popplewell	City Clerk/Treasurer		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Chelsea Popplewell confirmed a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration and adoption of amended Sewer Bond Ordinance: Chelsea explained the change from 9 million dollars to 9.25 million. Stephanie Bonney, the Bond Counsel, explained that the objective is the same for the city, the refunding of the bond.

All members of the City Council having been furnished a copy of the proposed Ordinance No. 2026-04 and being fully apprised of the content and purpose of said Ordinance, Marla moved that the provisions of Idaho Code Section 50-902, which require said Ordinance to be read on three (3) different days, two (2) readings by Title only and one (1) reading which shall be in full, be dispensed with and that said Ordinance be passed upon one (1) reading by title only. Marla requested a roll call vote on the motion. There was no further discussion. Fred seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote. Cortlin voted yes, Fred voted yes, Ryan voted yes and Marla voted yes. The motion passed.

Marla moved to adopt the amended sewer bond ordinance 2026-04 from \$9 million to 9.25 million. Fred seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote. Marla voted yes, Ryan voted yes, Fred voted yes and Cortlin voted yes. The motion passed.

Mayor read the title of ordinance 2026-04. An ordinance of the City of Buhl, Twin Falls County, Idaho, amending ordinance 2026-03 to provide for the issuance of a sewer revenue refunding bond, series 2026, in a principal amount not to exceed \$9,250,000, providing for related matters; and providing an effective date.

Parking Ordinance Discussion: Cortlin started the discussion with the idea that 24 hours may be adequate for loading and unloading. Marla wondered about a time for trailers to leave by. Ryan brought up an idea about Thursday through Monday. Fred questioned what we want. He said we don't want trailers just stored on the roadway but we do want people to be able to use their property the way they want to use it while keeping safety in mind. He questioned what timeframe is enforceable. Chief Engbaum noted that any time

limit is tough to enforce because people can just move their trailer when the time limit is up and then park it again in the same spot. Chief mentioned an ordinance that the Mayor had sent him that had some good ideas in it. He spoke about safety and the issue of firetrucks getting down some of the narrow streets. The Mayor reiterated the issue of fire trucks getting down some of the streets if trailers on parked. Fire chief Stevens clarified the code requirements for fire trucks but did say that maintaining 20 foot width on some of the streets would be difficult. Fred brought up the 2 hour ordinance parking letter that he gets every couple of years reminding him of the ordinance. Chief Engbaum commented that they do try to educate first. Ryan asked Mayor to send the ordinance he came up with all of the Council. Fred mentioned that he had not received any additional emails. Cortlin said he had received one. An individual, from the audience, said he sent it to everyone. Council checked their phones and others found the email in junk folders. Mayor said he would send the ordinance to everyone for review.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Howarth read the below statement.

We need to make sure that we comply with the law regarding employee privacy issues. If a member of City Council would like to discuss any issues pertaining to complaints, discipline, etc., of a city employee, those will first need to be discussed with the mayor, who is the chief city administrator per Idaho Code 50-602. After review of the complaint, discipline, etc., if it needs to go before City Council, it will be listed under an executive session on the upcoming meeting agenda.

Marla brought up the idea of adding citizen comment at every council meeting. Cortlin mentioned that it will be required starting July 1. Cortlin also asked about any update regarding America250. Chelsea reminded Council that we needed an idea to submit with the grant application. He also asked about the historical photos idea from several meetings ago. Mayor said he was just waiting for the go ahead on that.

MEETING ADJOURNED –Fred moved that the meeting be adjourned; Marla seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted yes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Popplewell, City Clerk