

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 25, 2025
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Pam McClain	Mayor	Autumn Jones	Treasurer
Marla Sisson	Council President	Andrew Wright	City Attorney
Michael Higbee	Council Member	Candice McCall	Code Enforcement
Amanda Hawkins	Council Member	Jason Scott	Public Works Director
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Nestor Madrigal	City Engineer
Chelsea Popplewell	Clerk	Concerned Citizens	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Chelsea Popplewell confirmed a quorum.

PUBLIC HEARING #1:

Opened at 6:31 PM.

No Council member declared any recusal or ex parte discussion.

Autumn Jones presented the proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 budget totaling \$15,634,870.

There were no questions from Council.

There was no testimony in support of the proposed budget.

There was no testimony in opposition to the proposed budget.

There was no neutral testimony on the proposed budget.

The hearing was closed at 6:32 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of August 11, 2025 – Regular Session
2. Claims for Payment
3. Clerk Report

4. Treasurer Report

Marla moved to approve the consent agenda. Sue seconded the motion. There was some discussion on minutes and request from the Clerk Report. It was noted that minutes just need to include any way a decision was made. There was a roll call vote on the motion. Marla voted yes, Michael voted yes, Amanda voted yes, and Sue voted yes. The motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of the FY 2025-2026 Budget:

Marla moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget of \$15,634,870. Amanda asked about the number of full time parks employees in 2018, 2021 and 2025. Autumn said she would do some research and let Council know. Michael moved to approve the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget of \$15,634,870. Marla seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote. Michael voted yes. Amanda voted no. Sue voted yes. Marla voted yes. The motion passed. Amanda noted that she voted no because she felt we could have done things differently and according to the AIC budget book in terms of paying some individuals out of administration.

Review and Consideration of the Harvest Moon Car Show: Robert 'Coke' La Combe said this would be the 6th year of the car show and he'd like to continue it at Popplewell Elementary School. Last year they raised \$6,221 for the school lunch program. He asked to close 6th street. He asked Jason for 4 Road Closed signs and 12 barricades as well as 8 garbage cans. He said the funds raised this year would go to Fred Bartlett's football teams. The teams will be playing, starting at 1:00, during the car show. The date for the car show is October 4th. Marla moved to approve the Harvest Moon Car Show for October 4th on 6th Street by Popplewell Elementary School. Michael 2nd. Marla thanked Coke for doing this for the community. There was a roll call vote. Amanda voted yes, Sue voted yes, Marla voted yes, and Michael voted yes. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor McClain referenced the letter from Chief Engbaum in the Council packet. Candice McCall was at the podium and asked Council if they had any questions. Mayor just wanted to show Council's support or bring up a discussion for changes. Amanda brought up discussion points from 2024 regarding enforcement on RVs in particular and the 72 hours listed in code. Chief Engbaum said they're just enforcing what Council enacted. Sue asked if code enforcement was ticketing people mowing lawns. Candice explained that she has mostly been educating. Amanda said that she talked to a plumber in town because he was talked to about this ordinance. There was some

discussion regarding exceptions but that right now there are no exceptions given by Council. There were comments made regarding the safety concern of having trailers on narrow streets. Marla pointed out that safety is the top priority. She went on to say that the City wants small businesses but safety is number 1, but that she's open to suggestions on how to improve the ordinance for the community. Michael reminded Council of the difference in supporting an ordinance and supporting the staff. Marla said if there are ideas, to bring them forward. Amanda read the proposal she sent in April. There was a lengthy discussion regarding being on a job/doing a job and having a trailer sitting on the street for several days. Michael asked Chief Engbaum if he had specifics regarding some statements in his letter. There was a contentious dialogue between Jeremy, Michael and Amanda regarding comments made on social media. Mayor McClain added that it helps if Council will help educate the community on issues. Amanda responded that she can't control what other people say. There was an exchange regarding the plumber that reached out. Mayor McClain asked Amanda what she told the plumber. Amanda said that it was on social media but that the personal attacks needed to stop against her. The discussion came to a close. This was not an action item so there was no action.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor McClain 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.

Mayor McClain asked about the possibility of a reward for information regarding the skate park vandalism. Chief Engbaum stated that they had a suspect already and the suspect was not local. He mentioned they've looked into a 360 camera for the park. Michael asked about the damage to the Veteran's memorial. Chief Engbaum said there was no suspect but an anonymous donor has come forward to help with the repairs. He stated that Niall Irish helped with the clean up of the park. Marla asked Chief Engbaum to thank Niall and also stated that maybe it is time to start looking at cameras. The activity doesn't represent the community.

Mayor McClain asked if anyone was interested in joining her for the Mayor's Walking Challenge in October. Marla and Amanda both expressed interest. 5,000 steps per day gets the City \$500; 10,000 gets the City \$1,000.

Amanda asked Jason if we were having trouble water the trees. He said not now that Well 5 is back up. She referenced a Kubota and Jason said those were the new trees. Amanda asked how many trees would be planted in the park and Jason said 10.

Michael stated he had several items. He asked Amanda about a chain of emails from Amanda containing accusations or targeting in regards to Amanda and her trash cans. Amanda explained it was fixed and trash is being picked up. Michael continued by stating that Amanda was coming at City staff in her email. Amanda questioned Michael's timing. He said he would have brought it back to Council. Mayor McClain asked if Council could move on.

Michael stated he wouldn't bring up CSI because he received very different information than what was told to Council in an open meeting.

Michael asked if there was any footage from an incident a few months ago. Amanda commented that this was a personnel issue and shouldn't we not talk about it in open meeting. There was a contentious exchange between Amanda and Michael regarding personnel comments. Mayor McClain tried to entertain a motion but the exchanged continued.

Mayor McClain was able state that she would like to entertain a motion.

There were no further comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Marla motioned to adjourn, Sue seconded. There was no discussion. All voted yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Popplewell, City Clerk