

Call to Order

Council Meeting called to Order on October 13, 2025 at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Council: Pam Brown, Stacy Wilson, Andrea Kegel, Forrest Marquart

Volunteer Staff: Chief Mark Haskett

Not Present: Sharon Kintrea, Deb Holbrook

Visitors: Ed Hodges, *Curran McLeod* and Brittany Dark, *Frontier Chamber of Commerce*

Curran McLeod Project Scope Change

Ed Hodges recaps the original scope: upgrading the pump station down at the big Pine Hollow Reservoir, and add redundancy with a small storage tank and second water pumping system in town. The existing pump station, which is down at the reservoir, your existing reservoir, would have pumped to this second new tank in town

Ed recommends amending the project scope to simplify the system which would allow for easier personnel transition and training, a lower project build cost. Details: still upgrading the pump station at Cow Hollow, adding a two-wet-well system which provides pumping redundancy, new chlorination system and control system, and a 20 x 24' pole barn for equipment storage. The system will send warning alerts remotely if there is an issue. This removes the original element of adding a second water pumping system in the City Limits.

Ed Hodges plans to execute a grant application for the implementation phase of this project in the Winter of 2026 funding cycle to begin building next spring/summer.

Motion made by Pamela Brown to accept the Newly Proposed Project Scope as presented by Ed Hodges. Second by Andrea Kegel.

Yay: 3 | Nay: 0 | Abstain: 1 Motion Passes

Main Street Connected Communities: September 2025

Brittany Dark explains that for the cost of \$500, the City of Shaniko would benefit from the Oregon Frontier Rural Regional Hub. The Chamber would write and submit grants for (and approved by) the City of Shaniko, bringing grant dollars into the local businesses. Grants hover in the range of \$400,000. These awards are traditionally used for facade upgrades and historic building renovations. Council discussion: benefit to Shaniko, but concern about financial ability to commit to the \$500 cost. Council will keep the conversation open.

Financial Report

TLT Tax is overdue for Q2 & Q3.

Bank balance: \$5970

Motion made by Pam Brown to pay bills as outlined in Deb Holbrook's written report. Second by Andrea Kegel. Motion passes unanimously.

Water Report

Reservoir: 8'2". Previous year comparisons : (6'8 and 6'3" in years previous).

Business Oregon Grant Budget Amendment

Pamela Brown: Original award amount was \$126,000. MCEDD submitted a budget amendment request to Business Oregon on the City of Shaniko's behalf – raising the budget from \$126,000 to \$133,000 to fully cover the MCEDD administrative charges. The request was accepted by Business Oregon.

Motion made by Pam Brown to accept and adopt the new Business Oregon project budget at \$133,000 for the Water System Upgrade Project. Second by Andrea Kegel. *Motion passes unanimously.*

Fire Report

Applications were submitted for the Gary Sinise Foundation and the Firehouse Subs Foundation.

DEQ Transfer Station Update

The City of Shaniko is now in full compliance.

Housing Assistance Grant

The City of Shaniko was awarded the DLCD Housing Assistance Grant based on the application we submitted. The project start can be as soon as January 2026, doesn't have to be, but it has to be done by May 2027. More to follow soon.

Public Comment

Dave Lisle Requested an application to rent the small tourist shop that is now vacant, and offered to pay \$120/month plus water.

Sandy Cereghino expressed frustration over the state of the public restrooms.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:58pm