

City of Shaniko
January 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Council meeting called to Order on January 12, 2026 at 6:04pm.

Roll Call

Council: Andrea Kegel, Stacy Wilson, Pamela Brown

Volunteer staff: Fire Chief, Mark Haskett

Not present: n/a

December Meeting Minutes Review

Council reviewed December 2025 minutes. Pamela Brown made a Motion to accept the minutes given an amendment to the schoolhouse lease fee. Andrea Kegel seconds. Motion passes 2-1.

New Mayor Appointment Meeting

Council discussed and appointed Mark Haskett as the new mayor, following presentations from three candidates: Benjamin Harlan, Mark Haskett, and Shaun Cooper. Stacy made a motion to nominate Benjamin, which did not receive a second. Andrea made a motion to nominate Mark; Pamela seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. Mark Haskett was appointed mayor, and took the oath of office.

Financial and Water Service Updates

Sarah Finkel presented the financial report, noting that January income was lower than usual due to some delinquent bills. She recommended prioritizing payments for sanitation, electric, and the internet. Pamela motioned to approve these payments; Stacy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Report

Pamela presented the water report, with information on recent water quality tests and historical boil water notices. The water level is at 8'1". Pamela assured residents that the current water was safe to drink, though optional boiling was recommended for those concerned.

City Mail Pickup Resolution Adopted

The City Council adopted a resolution allowing designated city officials, including the mayor, council members, and city recorder, to pick up USPS mail and deliveries at the Shaniko Post Office. The resolution aims to prevent mail delivery issues that have affected city operations, such as returned checks and delayed bill payments. Andrea made a motion to adopt this resolution, and Pamela seconded. The council

approved the resolution by a 3-0 vote, with the hope that it will ensure timely mail delivery and financial transactions for the city.

City Restrooms Closure and Lease

The council discussed closing city restrooms due to financial constraints, agreeing to lock them starting January 13th, 2026, and revisit the decision at the February council meeting. Pamela made a motion to close the restrooms until further notice; Andrea seconded; the motion passed 3-0.

Shaniko Schoolhouse Lease Proposal

Greg Greenway presented a proposal to lease the Shaniko Schoolhouse to the Shaniko Music Sanctuary (SMS) for \$183 monthly rent plus utilities, insurance costs, and capital improvements. The council agreed to accept the lease proposal after Andrea made a motion to accept and Pamela seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yays and one abstention from Pamela.

Public Comment

The conversation ended with public comments raising concerns about meeting notice posting requirements, water quality, and the need for improved city facilities and infrastructure.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm