

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 20, 2025: PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jared Hillier called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor Jared Hillier, Council Member Nathan Kerbs, Council Member Wes Owsley, Council Member Erika Cornett, and City Attorney Tim Stover were present. Council President Nick Hainline was absent.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Council member Nathan Kerbs made a motion to accept the consent agenda (Minutes for 7-16-2025, 8-5-2025, & 8-6-2025 and Treasurer's Report) as written. Council Member Wes Owsley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Council member Nathan Kerbs, aye; Council member Wes Owsley, aye; Council member Erika Cornett, aye. All in favor, no opposed. The motion passed.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer Brenna McLean was present to give the report. The report is on file.

LIBRARY UPDATE REPORT: Library Director Geri Omohundro was present to give the report. The report is on file.

PUBLIC HEARING: Amended Budget 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

Mayor Jared Hillier opened the Public Hearing at 6:06 PM There were no comments from the community. Mayor Hillier closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance 1107-AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAGERMAN, IDAHO AMENDNG ORDINANCE NO. 1100, THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONIES THAT WERE NOT BUDGETED FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 BUT WERE EXPENDED-Action Item: Council member Nathan Kerbs made a motion that proposed Ordinance 1107 pass its first reading by title only, and that the 2nd and 3rd reading rules be dispensed. Council member Wes Owsley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Council member Nathan Kerbs, aye; Council member Wes Owsley, aye; Council member Erika Cornett, aye. All in favor, no opposed. The motion passed.

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- B. Roof Assessment and Proposed Solution: CENTIMARK Innovative Roofing and Flooring Solutions- Action Item: The City Council discussed the bid for the City Hall roof repair. City Hall has a rubber roof, and not many companies handle those anymore. All members were hesitant to agree to a bid without a full Council, and would like to see additional bids prior to agreeing to the bid. No motion was made at this time. This item will be on the next agenda. The meeting moved on.
- C. Duncombe Subdivision/Sunset Drive North Review-Discussion-Action Item: All records pertaining to the Duncombe Subdivision dating back to 1974 were given to the City Attorney to review. City Attorney Tim Stover addressed the public and Council. His original stance on the issue of who is responsible for the road Sunset Drive North was that this was somebody else's problem, namely the County, maybe the residents, or the original developer. The piecemeal annexation is partially to blame with the road responsibility being lost in the shuffle as the laws and statutes in place have all changed during the annexations and it was new to all parties involved. Bonds, letters of credit, etc should have been in place when the subdivision was going in to ensure the original developer finished this project. Mr. Stover stated that he chose his words carefully, and feels that it is not the City's responsibility to go in and rebuild a road, but he does think there is some discretion on the part of the city to treat those roads as they would any other road within city limits. The City does have the discretion on how Streets and maintenance budgets are spent as well, but there are limits and no obligation for the City to go in and build a perfect road for everyone. Residents have stated they were told different things by different people, and as the City Attorney he welcomes appointments to discuss these things. Sunset Drive North is a public right of way and was recorded as such, which was accepted by the County and transportation department, and despite not being in City limits was also accepted by the City.

Mayor Hillier had City Administrator Justin Hulme look at the costs for graveling, grading, and compacting Sunset Drive North, which was approximately \$24,000.00. The City is at the end of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and the budget has been finalized for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year and that is not budgeted. There are too many pot holes and low spots on Sunset Drive North to go and blade it, and mail boxes have been built at grade level. Any solution at this time is a temporary solution as any gravel would wash off as soon as a decent rainstorm came through. All the construction equipment driving through the subdivision has pulled clay into the road and created a 10 foot wide gravel top that gets 'slimy' in the winter. The City would like Fire Chief Tim Peterson to evaluate Sunset Drive North and offer his input on what first responders need from Sunset Drive North. There is a 50-60 foot right of way through Sunset Drive North. Mr. Hulme feels that trying to widen the road now is going to make it worse. Mayor Hillier also clarified that by 'road' he means a base layer of gravel and not a paved road. Councilman Wes Owsley brought up the possibility of a liner. The option of a liner between the clay and gravel base layer was discussed and will be explored, Mr. Hulme has already looked at the costs and the additional liner is approximately \$5,000.00 - \$6,000.00. Council member Nathan Kerbs would like to see some quotes on this project if it were to happen. Council member Erika Cornett asked if there is a law that would keep the Duncombe residents from contributing to the costs of repairing the road. Mr. Stover said there is not.

No motion was made. The meeting moved on. This item will be on the next agenda.

- D. Gooding County Prosecutors Office Contract-Action Item: Council member Erika Cornett recused herself from this vote. Council member Nathan Kerbs made a motion to accept the Gooding County Prosecutors Office Contract for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Council member Wes Owsley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Council member Nathan Kerbs, aye; Council member Wes Owsley, aye. All in favor, no opposed. The motion passed.
- E. Gooding County Sheriffs Office Contract-Action Item: Council member Erika Cornett recused herself from this vote. Council member Nathan Kerbs made a motion to approve the Gooding County Sheriffs Office Contract for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Council member Wes Owsley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Council member Nathan Kerbs, aye; Council member Wes Owsley, aye. All in favor, no opposed. The motion passed.
- F. Resolution 2025-05: Personnel Policy-Action Item: Council member Nathan Kerbs made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-05: Personnel Policy. Council member Wes Owsley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Council member Nathan Kerbs, aye; Council member Wes Owsley, aye; Council member Erika Cornett, aye. All in favor, no opposed. The motion passed.
- G. Residential Solid Waste Collection Services 2026 Bids-Action Item: Only one bid was turned in by the deadline of August 18, 2025 at 1:00 PM. The bid was from PSI. Jace from PSI was present and addressed the Council. Council member Wes Owsley is in favor of the addition of a once a month large item pick up in this proposal. PSI will pick up large items one day a month, up to 3 items per household. Council member Nathan Kerbs made a motion to approve the Residential Solid Waste Collection Services 2026 Bid from PSI. Council member Erika Cornett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Council member Nathan Kerbs, aye; Council member Wes Owsley, aye; Council member Erika Cornett, aye. All in favor, no opposed. The motion passed.
- H. Deem Surplus Property: 2005 Chevrolet Colorado Extended Cab, 2008 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab, & 2005 Kawasaki Mule-Discussion-Action Item: The 2005 Colorado and 2008 Dodge Ram both need multiple repairs and the Kawasaki Mule does not run at all. After discussing the options for selling personal property, Council member Nathan Kerbs made a motion to deem as surplus property the 2005 Chevrolet Colorado Extended Cab with a minimum bid of \$500.00, the 2008 Dodge Ram Quad Cab with a minimum bid of \$500.00, and the 2005 Kawasaki Mule with a minimum bid of \$50.00. A roll call vote was held. Council member Nathan Kerbs, aye; Council member Wes Owsley, aye; Council member Erika Cornett, aye. All in favor, no opposed. The motion passed.

These items will be on the next agenda with resolutions to deem them as surplus property and a plan for going forward.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

MAYOR'S COMMENT:

CITIZEN'S COMMENT: Multiple citizens addressed the council.

1. Kris Pothier thanked the City Council for approving the Gooding County Sheriffs Office contract. With the fun run, car show, fireworks show, the parade, and everything that goes on in the community she can't thank the Gooding County Sheriffs Office enough.

2. Pete Peterson stated that the City owned property* in Duncombe subdivision is a fire hazard and that the City should sell its property and put that money towards the road.

*There is an easement for Sunset Drive East and utilities, but the City of Hagerman does not own a property in Duncombe subdivision.

3. Luanne Coates, a member of the QRU and fire department, affirmed Kris Pothiers comment. She stated that Gooding County Sheriffs Office is essential. When she is on calls at 2:00 in the morning she feels good about the officers that are responding and on their way.

4. Fran Atkins, who lives on Sunset Drive, asked how much good it will do to put gravel on Sunset Drive North if the drainage system doesn't work. There is a neighbor who chronically overwaters, so the Atkins have put in a retaining wall in to divert the water. It creates a mess, and she and her husband have both slipped and fallen.

CLOSE: Council member Nathan Kerbs made a motion to close the City Council Meeting for August 20, 2025. Council Member Wes Owsley seconded the motion.

ADJOURNED: 6:47 PM.

Jared Hillier, Mayor

Ashley Cook, City Clerk/Treasurer