

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 7, 2026: 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 President Nick Hainline, Council Member Wes Owsley, Council Member Erika Cornett, and City Attorney Tim Stover (via zoom) were present. Council Member Nathan Kerbs was absent.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Nick Hainline made a motion to accept the consent agenda (Minutes for 12-17-2025 and Treasurer's Report) as written. The motion was seconded by Erika Cornett. A roll call vote was held. The Council votes are officially recorded as:

Nick Hainline: aye

Nathan Kerbs: absent

Wes Owsley: aye

Erika Cornett: aye

Motion passed.

POLICE REPORT: Sergeant Kelby Cornett with Gooding County Sheriff's Office was present to give the report. The report is on file.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: City Administrator Justin Hulme was present to give the report. The report is on file.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Oath of Office-New Council Members-Action Item: Mayor Jared Hillier administered the Oath of Office to new Council Members Bob Bonning and LuAnne Coates. He released Council Members Wes Owsley and Nathan Kerbs from their duties and thanked all for being involved.
- B. Mike Burr-Findings of Annual Audit and Single Audit-Action Item: Mike Burr presented his findings for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Audit. The following was discussed:
 - 1. Mr. Burr recommends the general fund be monitored. The park and library funds are doing what they should be.
 - 2. The water and sewer accounts are ran like a business, and their cash standing did go up this year. Overall, the audit went very smoothly and was well prepared by City Clerk Ashley Cook. Things look strong at this point in time.
 - 3. DEQ invoiced the sewer bond at a different amount than what was agreed upon. It is a mistake on their end, and the additional money paid at this point was applied as principal to the amortization schedule in the audit. The situation is ongoing.
 - 4. Mr. Burr is retiring, and has assembled a list of potential auditors for the City.

Mayor Hillier thanked Mr. Burr for his years of service to the City of Hagerman. Bob Bonning made a motion to accept Michael Burrs findings of the annual Audit. The motion was seconded by Erika Cornett. A roll call vote was held. The Council votes are officially recorded as:

Nick Hainline: aye
Erika Cornett: aye
LuAnne Coates: aye
Bob Bonning: aye

Motion passed.

- C. Kaelee Conner-290 South State St. Mini Split Request-Action Item: This item has been moved to the next agenda at the request of Ms. Conner.
- D. 2026 Annual Liquor License: Snake River Grill LLC-Action Item: There was a mistake on the original application, and the business has submitted an amended application. City Clerk Ashley Cook received authorization from the Idaho State Police Alcohol Licensing Division to amend the original beer and wine license to include the approval to sell wine under the original license number. Nick Hainline made a motion to approve the amended 2026 Annual Liquor License for Snake River Grill LLC. The motion was seconded by Bob Bonning. A roll call vote was held. The Council votes are officially recorded as:

Nick Hainline: aye
Erika Cornett: aye
LuAnne Coates: aye
Bob Bonning: aye

Motion passed.

- E. Idaho Power Easement: 2750 Lagoon Road South-Action Item: City Administrator Justin Hulme informed the Council that Idaho Power had originally presented 3 options to get power out to Bridger Tower, and this was in his opinion as the operator of the facilities the best option with potential benefits for the City. He reached out to DEQ for their opinion, and they had no comment as long as it does not interfere with the operations of the reuse site. The map and easement request are on file. This is a permanent easement. Nick Hainline made a motion to accept the Idaho Power Easement for 2750 Lagoon Road South. The motion was seconded by Bob Bonning. A roll call vote was held. The Council votes are officially recorded as:

Nick Hainline: aye
Erika Cornett: aye
LuAnne Coates: aye
Bob Bonning: aye

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT: None.

MAYOR'S COMMENT: Mayor Jared Hillier thanked the outgoing council members for their service and being involved with the community. He welcomed the incoming council members and thanked them for being willing to be involved.

CLOSE: Nick Hainline made a motion to close the City Council Meeting for January 7, 2026. The motion was seconded by LuAnne Coates.

ADJOURNED: 6:33 PM.

Jared Hillier, Mayor

Ashley Cook, City Clerk & Treasurer