

MINUTES FOR APRIL 15, 2026: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Nick Hainline called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Council President Nick Hainline, Council Member Bob Bonning, Council Member Erika Cornett, Council Member LuAnne Coates, and City Attorney representative Shayne Nope (via zoom) were present. Mayor Jared Hillier was absent.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: LuAnne Coates made a motion to accept the consent agenda (Minutes 4-1-2026 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

Bob Bonning: aye

Erika Cornett: aye

LuAnne Coates: aye

Motion passed.

ANIMAL CONTROL/CODE OFFICER REPORT: Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer Brenna McLean was not present to give the report. The report was presented by Nick Hainline and is on file.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Consideration of Opening Restricted Animal Control Treasury Account-Action Item: Animal Control Officer Brenna McLean and City Clerk & Treasurer Ashley Cook have asked permission from the City Council to open a restricted treasury account in order to allocate and save funds for future projects and/or other animal control related emergencies. Officer McLean has brought in more than budgeted for impound fees and donations, and the funds are allocated to support the general fund. City Clerk Ashley Cook has been checking into CD's etc for water rate support and the state treasury offers the best interest rates, with no minimum required to start. After some discussion, it was decided that the Council members would send an email with restrictions to be discussed that they would like to see applied to said account to the City Clerk. No other decision was made. This item will be on the next agenda.
- B.** Building Permit Discussion Melissa Barry/Snake River Grill-Action Item: Melissa and Jim Barry with the Hagerman Valley Inn addressed the council. They have previously submitted a building permit for 5 units to be added to their rental inventory with the hotel. The cabins are essentially tiny homes, but would only be used for short term rentals/an extension of the hotel and not long term rentals etc. On the original plans submitted to the City, several questions arose. The questions addressed are:
 - 1. Regarding the Easements: Mrs. Barry believes that the easements for the 60' right of way and road and water/sewer lines will be kept intact with the presented map (the map is on file).
 - 2. Lack of required parking: Mrs. Barry stated that lots 4 and 5 on the map presented would be the location of the overflow parking.
 - 3. Square footage: The outside cabins are 400 square feet and the remaining are 350 square feet.
 - 4. Foundations: all 5 cabins will be on foundations. They will have crawl spaces for short term storage.
 - 5. City Code 10-2-2

6. City Code 10-4C-2
7. Letter sent from Mayor stating information needed.
8. Land use decisions and whether a public hearing was necessary under land use classification.
9. Lack of water and sewer and plumbing plans.
10. Lack of engineered plans.

After much discussion, it was established that Mr. and Mrs. Barry would return with the plumbing connection information and other information stated as needed in the letter previously sent out.

- C. Building Permit H2026-08 Fee Waive-Discussion-Action Item: Becky Kawano Chester, member of the 1909 Car Committee partnered with the Hagerman Museum addressed the Council. The Historical Society is a non-profit, and as such is asking the City Council to consider waiving its portion of the building permit fees. The County has already waived their portion of the fees and all permits have been approved on the City and County levels. Bob Bonning made a motion to waive the City's portion of the fee for Building Permit H2026-08 in the amount of \$87.13. Erika Cornett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held.

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

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT: None.

MAYOR'S COMMENT: Water Project Update: the plans and specs for the project have been approved, and USDA-RD needs to give their approval for the project to go out to bid. Bidding will take 3-4 weeks, and Mayor Hillier is concerned about being able to spend the ARPA funding by the deadline of December 31, 2026. If the bids are clean, he is hopeful that it will be possible.

ADJOURNED: 6:42 PM.

Jared Hillier, Mayor

Ashley Cook, City Clerk & Treasurer