

STATE OF IDAHO           )  
COUNTY OF BONNER    )  
CITY OF PRIEST RIVER   )

**MINUTES OF THE PRIEST RIVER CITY COUNCIL – 01/05/26**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OPENING** – Mayor Connolly called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 6:00 pm on Monday, January 5, 2026, at the Priest River City Hall Council Chambers, 552 High Street, Priest River, Idaho.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present: Council President Turner, Council Member Mullaley, Council Member Wagner, and Council Member Brower. Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Connolly, City Clerk/Treasurer Thomas, City Attorney Elsaesser, Director of Utility Operations Sifford, and Planning and Zoning Administrator Gabell.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. PREVIOUS MINUTES – CC 12/15/25**

**B. PAYABLES**

**Council Member Mullaley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After discussion and consideration, the motion passed unanimously.**

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS**

**A. CITY COUNCIL – CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION**

**1. CANDY TURNER – OATH OF OFFICE**

City Clerk/Treasurer Thomas swore in Candy Turner as a Council Member and presented her with a certificate of election.

**2. BILLY MULLALEY – OATH OF OFFICE**

City Clerk/Treasurer Thomas swore in Billy Mullaley as a Council Member and presented him with a certificate of election.

**B. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**Council Member Mullaley made a motion to elect Council Member Turner as Council President. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Council Member Brower, Council Member Mullaley, and Council Member Wagner. NAYS: None. ABSTAINERS: Council Member Turner. ABSENT: None.**

**5. UPDATES**

**A. PARKS AND TREE COMMISSION**

A Parks and Tree Commission meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 1:00 pm.

**1. TWO RIVERS PARK UPDATE**

Jim Martin provided a written update regarding Two Rivers Park. Discussion ensued.

**B. LAW ENFORCEMENT**

None

**C. PUBLIC WORKS**

Director of Utility Operations Sifford provided a written update on Public Works.

Mayor Connolly gave an update on Public Works.

**D. PROJECT UPDATES**

Various project updates were given.

**E. BUILDING & ZONING**

Planning and Zoning Administrator Gabell gave an update on Building & Zoning.

**1. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE – DISCUSSION REGARDING HAZARDOUS AREAS AND SPECIAL AREAS OR SITES COMPONENTS**

Discussion ensued regarding the draft hazardous areas and special areas or sites components of the comprehensive plan update.

**6. BUSINESS**

**A. IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – STATE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

Discussion ensued.

**Council Member Brower made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Idaho Transportation Department for State Highway Maintenance. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**B. RESOLUTION 26-001 – STATE INVESTMENT POOL TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Discussion ensued.

**Council Member Turner made a motion to approve Resolution 26-001. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**ADJOURN:**

**Council Member Mullaley made a motion to adjourn at 6:26 pm. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.**

Motion to approve minutes of 01/05/26: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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Jeff Connolly  
Mayor

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Laurel Thomas, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer