

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

**MINUTES OF THE PRIEST RIVER CITY COUNCIL – 01/21/25**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**OPENING** – Mayor Connolly called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 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 Member Wagner, Council Member Turner, and Council Member Brower. Absent: Council Member Mullaley.

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

**3. WORKSHOP**

**INLAND FOREST MANAGEMENT, INC. – TWO RIVERS PARK FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN – PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION**

Mayor Connolly opened the workshop at 5:36 pm. Elynn Reiersen with Inland Forest Management, Inc. was the presenter of the workshop. Brittany Morlin with US Fish and Wildlife Service and Jim Martin were present for the discussion. Topics of discussion included the tree species present on the property, the health of the forest, evidence of pine engraver, white pine blister rust, fir engraver and root disease, and the three recommendations for moving forward. The three recommendations were to remove hazard trees for public safety, remove dead and dying pine trees on the east half of the property to arrest the spread of pine engraver and white pine blister rust, and conduct hazardous fuels treatment to increase safety and forest resiliency. Discussion ensued regarding the recommendations, the potential effect on wildlife, and the next steps. A public outreach/informational meeting had been scheduled for March 18, 2025.

**Council Member Brower made a motion to approve the Forest Management Plan and the recommended actions. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. PREVIOUS MINUTES – CC 01/06/25**

**B. PAYABLES**

**C. MONTHLY RESERVE TRANSFER – DECEMBER 2024**

**D. TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2024**

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

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS**

None

**6. UPDATES**

**A. PARKS AND TREE COMMISSION**

None

**B. LAW ENFORCEMENT**

None

**C. PUBLIC WORKS**

Director of Utility Operations Sifford and Mayor Connolly gave an update on Public Works.

**D. PROJECT UPDATES**

**1. WELCH COMER – PROJECT STATUS UPDATE**

Welch Comer provided a written project status update.

**2. FY25 – FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Fiscal Year 25 First Quarter Financial Report was provided to the Mayor and Council.

**E. BUILDING & ZONING**

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

**7. BUSINESS**

**A. DECLARATION OF VALUE AND INTENT TO EXCHANGE REAL PROPERTY – WISCONSIN STREET**

This item was tabled for additional information.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**ADJOURN:**

**Council Member Wagner made a motion to adjourn at 6:27 pm. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.**

Motion to approve minutes of 01/21/25: \_\_\_\_\_

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

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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Jeff Connolly  
Mayor

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Laurel Thomas, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer