

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

**MINUTES OF THE PRIEST RIVER CITY COUNCIL – 03/17/25**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OPENING** – Mayor Connolly called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 17, 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, Council Member Mullaley, and Council Member Brower. Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Connolly, City Clerk/Treasurer Thomas, City Attorney Elsaesser, Police Chief McLain, and Planning and Zoning Administrator Quayle.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. PREVIOUS MINUTES – CC 03/03/25**

**B. PAYABLES**

**C. MONTHLY RESERVE TRANSFER – FEBRUARY 2025**

**D. TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2025**

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**

None

**5. UPDATES**

**A. PARKS AND TREE COMMISSION**

Council Member Wagner gave an update on the Parks & Tree Commission.

**B. LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Police Chief McLain gave an update on Law Enforcement.

**C. PUBLIC WORKS**

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. FY24 – FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Fiscal Year 24 Fourth Quarter Financial Report was provided to the Mayor and Council.

**3. PRIEST RIVER URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY – 2024 ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL**

City Clerk Thomas presented the 2024 Urban Renewal Agency report to the Mayor and Council.

**E. BUILDING & ZONING**

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

**6. BUSINESS**

**A. THE HIGHLANDS – FINAL PLAT APPROVAL**

Planning & Zoning Administrator Quayle gave an update on The Highlands request for final plat approval. Discussion ensued.

**Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the final plat for The Highlands at Bodie Canyon. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**B. BARRON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT**

Discussion ensued.

**Council Member Mullaley made a motion to approve the Developer’s Agreement with Adam and Olivia Barron for the conditional use permit associated with Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 of Bab’s Estates. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**C. BARRON – ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT**

Discussion ensued.

**Council Member Turner made a motion to accept the Easement Agreement granted by Adam & Olivia Barron for utility placement and maintenance. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**D. TWO RIVERS PARK – TIMBER HARVEST CONTRACT**

Jim Martin was in attendance to present two timber harvest bids for Two Rivers Park.

Discussion ensued.

**Council Member Mullaley made a motion to accept the proposal from Ehrmantrout Thinning Services, LLC for timber harvest at Two Rivers Park. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After discussion and consideration, the motion passed unanimously.**

**E. CONTROL #2025-03-01 – HOOD – REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PARK RESERVATION FEE AND SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT**

Discussion ensued.

**Council Member Brower made a motion to approve the waiver of one \$70.00 park reservation fee and one \$100.00 special event permit fee for Desiree Hood for the Community Easter Egg Hunt. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After discussion and consideration, the motion passed unanimously.**

**F. CONTROL #2025-03-02 – WEST BONNER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #83 – REQUEST FOR DISCOUNTED OR FREE WATER AT PRIEST RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Paul Turco was present to request that the City Council consider either supplying water to the Priest River public schools free of charge, or at a discounted rate. Mayor Connolly advised Trustee Turco and the City Council Members that pursuant to the City’s loan agreement with USDA-RD, we are prohibited from supplying free water. Discussion ensued. This item was tabled for additional information.

**G. BONNER COUNTY – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – LARCH STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

Discussion ensued. This item was tabled for additional information.

**H. RESOLUTION 25-009 – PROCLAIMING APRIL 5-11, 2025 AS THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD**

Discussion ensued.

**Council Member Turner made a motion to approve Resolution 25-009. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.**

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

This item was tabled for additional information.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**ADJOURN:**

**Council Member Mullaley made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 pm. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.**

Motion to approve minutes of 03/17/25: \_\_\_\_\_

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

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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Jeff Connolly  
Mayor

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Laurel Thomas, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer