

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

MINUTES OF THE PRIEST RIVER CITY COUNCIL – 06/01/26

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING – Mayor Connolly called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:00 pm on Monday, June 1, 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 Member Wagner (via telephone), Council Member Mullaley, and Council Member Brower. Absent: Council Member Turner.

Staff Present: Mayor Connolly, City Clerk/Treasurer Thomas, City Attorney Elsaesser, Chief of Police McLain, Director of Public Works Sifford, and City Administrator Gabell.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. PREVIOUS MINUTES – CC 05/18/26

B. PAYABLES

C. RESOLUTION 26-023 – FULL RELEASE OF EASEMENT & TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT – W. BEARDMORE AVENUE

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

Council Member Brower apologized for a comment she made at the last meeting regarding “fake news.” She clarified that it was made in jest and that she meant no disrespect to Nick Ivie or The Beacon.

5. UPDATES

A. PARKS AND TREE COMMISSION

Council Member Wagner gave an update on the Parks and Tree Commission. Mayor Connolly reminded the public that the new park playground equipment was designed for children between the ages of 5 and 12, and that older children and adults should refrain from using the equipment to prevent damage. He also clarified that the game camera in the park belonged to the city to protect the recent investment.

B. LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Chief McLain gave an update on Law Enforcement.

C. PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works Sifford gave an update on Public Works.

D. PROJECT UPDATES

Various project updates were given.

E. BUILDING & ZONING

City Administrator Gabell gave an update on Building & Zoning.

6. BUSINESS

A. WELCH COMER – WATER FACILITY PLAN UPDATE

Ashley Williams with Welch Comer was present to update the Mayor and Council on the progress with the Water Facility Plan Update. Discussion ensued.

B. CONTROL #2026-04-03 – ROGER GREGORY – REQUEST FOR GATE ON ROGER’S WAY

Roger Gregory was in attendance to present his request for a gate to be installed on Roger’s Way. **Mike Hargreaves** at 53 Bodie Lane, **Bill Kinnison** at 144 Bodie Lane, **Chantal Czarapata** at 76 Bodie Lane, and **Alyssa Smith** at 83 Bodie Lane spoke in support of Mr. Gregory’s request. Mayor Connolly explained the history of Roger’s Way. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Council Member Mullaley made a motion to table the request until the next meeting. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

C. CONTROL #2026-05-02 – PRIEST RIVER ELEMENTARY – REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PARK RESERVATION AND SPECIAL EVENT FEES – 3RD GRADE FIELD TRIP

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Brower made a motion to approve the waiver of two \$70.00 park reservation fees and one \$25.00 special event permit fee for the West Bonner County School District #83 for the use of the City Park and Dan Eskelson Memorial Park for their Third Grade Field Trip. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

D. KRAL CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

Jay Kral provided a brief written update regarding his conditional use permit. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Brower made a motion to accept the annual report provided by Jay Kral regarding his conditional use permit at 7264 Highway 57. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

E. TWO RIVERS STORAGE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

Melissa Huffman with Two Rivers Storage provided notice that the property in question was no longer being used for the uses allowed under the Conditional Use Permit.

F. RESOLUTION 26-024 – STATE INVESTMENT POOL TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Mullaley made a motion to approve Resolution 26-024. Council Member Wagner 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 7:08 pm. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes of 06/01/26: _____

Second: _____

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Jeff Connolly
Mayor

Laurel Thomas, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer