

**CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 7, 2026  
6 P.M.**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Baylee Ramirez, Luis Perez, Tammy Trent, Mayor Hofmeister, Lillie Wright, Kade Smith, Jeff Blauer,

**ABSENT:** None.

**GUESTS:** Whitney Nichols, Chief Wilkinson, Cody Moldenhauer, Jo Cornforth, Scott Dalling, Jeff Nelson, Mariah Hofmeister, Huxon Hofmeister, Harper Hofmeister, Nate Mortimer, Amanda Collins, Tristan Jugler, Kate Selvage, Nicki Walker, Natalie Parr, Jason Povey Edgar Ramirez, Henlee Ramirez, Evander Ramirez, Buck Copeland, Kristi Copeland, Heidi Buck Morrison

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Natalie Parr and Nicki Walker presented a senior project idea. They would like to implement a community garden within a City Park. They were referred to DeeJ Brown with the Community Garden that is already established.

**CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION** made by Council Member Wright and seconded by Council Member Smith to approve the consent agenda which included minutes for December, Bills for December in the amount of \$253,126.01 and the Treasurer's Report for November. Motion passed unanimously.

**SWEARING IN OF THE MAYOR:** City Clerk Whitney Nichols swore in Mayor Hofmeister.

**SWEARING IN OF ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS :** Mayor Hofmeister swore in Jeff Blauer, Kade Smith, Luis Perez, Baylee Ramirez, and Tammy Trent.

**DISCUSSION ON MAYOR AND COUNCIL ROLES:** City attorney Heidi Buck Morrison gave a brief rundown of council and mayor roles and responsibilities. Department assignments were given out to each council member.

**MAYOR REAFFIRMS HIS APPOINTMENTS.** Mayor Hofmeister reaffirmed his appointments for City Clerk/Treasurer-Whitney Nichols, Police Chief-Brandon Wilkinson, Fire Chief-Cecil Sweeney. **MOTION** made by Council Member Blauer and seconded by Council Member Trent. Motion passed unanimously.

**MAYOR HOFMEISTER APPOINTMENT FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD:** Mayor Hofmeister appointed Tony Mancilla to the Housing Authority Board. **MOTION** made by Council Member Perez and seconded by Council Member Trent. Motion passed unanimously.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** Council Member Perez nominated Council Member Trent to be the Council President. This was passed by the whole council.

**DISCUSSION ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** Nate Mortimer and Tristan Jugler with Southeast Idaho Council of Government talked to the council about an update to the City’s current comprehensive plan. The current plan expires in 2027. These are complex and time consuming so it’s best to start now.

**ORDINANCE 675, FOOD TRUCK VENDORS:** Edits are needed on this Ordinance. This item was tabled for next meeting.

**RESOLUTION 690, FOOD TRUCK VENDORS:** Edits are needed on this Resolution. This item was tabled for next meeting.

**LAWN MOWERS FOR GOLF COURSE:** Golf Superintendent Cody Moldenhauer asked Council for permission to buy two new Automatic lawn mowers for the price of \$55,932.00. These mowers will mow the fairways. **MOTION** by Council Member Wright and seconded by Council Member Blauer. Motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ON TWILIGHT HOURS FOR THE GOLF COURSE:** Golf Superintendent Cody Moldenhauer would like permission to offer discounts at his discretion. Other golf courses have discounts for twilight hours. A resolution will be needed to approve this.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04p.m., upon motion duly made and passed, to reconvene on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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City Clerk Whitney Nichols

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Mayor Gilbert Hofmeister