

REGULAR MEETING

September 3, 2025

7:00 P.M.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Hofmeister, Dan Hammond, Lillie Wright, Jeff Blauer, Luis Perez, Terri Miller, Whitney Nichols

**GUESTS:** Scott Dalling, Robbie Engle, Heidi Buck Morrison, Cecil Sweeney, Deej Brown, Frank Marvin, Jerry Hubbs, Charles Jones, Rosalee Longoria, Raya Longoria, Justin Longoria, Jake Slater, Travis Mills

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Frank Marvin 326 Hayes addressed the Council regarding the severe cat problem in his neighborhood. He would like to see some new ordinances addressing this issue and wants to see the City addressing the problem. He proposed the City put a household limit on cats similar to the limit of dogs allowed per household. He also wants to know if he can live trap them.

**CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION** by Council Member Wright and seconded by Council Member Hammond to approve the consent agenda which includes Minutes for July 2025, Bills in the amount of \$558,189.72 for July 2025, Treasurers Report for July 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

**IRWA RECOGNIZED JUSTIN LONGORIA:** IRWA presented a certificate of completion to Justin Longoria for completion of the Wastewater Systems Operation Specialist Class II. Just is also enrolled in the Drinking water program.

**NRCS:** Deej Brown informed Council of her roll with NRCS within the City. She informed Council about the status of the People's Garden. Deej also requested the City help spread the word about the People's Garden and NRCS. Deej would also like input when the City is looking at beautification projects in the future.

**TRAVIS MILLS:** Travis Mills would like permission to hook up City Water and Sewer on his property on the Arthur Street extension. This property is outside City limits. Travis is willing to pay the hook up fees associated with this request and is aware of the higher utility rate with properties outside City limits. Mayor Hofmeister asked Travis if he would be willing to sign a letter that he would be open to the City Annexing this area in the future potentially. Travis agreed. **MOTION** was made by Council Member Hammond and seconded by Council Member Wright to approve City hook ups at this property. Motion passed unanimously.

**BASEBALL FIELD UPDATES:** Mayor Hofmeister and Superintendent Fehringer met with the American Falls High School baseball coaches about updates they'd like to make to the fields owned by the City. They want to cut the base paths out with diamond dust. Chris will work with them to avoid damage to the water lines. They want to redo the benches as they have bowed with weather. Lastly, they'd like to paint the dug outs and backstops. City Council has no problems with these updates, they are at no expense to the City.

**VEHICLE LEASE FOR ADMINISTRATION: MOTION** made by Council Member Perez and seconded by Council Member Hammond to approve a vehicle lease for a 2025 Toyota Tacoma for the Administration Department. This is a roll call vote. Perez-Aye, Blauer-Aye, Hammond-Aye, Wright-Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

**VEHICLE LEASE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT: MOTION** made by Council Member Blauer and seconded by Council Member Perez to approve a vehicle lease for a 2026 GMC Sierra 3500 for the Fire Department. This is a roll call vote. Wright-Aye, Hammond-Aye, Blauer-Aye, Perez-Aye. Motion passed unanimously. Legal

council will draw up an MOU with the County for this lease agreement as they are responsible for half the lease payment for this vehicle.

**VEHICLE LEASES FOR POLICE MOTION** made by Council Member Wright and seconded by Council Member Perez to approve vehicle leases for four 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe's for the Police Department. This is a roll call vote. Hammond-Aye, Wright-Aye, Perez-Aye, Blauer-Aye. Motion passed unanimously

**LAWN MOWER LEASES FOR RECREATION: MOTION** made by Council Member Wright and seconded by Council Member Blauer to approve a lease for 2 lawn mowers for the Recreation Department. This is a roll call vote. Perez-Aye, Blauer-Aye, Hammond-Aye, Wright-Aye. Motion passed unanimously. Current mowers will be deemed surplus and sold or traded in with this purchase.

**DISCUSSION ON TRAILER PARK FEES AND HOME BUSINESS LICENSE FEES:** Council will do some research and look into whether these rates need to be adjusted.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

PARKS- The soccer team will be cleaning barrow pits as a community service project.

POLICE- Domestic Violence interview room is complete. Tristyn is at Academy and doing well.

ADMIN-Minnie is celebrating her 10 year work anniversary in the coming week. Terri will be retiring at the end of the month.

STREETS-We are still having problems with the garbage truck.

GOLF-There is one last golf tournament for the year this coming weekend.

WATER/WASTEWATER-They are wrapping up on exercising the main line valves and flushing hydrants. The mixers have shipped and are expected the end of October or beginning of November. Scott is having issues with well 4 and is going to work with SCATA on this to hopefully resolve it.

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Hammond and seconded by Council Member Wright.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8p.m., upon motion duly made and passed, to reconvene on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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City Clerk Terri Miller

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Mayor Gilbert Hofmeister