

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

MINUTES OF THE PRIEST RIVER CITY COUNCIL – 02/02/26

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING – Mayor Connolly called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 2, 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 President Turner, Council Member Mullaley, Council Member Wagner, and Council Member Brower. Absent: None.

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. PREVIOUS MINUTES – CC 01/20/26

B. PAYABLES

C. RESOLUTION 26-004 – HMH ENGINEERING – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR SERVICES

Council Member Mullaley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After discussion and consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Connolly talked about his experience in Boise the week prior at the City Official’s Day at the Capitol.

5. UPDATES

A. PARKS AND TREE COMMISSION

Council Member Wagner and Council Member Turner gave an update on the Parks and Tree Commission. Discussion ensued.

1. TWO RIVERS PARK UPDATE

Jim Martin provided a written update on the progress at Two Rivers Park.

B. LAW ENFORCEMENT

Chief of Police McLain gave an update on Law Enforcement.

C. PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Utility Operations Sifford provided a written update on Public Works.

D. PROJECT UPDATES

Various project updates were given.

E. BUILDING & ZONING

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

1. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE – COMPLETE DRAFT

Discussion ensued regarding the complete draft of the comprehensive plan update.

2. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – MAP DRAFT

Planning and Zoning Administrator Gabell presented the draft Comprehensive Plan Map. Lengthy discussion ensued.

6. BUSINESS

A. CONTROL #2026-01-04 – SHOFSTALL – REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION FEES

Mr. Shofstall was present to address the Council regarding his request. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Council Member Turner made a motion to uphold the requirements and conditions staff imposed for building permit file number 001-26, as presented. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Council Member Brower, Council Member Turner, and Council Member Wagner. NAYS: Council Member Mullaley. ABSTAINERS: None. ABSENT: None.

B. CONTROL #2026-01-05 – 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 \$25.00 special event permit fee for Desiree Hood for the use of the City Park for the Priest River Egg Hunt. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After discussion and consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

C. RESOLUTION 26-005 – STATE INVESTMENT POOL TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Mullaley made a motion to approve Resolution 26-005. Council Member Turner 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 6:53 pm. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes of 02/02/26: _____

Second: _____

SIGNED:

Jeff Connolly
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laurel Thomas, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer