

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

**MINUTES OF THE PRIEST RIVER CITY COUNCIL – 05/04/26**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OPENING** – Mayor Connolly called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 4, 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 Brower, and Council Member Wagner. Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Connolly, City Clerk/Treasurer Thomas, City Attorney Elsaesser, Chief of Police McLain, Director of Public Works Sifford, and Planning & Zoning Administrator Gabell (via Microsoft Teams).

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. PREVIOUS MINUTES – CC 04/20/26**

**B. PAYABLES**

**C. RESOLUTION 26-018 – THE HIGHLANDS AT BODIE CANYON – PARTIAL BOND RELEASE AND UPDATED SURETY AGREEMENT – REQUEST TO REMOVE GATES AND CROSSWALK STRIPING FROM SURETY AGREEMENT**

**D. RESOLUTION 26-019 – EMPLOYEE JOB DESCRIPTION & GRADE/STEP SCALE – CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

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

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS**

None

**5. UPDATES**

**A. PARKS AND TREE COMMISSION**

Council Member Wagner, City/Clerk Treasurer Thomas, and Mayor Connolly gave an update on the Parks and Tree Commission.

**B. LAW ENFORCEMENT**

None

**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**

### **1. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PHASE 5 DRAFTING & REVISION REPORT**

Planning & Zoning Administrator Gabell presented the Comprehensive Plan Phase 5 Drafting & Revision Report. Discussion ensued.

### **2. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GRADE SCHOOL PRIZE**

Lengthy discussion ensued.

**Council Member Turner made a motion to select one winner for each of the following categories: Most Creative Idea, Best Idea for Priest River's Future, Most Colorful Drawing, and Best Park or Outdoor Idea, based on the submitted student drawings regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Council Member seconded Mullaley the motion. After discussion and consideration, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **6. BUSINESS**

### **A. CONCERN REGARDING THE PROHIBITED DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS IN CITY LIMITS**

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement of the City's code regarding fireworks. City staff sought clarity on the Council's direction and were instructed to develop and present an ordinance amendment for consideration.

### **B. PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENTS**

City Clerk/Treasurer Thomas explained the proposed changes to the City's Personnel Policy. Lengthy discussion ensued.

**Council Member Brower made a motion to approve the Personnel Policy amendments as presented. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

### **C. COMPUNET – VERKADA STORAGE INCREASE PROPOSAL**

Discussion ensued.

**Council Member Brower made a motion to approve the Quote from CompuNet to increase the City's Verkada Camera storage, for an additional \$3,644.10. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

### **D. FILE #26-001 SILVER SPIKE 55+ PUD – CLARIFICATION AND RATIFICATION OF DECISION LETTER**

Lengthy discussion ensued. Trevor Price, with Developro Construction, representative for the applicant, was present for the discussion. Staff were directed to provide clarification regarding setbacks.

**Council Member Brower made a motion to approve and ratify the decision letter for File 26-001 as presented, confirming that setbacks shall be measured consistently with PRCC 10-2-2 and 10-4-2. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion failed unanimously.**

**Council Member Mullaley made a motion to table the item. The motion died for lack of a second.**

**E. INFORMATIONAL SIGN CONCEPT APPROVAL – TWO RIVERS PARK**

Discussion ensued.

**Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the concept design for the informational sign at Two Rivers Park. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**UNDER 74-206 1 (f) Pending Litigation**

**Council Member Mullaley made a motion to enter executive session under 74-206 1 (f) Pending Litigation at 7:30 pm. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously by the following vote: AYES: Council Member Turner, Council Member Mullaley, Council Member Brower, and Council Member Wagner. NAYS: None. ABSTAINERS: None. ABSENT: None.**

**RECONVENE**

**Council Member Brower made a motion to reconvene at 8:05 pm. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURN**

**Council Member Brower made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.**

Motion to approve minutes of 05/04/26: \_\_\_\_\_

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

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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Jeff Connolly  
Mayor

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Laurel Thomas, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer