

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

MINUTES OF THE PRIEST RIVER CITY COUNCIL – 12/02/25

SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING – Mayor Connolly called to order the special meeting of the City Council at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 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, Police Chief McLain, Director of Utility Operations Sifford, and Planning and Zoning Administrator Gabell.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. PREVIOUS MINUTES – CC 11/17/25

B. PAYABLES

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 praised the Christmas on Main Street event that was held on Monday, December 1, 2025, and thanked the volunteers for making it happen.

5. UPDATES

A. PARKS AND TREE COMMISSION

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

B. LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Chief McLain gave an update on Law Enforcement.

C. PUBLIC WORKS

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

Mayor Connolly gave an 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. AREA OF IMPACT UPDATE & DISCUSSION

Discussion ensued regarding what the City proposed as the Area of Impact, and what the Bonner County Commissioners approved. Multiple citizens located within the Area of Impact were present for the discussion and to ask questions.

6. BUSINESS

A. CONTROL #2025-10-04 – STOCKING – REQUEST FOR PLOWING OF SNOW ON FINLEY AVENUE

Discussion ensued. Ron Stocking was present for the discussion. The public hearing will be scheduled by Ron Stocking next year.

Council Member Turner made a motion to hear the request by Ron Stocking for snow plowing on Finley Avenue at a public hearing to amend the conditions of approval of his Subdivision/Conditional Use Permit/Planned Unit Development. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Council Member Turner, Council Member Brower, and Council Member Wagner. NAYS: Council Member Mullaley. ABSTAINERS: None. ABSENT: None.

B. CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY & PROCEDURE

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Brower made a motion to approve the updated Code Enforcement Policy & Procedure as presented and adopt it as the official Code Enforcement Procedure for the City of Priest River. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

C. BUILDING PERMIT POLICY & PROCEDURE

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the updated Building Permit Policy & Procedure as presented and adopt it as the official building permit process for the City of Priest River. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

D. 2026 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the Council Meeting Schedule for 2026 with the Monday, December 7th meeting rescheduled to Tuesday, December 8th due to the Christmas on Main Street event. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

E. RESOLUTION 25-061 – STATE INVESTMENT POOL TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Brower made a motion to approve Resolution 25-061. Council Member Mullaley seconded the motion. After consideration and discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ivan Griesemer, 1295 Bodie Canyon Road, voiced his concerns regarding the amount of traffic on Bodie Canyon Road and issues with the intersection at Highway 2. He suggested the city investigate an alternate access.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Mullaley made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 pm. Council Member Turner seconded the motion. After consideration, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes of 12/02/25: _____

Second: _____

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Jeff Connolly
Mayor

Laurel Thomas, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer