

CITY OF SHELLEY
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

April 08, 2026

PRESENT: Mayor: Kim Westergard
Council Members: Leif Watson, Don West, Sean Kress (ABSENT),
Louise Street
Public Work Director: Justin Johnson
Police Chief: Chad Purser
City Building Inspector/Planner: Jordon Johnson
Recreation Director: Mikel Anderson
Attorney: B.J. Driscoll
City Clerk/Treasurer: Lisa Ybarra

Pledge of Allegiance: Jordon Johnson
Invocation: B.J. Driscoll

The meeting was opened at 7:31 p.m.

Louise moved; Leif seconded to approve the consent calendar:

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2026
Approval of Work Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2026
Approval of Work Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2026
Approval of February Expenditures
Approval of February Overall Budget & Treasurer's Report
Approval of Building Permits

Scott Jolley – Single Family	Scott Jolley – Single Family
Kyle Roach – Single Family	Kyle Roach – Single Family
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Michael Hay – Single Family	Travis Burnside – Fence
Neil Banks – Reroof	Paul Voelker – Reroof
Eric James – Single Family	Marv Keele – Fence
Jeff Kelley – Reroof	Robyn Cain – Fence
Hunter Yorgensen – Single Family	Hunter Yorgensen – Single Family

A roll call vote was taken: Louise – aye, Don – aye, Leif – aye. Three in favor, one absent.

Public Hearing – Water rate and water meter rate increase

Mayor Kim turned the time over to B.J. for the public hearing. B.J. thanked everyone for coming to voice their opinion or concerns for the proposed water rate. B.J. gave an introduction to the how the hearing would take place and asked those who would participate to not mentioned the same things over and over and if the comments were the same, the time would be shorten for comments. B.J. opened the hearing (7:39 pm). B.J. allowed those from the city, in favor of or give the explanation of the proposed rate increase.

In Favor:

Dave Noel, City Engineer (Forsgren/Rexburg) – was sworn in. Dave gave a brief presentation of boards that had information for the Council and the public. In 2023 the facility planning study that they looked at assessing in the city water system was completed. The purpose of the study was to assess the system and if anything needed to be fixed. The study had several water system deficiencies and needed improvements. Based on a historical growth curve, going back 40 years, if you took the average growth over 40 years and use the same consumptive rate that is currently being used then by 2029 there would not be enough legal authority to pull water out of the ground for the demand that the city is consuming. In a few years this would cause the public works department will not be able to meet the water demand on the hottest days of the year when the water demands are the highest. Dave said that they came up with two solutions with the first one is to get more water rights. The second solution was to cut back or water conservation. Dave said that for two years the city's billing department was sending out notices on water bills asking for volunteer reduction in water demand. It was monitored and after two years there was no reduction in water use and because of that the next step was to purchase water rights but after the purchase the water laws changed and would not allow to separate the water rights and as a result the city could not bring in the water into the city. The next step was to add water meters. Dave said that another large deficiency was that was discovered in the city had to do with lead being present in the water system. The EPA had a mandate and stated that the city had to do a lead service inventory by 2024. The inventory also had any components that were in the system up to a resident's foundation and transmission lines. Shelley has lead exposure to the water which is a short piece of pipe, a foot and half and two feet, between the ling and goes to the home and to the house and the main line in the road is a piece of lead pipe. EPA stated that if there is a galvanized piece of pipe that is after any lead in the system, the galvanizing is actually a trap that will trap lead and concentrate over time and then it can release into the home becoming a lead hazard for the community. EPA and the state have said that all of the lead has to be replaced. Dave said that the good news was that the city was ahead of the schedule of getting the inventory done and the city was the near first in line when we went to the state for assistance. The project would be about \$48M for the city upgrades. With the city doing water conservation and getting rid of the lead, the city was awarded \$22M in grant money of the \$48M with the remaining \$26M is in loan money and is subsidized. \$12M of the \$26M is at 1% interest and the other \$14M is at 4.25% interest. The 4.25% interest is at maximum and we will not know what the interest will be until the project is closed out. Dave mentioned that the grant money is spent last. Dave said that the \$26M is debt service and the proposal to raise the monthly base rate is for \$55 which is the rate that would be required to cover the loan repayment, this does not cover any O&M. The \$1.75 per thousand gallons would cover the operations maintenance labor for the system. Dave asked if there were any specific questions. Nathan Price asked Dave how he came up with the \$1.75 per thousand gallons for operations and maintenance. Dave said that the rate is based on 30% water reduction and they took the overall annual water use and analyze that about 85% of the water use that is being pumped out of the ground annually is going to irrigation and about 15% is going to domestic. An assumption was made that when residents are paying based on the water they use, they will conserve and the irrigation demand

would drop about 30%. They took the total number of gallons and the annual operations maintenance budget, divided it into a thousand gallons which resulted in the \$1.75.

Neutral:

Merle Thane at 440 Walnut was sworn in. Thane stated that we had a lot of people in our area that are barely making it now and was wondering if any money had been set aside to help those who are going to have a rough time with the increase. Mayor Kim mentioned that council members in other communities shared that there was the circuit breaker for tax purposes. She also mentioned that there was no money set aside. Mayor Kim stated that Steve at the Senior Citizen Center said there is SICCA that residents could reach out to for assistance.

Nathan Price at 350 Hummingbird Lane was sworn in. Nathan stated that given the 2% increase in growth year after year and basically doubling the rate for water, shouldn't it mean that we should be paying less than double of the rate because of the amount of expansion would balloon and put more money to pay for the loans. Leif said it would not and they looked at those through the engineering and the growth is coming does not mean the system is getting smaller and the replacement for the old outdated lead that are mandated for does not allow for a reduction. Nathan said he respects the council and they have been given this situation because previous administrations did not do their due diligence and he understands why we are here and appreciates all the work that has gone into this. Nathan said that his one concern is doubling the rate for everyone and we already know that there are people using half a million gallons and more than likely it is industrial or restaurant. Nathan asked how is the city going to make it more fair for them to pay their part versus the widows and single residents. Leif mentioned that is where the meters come in. Mayor Kim explained that a restaurant doesn't only have one ERU. She used herself as an example and said that because she has a salon in her home. If this is approved, her base rate would double times two because she pays for two ERUs. Dave said that the term ERU is pretty much industry standard and it allows the city to do is to equate non-residential businesses and entities like a residential. Dave used the Mayor's in home business as an example and that she would use approximately the same amount of water as two houses and she would pay for two ERUs. Dave mentioned that the proposal is that for every ERU there is one base rate and then \$1.75 for every thousand gallons that goes through the meter. Dave clarified that every house has one ERU and the ERUs are not based on how many people live in the house and the fairest way to break it up is \$55 a month will pay for all of the infrastructure and then those who live in the house have control on how much water they use and what they want to pay for in terms of the demand. Nathan asked how the water department's budget and the water sampling and analysis would collide with this project. Justin Johnson, City of Shelley Public Works Director was sworn in; Justin said we have funds to take care of sampling. Leif mentioned that this was built into the whole project. Someone asked if the testing is done outside the home or if it needs to come from inside the home. Justin said he is required to do the testing inside the home and when he does his required five monthly samples throughout the city from inside a home, he has a list he rotates and he knocks on the door, they allow him in to pull samples and he sends the bottles to the lab and gets the results back.

Brad Higley at 761 S Park was sworn in. Brad stated that growth has had an impact on our community and sometimes it is not seen until after it has already been accomplished. He asked the council if they are charging a fee for water meters. Leif said no and we are putting in the water meters as part of the project. Brad mentioned that there is a social impact to development that they are not paying for and the developers should pay for the impact they are causing and, in this case, taking water away from those who have lived here for a long time. Dave mentioned that the state of Idaho requires that the water system be run as an enterprise fund and every user is charged proportionally to their use. Dave said that Idaho state law is that the city has to charge everyone that is using the water proportionally the same and collect enough money through the water rate to pay for all of the expenses for the water department. Don mentioned that in the past the cost burden has been passed on to the community and we realized that last year and it was the reason to increase the water connection fee to cover the cost and the community was no longer having to bear that burden. Don said that they are working towards being better at that.

Opposed:

Mont Howard at 1424 N Hwy 91 was sworn in. Mont asked if there is a limited amount of water, is there a reason why subdivisions are being added north of us and another on Taylor highway. Why is the city adding subdivisions when the amount of water available is not increasing. Leif said that the subdivisions that were approved and added were approved almost eight years ago and at the time the city did not know what the study looked like. B.J. clarified that there was enough water for the homes that have been approved. Dave mentioned that \$28M of the project is only to replace the lead and copper lines and has nothing to do with the water rights. The EPA has required that lead and contaminated pipes out of the system. Dave clarified that this is nationwide, not only in Shelley. The water meters is a water conservation that allowed to receive millions in dollars as grant money.

Kendra Killian at 370 E Maple was sworn in. Kendra asked if the trailer park that was approved last fall would each of the trailers have its own meter. Leif said that they all would have a meter and if a new house is built, they have to get a meter. Kendra asked for clarification why subdivisions are still being approved. Leif said that subdivisions have been approved years ago and they are just now building homes. Jordon Johnson, City of Shelley Building Inspector/Planner was sworn in, stated that there are no subdivisions pending but there is ground that is pending annexation to come in for future subdivision.

B.J. asked if there was anyone else who had questions. B.J. went back to the city or the applicant. Dave answered some questions that were asked earlier. Dave said he was not a water attorney. Dave said in Idaho you have to show there is a beneficial use for a water right. The Growing Cities Doctrine in Idaho program, the Department of Water Resources has allowed cities to use projected growth to show the need of water as a beneficial use. With growth it is showing that the city will run out of the beneficial projection in about 2029, if we can conserve water, it can be extended to another 20 years.

B.J. thanked everyone who came out and participated and asked the council if there wasn't anything else. B.J. closed the public hearing (9:06 pm) portion

meeting and turned the matter over to the council for discussion, deliberation, and decision making.

Leif mentioned that there heard a lot of good and bad and there were a lot of good question. Leif said that doubling the rate is a hard thing and a hard decision. Leif said that things are being put in place to help in the future. Don agreed that this is a difficult thing and the can has been kicked down the road and there is no more road to kick it too. Don mentioned that this also affects the council, as well and he does not like it any more than anyone else and to the point of Mr. Higley, there were things that should have been done in the past that weren't done. When the water connection was increased it impacted the builder and not the community, unfortunately this one does impact the community and he doesn't see how they can avoid it any longer. Don said this was not an easy decision but believes it is the right decision. Don thinks that it up to them instead of continuing tradition that's happened in the city and not addressing the issues and taking care of them, it's the responsible thing to commit to do the right thing for the city moving forward. Louise said that she personally does not like to see this but as a councilmember, she believes it is necessary thing to do.

Leif moved, Don seconded to approve the \$55 base rate per ERU with the flow rate of \$1.75 per thousand gallons. Three in favor, one absent. Don moved, Louise seconded for the base rate per ERU of \$55 to start on June 1, 2026. All in favor, one absent. Louise moved, Don seconded flow rate of \$1.75 per thousand gallon in addition to the \$55 base rate per ERU for existing meters to begin June 1, 2026. Three in favor, one absent.

Isabel Acree – Consider approval of 2026 Concessionaires License/City Park

Isabel Acree presented herself and requested from the council to approval to sell sno cones, snacks, candy at the City Park during sporting events. When asked if she was earning money for something, Isabel responded she was saving to purchase a cow for the 4H. Leif moved, Don seconded to approve a 2026 Concessionaires license for Isabel to sell said goods at the City Park during sporting events. Three in favor, one absent.

Michaela West – Shelley Farmer's Market update

Michaela, Market Co/chair, gave an update on the Shelley Farmer's Market. Michaela stated that the farmers market would run on Thursdays from June 4th to September 17th from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm; with no market during the kid's market week to show support to the young entrepreneurs and ending the farmers market just before Spud Day. Vendors would be able to begin filling out the Vendor Applications starting April 13th through April 30th with the fee deadline of May 20th. The cost of the booth pricing would be seasonal, 10x10 at \$100; 10x20 at \$175; food trucks at \$175; and drop in (those who want to test the farmers market first) at \$25 to \$45. Vendors would need to purchase a city business license at \$25/year and \$5 annual renewal and mobile food vendors at \$20/year. Michaela also stated what the vendor requirements would be. She would like to have a ribbon cutting with the city council at the grand opening of the farmer's market. There are plans to have live music, lemonade and kid activities along with vendor and sponsor giveaways. Michela also said that there would be sponsorship opportunities that would include Premier Sponsor of \$500-\$1,000; Supporting Sponsor of \$250-\$500; Community Sponsor of \$100-\$250; and Friend of the

Market of \$50-\$100. The location of the farmer's market would be on N Park behind Hard times/Food Plaza with location change in the future due to possible growth.

Katherine Butchart – Consider approval to waive water connection fee

Katherine gave telephone notice that she would not be able to attend tonight's meeting and requested to be moved to the next agenda on April 22, 2026. Leif moved, Don seconded to table item and move to April 22, 2026, council meeting. Three in favor, one absent.

Consider approval of 2026 Fair Housing Proclamation

Mayor Kim stated that this was the annual fair housing proclamation. Council had a few minutes to review the proclamation. Louise moved, Leif seconded to approve for Mayor Kim to sign the 2026 Fair Housing Proclamation. Three in favor, one absent.

Consider approval of Week of the Young Child Proclamation

Mayor Kim stated that this proclamation was a request from the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children to highlight the importance of meeting the needs of young children in our community. Council had a few minutes to review the proclamation. Leif moved, Don seconded to approve for Mayor Kim to sign the Week of the Young Child Proclamation. Three in favor, one absent. It was requested to add this item on the marquee.

New Fiscal Year Budget Hearing – Consider calling for a Public Hearing

Lisa stated that she received the letter from the county to call for a public hearing for the new fiscal year budget. Lisa mentioned that the last day to hold the budget hearing would be September 3rd, 2026. Lisa also stated that the deadline to respond with the information to the county was April 30, 2026. Don moved, Louise seconded to call for the new fiscal year budget hearing on August 26th, 2026, at 7:30 pm. Three in favor, one absent.

Chief Purser – Consider approval of Evidence Guns Disposal

Chief stated that he was running out of room to store evidence guns and that there were three options to dispose of the guns. The options are to sell the guns through auction to an FFL license gun dealer/business; destroy the guns; or to donate to the State Police Forensic Lab in Coeur d'Alene. Of the three options, Chief stated that he would like to donate the evidence guns. Leif asked if the city gets anything in return which the Chief said no. Chief also stated that he would have to transport them himself to Coeur d'Alene or whoever the council approved to take them. Justin mentioned that he would be going up for a training to Coeur d'Alene later this year and he would be willing to help with transporting them if the council would like. Don moved, Louise seconded to approve the disposal of the evidence guns to be donated to the Idaho State Police forensic lab and the transportation would be based on a chain of command. Three in favor, one absent.

Chief Purser – Consider approval of purchase of Axon Tasers

Chief stated that he received a call from an Axon representative about tasers that he had looked into during the current budget year. It was stated that with a \$20 down payment, Chief could get the Taser 10s which is the newest model and then he would not be invoiced until the new budget year of \$16,000/year (15 tasers)

for the next five years. Chief stated that soon the current tasers are 2013 and soon would not be supportive by Axon. Mayor Kim asked why 15 tasers, Chief stated that the reserves were also included. Leif said that the current tasers do malfunction because at a previous training, the one he used malfunctioned and it could be a liability issue. Don asked if the chief could buy the old tasers from Bonneville and possibly buy some time. The Chief said that would be an option and that Bonneville offered to sell their old tasers, which are still newer than what he currently has. Bonneville would sell their tasers and the Axon trade in value. Chief did also mention that purchasing them through Bonneville County may save them about three years before would need to upgrade them. It was also mentioned that purchasing from Bonneville would require to pay for the taser upfront. B.J. asked Louise if there would be any issues with obtaining the tasers and be invoiced later because in the past, the city was flagged on an equipment that was obtained before the new fiscal year. Louise stated that there would not be an issue because they would pay a \$20 down and receive the equipment. B.J. stated that with any contract that involves the city, there would need to be a way out of a contract should the council not approve the tasers in the new fiscal year. Lisa mentioned that she would not have the new budget numbers until sometime in June/July and it would be hard to agree to the tasers without knowing what Jusin would need especially during the water project. Leif mentioned that he and the chief should have a meeting to go over the options. Leif moved, Don seconded to table this item and hold a meeting of the different options. Three in favor, one absent.

New Council Business –

Consider approval of General Business Licenses

Lisa mentioned that Phillydawgs had filled out a General Business License, but she also had them under the Mobile Food Vendor. Lisa let council know that Phillydawgs is a food vendor selling under a tent and that they usually set up in front of Cox's Honey. Lisa asked the council if they wanted to consider Phillydawgs as a General or if they would prefer to have them as a Mobile Food Vendor and if that was the case, the business license would be corrected as such. Council stated to move Phillydawgs as a Mobile Food Vendor. Louise moved, Leif seconded to approve the general business licenses: Guerrero Lawnmowing Services, Breath Pilates, Coqui Crafts and Accessories. Three in favor, one absent.

Consider approval of Mobile Food Vendor

Leif moved, Don seconded to approve Phillydawgs as a Mobile Food Vendor. Three in favor, one absent.

Ratify consideration of approval for Sergio's Delight Business License

Lisa mentioned that council gave verbal approval for a business license to Sergio's Delight at the previous council meeting. The item was not on as an action item, and the approval would need to be ratified at tonight's meeting. Leif moved, Don seconded to ratify the approval for Sergio's Delight business license. Three in favor, one absent.

Consider approval to limit or increase yearly Concessionaires Licenses

Lisa mentioned that there has been only one concessionaires license approved on a first come first serve basis. However, the past two year there have been between two/three concessionaires approved to sell goods at the city park. Lisa

also stated that there is no fee for a concessionaire's license and one of the conditions for kids/teens to sell at the park during sporting events is that they do not sell the same items. Lisa asked the council if they would like to increase the amount concessionaires that are approved each year. Leif mentioned that there could be one concessionaire's license for each side of the park. Louise moved, Leif seconded to approve a limit of four concessionaires each year. Three in favor, one absent.

Mobile Food Vendor business license requirements

Lisa asked council for direction if mobile food vendors who are invited by to sell in the city limits, even if only for one day should be obligated to purchase a city mobile food vendor license regardless if the vendor sets up in a business parking lot or a resident's private driveway. The Chief said that he had sent messages through Facebook asking the food vendors to please go into City Hall to obtain a city license because our city code says that they shall have a license. He also stated that the code states that issuance of a mobile food vendor or itinerant merchants license shall not entitle the licensee to conduct business on any street, sidewalk or other location within any park owned or maintained by the City. Also, no mobile vendor or itinerant merchant shall make sales from any one location on a public street for more than two consecutive hours. It was mentioned that food vendors have been invited to the community to sell food, however when parked on a resident's place, it does cause traffic issues and safety issues with kids. Mayor Kim stated that inviting food vendors into the community is a good idea and would like to have them continue to come to the community and by having a city mobile food vendor license would be a benefit for the business continue to sell to the community. The cost of the mobile food vendor license is \$20 per year. Council mentioned that all mobile food vendors should be required to purchase a city mobile license. The ordinance could be confusing, and it was mentioned that it may need to be clarified better. Leif moved, Don seconded to have the Chief and Lisa review the ordinance for clarification and send it to B.J. for review. Three in favor, one absent.

Old Council Business

JUB Engineers – Consider approval of 30` easement along City's Lagoon property

It was mentioned that this item was tabled at a previous council meeting and JUB Engineers were asked to have a document that states the easement and who would maintain the easement and who had access to the easement. Jordon mentioned that he agreed with the 30` easement from JUB Engineers. Leif moved, Don seconded to approve a 30` easement along the City's Lagoon property. Three in favor, one absent.

Chief Purser – Consider to switch internet providers

Chief mentioned that the current internet provider (Sparklight) takes longer for his officers to do a crash report. It was suggested by the county that the PD may want to change internet providers for Fybercom to make the process faster when it comes to crash reports. Chief was asked what it would cost to switch to Fybercom. Chief mentioned that it would cost \$1,000 installation fee and the monthly statement would be \$199.99 which currently Sparklights statement is \$192.87 a month. Chief asked if the fee could be waived because the city let Fybercom put fiber cable in the city. Justin stated that he could request the fee be waived. Louse moved, Leif seconded to table this item and see if Justin could get

the installation fee waived, if so, council would approve the switch. Three in favor, one absent.

Ted Hendricks – Innovative Technical Assistance/Downtown revitalization update

Ted said that an individual from the State Department of Commerce was going to be in town a week from today at 1:00 p.m. The State Department of Commerce has given the city a half a million dollars for the water project. They also gave \$240,000 for the park and they also gave \$30,000 in grant for the innovation technology project. Ted stated that B.J. has been working with the architect and their contract but he hasn't received an acceptable contract. Ted said that he had spoken to both the Mayor and B.J. and made them aware that there are other architect firms that could be looked at because it has been four months and we can't get a response from the current architect B.J. stated that he did receive an update from Jim earlier today. B.J. said that he would review and have his input to them within just a couple days.

Discussion of City Vehicle Usage

This item was requested to be placed on the next agenda in two weeks.

Consider Redress for nonconsensual annexation

B.J. stated that there are not a lot of options in terms of what the city could do to offset people that are upset with the annexation. B.J. mentioned that because of communication he had received from Rob Harris and because of the timeliness of things, he asks the council if we could go into executive session under 74-206 (1)(F) which is to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated, but imminently likely to be litigated.

Department Head Reports

Lisa mentioned that she added four different County Public Hearings information in the Mayor and Council binders. Lisa also reminded the council that they donated to the Bingham Arts Council and council received a thank you card. Lisa asked the Mayor and Council if they could give her a couple of numbers for cost of living, if any, so she may begin working on the new budget.

Dave (City Engineer) reminded the council of the recommendation to use the sewer ERU calculation for the culinary water ERUs. Mayor Kim stated that she thought council voted to follow that calculation. Ted mentioned that it was during a work meeting. Mayor Kim then mentioned that during a work meeting, decisions could not be made. B.J. stated that this then needed to be on the next agenda. Dave stated that he was at a different council meeting and their city attorney said that they could make motions during a work meeting. B.J. stated that he would look into it because it was his understanding that the purpose of a work meeting was to comply with open meeting law just to allow a discussion but not to make a decision of taking the action. B.J. said that if it is listed as an action item, they could take action. Lisa mentioned that she doesn't list action items on work meeting agendas. B.J. said he would have to confirm. The city has never made decisions during a work meeting.

Jordon mentioned that Lisa sent everything to the state for the annexation approval and they did not like that maps we sent. Mark is going to come down and they were going to work on new maps to resubmit. Mayor Kim asked why they didn't like them and B.J. asked if descriptions were sent with the maps. Lisa said they did have the descriptions; however, they requested a surveyor's map with labels. Jordon said that the Area of Impact agreement with the County was going to be revisited in March and after talking with Tiffany they decided they would let it go a little longer and see what happens with the annexation going on. Once it all finalized, we will negotiation and set a date for a public hearing. Jordon also wanted to give a reminder that tomorrow would be the monthly coordination meeting at noon.

Mikel said that soccer practices have started and there are about 300 kids which is about the same as last year. Baseball sign ups are going on. Tree City will be doing Arbor Day on April 24th at 9 a.m. at Brent way Park. Ace Hardware is donated a tree and have donuts and water. The Mayor would be there to do the proclamation. Mikel said that the pool is drained and pressure washed. The plaster guys will be out next Monday to start with the plaster. Mikel thanked Justin and his crew for helping get equipment out there. The Mayors Youth Council will have its fundraiser from 11 am to 2 pm on April 25th at Eagle Park in Ammon. They will have softball, BBQ, raffles etc. This Friday the MYAC group will be going to Melaleuca headquarters for a tour at 9 am. Mikel also said that they were awarded a 250 America grant for \$2,500.00.

Justin said that all of his projects were going good. He also said that all of the electrical parts for the HAWK light arrived. Justin left a message with the state to get on their schedule to do the installation.

Chief mentioned that Dakota has been doing great and has a few weeks left. He will be graduate on May 1st at 10 am. D.A.R.E. graduation for the 5th graders will be on April 15th at 7 pm at the Shelley High School. Chief said that they started a distracting driving taskforce that will go until April 13th.

Council Reports

Louise mentioned that the North End Recreation hearing input was on Wednesday and this room was crowded and there were a lot of good comments and a good input from the community.

Don thanked the city head departments and he appreciates them getting everything ready for the summer.

Leif also thanked the guys for everything they are doing and their hard work. Leif asked who was the oversight for safety at Knife River, if it was the city or Knife River. Justin said it was Knife River.

The Mayor thanked Forsgren for putting together the boards for the public hearing. She also thanked B.J. for running the hearing, he always does a good job. The Mayor appreciates all the department heads and all that they do.

Executive Session

Don moved, Louise seconded to go into executive session under 74-206 (1)(F) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated, but imminently likely to be litigated. Louise – aye, Don – aye, Leif – aye. Three in favor, one absent. B.J. stated we were now in executive session and asked Justin, Jordon, and Chief to stay.

Leif moved, Don seconded to adjourn executive session and enter the regular council meeting.

Adjourned: 11:46 p.m.

APPROVE:  ATTEST: 

DATE	March	AMOUNT	CHECK #
3/15/2026	AAA Giles	\$ 675.00	552251
3/15/2026	Adams Manufacturing	\$ 500.00	552252
3/15/2026	Airgas	\$ 210.32	552253
3/15/2026	Amazon	\$ 76.58	552254
3/15/2026	Amaericon Linen	\$ 566.42	552255
3/15/2026	Aquatech Pool & Spa	\$ 240.00	552256
3/15/2026	At&t	\$ 146.92	552257
3/15/2026	Bingham County Sheriffs Office	\$ 50,000.00	552258
3/15/2026	Bret Burch 76.00	Void	552259
3/15/2026	Caleb Underhill	\$ 76.00	552260
3/15/2026	Cammans MVP	\$ 267.00	552261
3/15/2026	Central Transfer Station	\$ 27.00	552262
3/15/2026	Centurylink	\$ 702.54	552263
3/15/2026	Clean Cut Lawn Care	\$ 135.00	552264
3/15/2026	DEX Imaging	\$ 853.97	552265
3/15/2026	Eastern Idaho Reg Sewer Dist.	\$ 85,880.60	552266
3/15/2026	Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 360.00	552267
3/15/2026	Forsgren	\$ 11,525.00	552268
3/15/2026	Freedom Mailing	\$ 908.25	552269
3/15/2026	Garrett H Sandow	\$ 2,000.00	552270
3/15/2026	Hammon Teton	\$ 16.00	552271
3/15/2026	Hard Times Sales	\$ 6,045.94	552272
3/15/2026	HD Fowler	\$ 274.46	552273
3/15/2026	IAS-ENVIROCHEM	\$ 175.00	552274
3/15/2026	ICRMP	\$ 42,960.50	552275
3/15/2026	Idaho State Police	\$ 1,250.00	552276
3/15/2026	Industrial Hose and Fittings	\$ 118.28	552277
3/15/2026	Intermountain Gas	\$ 537.65	552278
3/15/2026	Internal Revenue Service	\$ 3,256.67	552279
3/15/2026	Jackson Group Peterbilt	\$ 145.23	552280
3/15/2026	LGG Industrial	\$ 54.27	552281
3/15/2026	Manwarign Web Solutions	\$ 74.50	552282
3/15/2026	Modern Printing	\$ 469.50	552283
3/15/2026	Mountain Valley Plumbing	\$ 5,500.00	552284
3/15/2026	North American Rescue	\$ 326.98	552285
3/15/2026	O'Reilly	\$ 729.11	552286
3/15/2026	Pacific Steel	\$ 102.00	552287
3/15/2026	Paramount Supply	\$ 206.01	552288
3/15/2026	Petty Cash	\$ 45.28	552289
3/15/2026	Point S Rons Tire	\$ 24.36	552290
3/15/2026	Proforce Law Enforcement	\$ 151.44	552291
3/15/2026	PSI	\$ 14,151.11	552292
3/15/2026	Public Agency Training Council	\$ 1,800.00	552293
3/15/2026	R&S Distributing	\$ 414.80	552294
3/15/2026	RDO Equipment	\$ 900.15	552295
3/15/2026	Rocky Mountain Power	\$ 9,095.05	552296
3/15/2026	Sams Club	\$ 505.01	552297
3/15/2026	Sayer Dodge	\$ 109.52	552298
3/15/2026	Shelley Ace	\$ 5,859.60	552299
3/15/2026	Smith Driscoll	\$ 7,442.00	552300
3/15/2026	Tacoma Screw	\$ 25.37	552301
3/15/2026	Uniforms 2 Gear	\$ 1,730.78	552302
3/15/2026	Utility Trailer Sales	\$ 44.66	552303
3/15/2026	Valley Collision	\$ 1,500.00	552304
3/15/2026	Wesco	\$ 14.99	552305
3/15/2026	Western States Equipment	\$ 71.97	552306
3/15/2026	Bret Burch	\$ 76.00	552307
3/19/2026	L-Tron	\$ 1,500.00	552308
3/31/2026	H-K Contractors Inc	\$ 647,076.68	552309
3/24/2026	Delta Dental of Idaho 45.71	Void	552310
3/24/2026	III-A Trust	\$ 1,917.00	552311
3/31/2026	United Heritage Life Insurance	\$ 8.70	552312
3/31/2026	Allied Business	\$ 42.06	552313
3/31/2026	Aquatech Pool & Spa	\$ 14,643.49	552314
3/31/2026	Association of Idaho Cities	\$ 150.00	552315
3/31/2026	Bingham News Chronicle	\$ 2,450.84	552316
3/31/2026	Bonneville County Sheriff's Office	\$ 232.40	552317
3/31/2026	Centurylink	\$ 351.27	552318
3/31/2026	Courtny Schiff	\$ 45.00	552319
3/31/2026	DEX	\$ 19.64	552320
3/31/2026	Electrical Equipment	\$ 2,895.56	552321
3/31/2026	Forsgren	\$ 121,557.12	552322
3/31/2026	High Country Glass	\$ 1,840.00	552323
3/31/2026	Home Depot	\$ 113.13	552324
3/31/2026	Idaho Central Credit Union	\$ 3,464.63	552325
3/31/2026	IDEACOM-ESCI	\$ 392.54	552326
3/31/2026	Industrial Hose and Fittings	\$ 78.66	552327
3/31/2026	Jackson Group Peterbilt	\$ 1,451.01	552328
3/31/2026	Jim's Trophy Room	\$ 58.24	552329
3/31/2026	Linda Morrison	\$ 165.14	552330
3/31/2026	Matkin Auto A1 Mowers	\$ 326.10	552331
3/31/2026	McGuire Bearing	\$ 41.36	552332
3/31/2026	Point S Rons Tire	\$ 1,045.43	552333
3/31/2026	RDO Equipment	\$ 3,026.58	552334
3/31/2026	Rylee Park	\$ 45.00	552335
3/31/2026	Shelley Auto Care	\$ 25.00	552336
3/31/2026	Sparklight	\$ 288.79	552337
3/31/2026	State Insurance Fund	\$ 5,821.00	552338
3/31/2026	Stephenson Computer	\$ 786.25	552339
3/31/2026	Symmetry Garage Door	\$ 268.00	552340
3/31/2026	Teton Communications	\$ 385.00	552341
3/31/2026	Uniforms 2 Gear	\$ 73.94	552342
3/31/2026	Verizon	\$ 363.75	552343
3/31/2026	Wesco	\$ 59.96	552344
3/13/2026	Payroll	\$ 91,374.51	
3/27/2026	Payroll	\$ 98,735.83	
	Total	\$ 1,264,475.40	