## **FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025** 

Mayor Bailey called the Falls City City Council into regular session on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street.

## **Council Members Present:**

Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Tia Scruton, Councilor Dennis Sickles, and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles. Councilor Nick Backus was excused.

## **Staff Present:**

City Manager AJ Foscoli and City Recorder Jeremy Teal

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AGENDA	ACTION
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations	There were no comments.
Public Comment	Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:01 p.m.
	Boyd Lamprecht asked if the road by the High School would be fixed. Mr. Foscoli stated that Strider would fix it before the project was completed.
	Mr. Lamprecht voiced his concern for fire safety of living in Falls City. Mayor Bailey stated the concern about a potential fire in the west part of town and the severe winds that would push it through the entire city. Councilor D Sickles asked who governed the forest around Falls City. Mayor Bailey stated it was State Forestry Dep't. Mr. Lamprecht stated wind would come through the valley and rip right through the reprod (young timber) and burn straight through town.
	Ben Martinez asked for some more speed signs on Parry Street. Councilor D Sickles stated speeding was an ongoing problem in town.  Mayor Bailey noted he would do some research.
	Mr. Lamprecht asked about the cameras that take pictures. Mr. Foscoli advised the cameras were about \$25,000.
	Tina Thompson asked about the RV sitting on city property. Mayor Bailey stated the RV was empty and the real owners tried to take it and it broke down on North Main Street where it was towed from. Mr. Foscoli noted the RV was locked and blocked in. Council President Houghtaling stated

that a homeless person that needed shelter would find a way in. Ms. Thompson asked if the grant for the resource center was almost up and if Falls City would take over. Mr. Foscoli noted the City owned the building. Council President Houghtaling advised the original grant had money for 1 year, but the county would be funding a position for a person in their budget. Manuel Gomez stated he would like to operate his food truck and sell tacos. He noted he had paid for permits and invested in the truck, but can't operate on property because it is residential. Mr. Teal stated he had sold them a business license. Mr. Gomez stated he would pay whatever permits he needed to sell Mexican food on his property. Mayor Bailey advised him to speak with Manager Foscoli to get everything set up. Mr. Gomez stated the County told him that drive thru operation was ok, but sit down one needs a commercial bathroom and wash station. Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 6:25 p.m. **Consent Agenda** It was moved by Councilor Meier to approve the a) June 2, 2025 Minutes Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was b) June 30, 2025 Minutes duly seconded by Councilor ☐ Sickles and c) PRIDE Street Closure CARRIED with a vote of 4-0 with Councilors d) PRIDE Noise Application Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, LJ Sickles voting YES e) PRIDE OLCC Application and Council President Houghtaling abstaining. Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members a) Mayor's Report Mayor Bailey reported that he had called Dreamland Skate Company and American Ramp Company to get moving again on the skate park. He noted that moving forward he planned to do the park in phases instead all at once to get the park done as soon as possible. He also advised on his Mayor duties set in the City Charter. He noted he can't arrest anyone, he can't fine anyone, he can't tackle anyone or make them abide by the ordinances. b) Councilor Comments Councilor LJ Sickles noted the Summer Celebration would be Saturday, July 12 from noon to 3 pm.

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9.	Councilor Scruton advised the outdoor movie night was every other Friday at the upper park and this coming Sunday there would be Bunco event with snacks in the community center.
c) Parks Committee Report	Councilor D Sickles asked about possible new doggie poo bag stations around town. He noted they hadn't been unsuccessful in past, but asked for signs up with bags around town.
	Councilor D Sickles asked if the restrooms had been completed. Mr. Foscoli noted all the work was done, except the painting.
	Mr. Cleek stated there were subpar doors, a sink falling off the wall, and a sign broken. He stated he was wondering where the \$9000 was spent. Councilor D Sickles stated his church would like to do a community service project up there if it was needed. He noted Mr. Mack stated the bathrooms looked fine and didn't see anything that needed to be done. Mayor Bailey also noted they looked good the last time he was up there.
d) Historic Landmark Report	Council President Houghtaling reported the Voices of Falls City held a viewing of the videos and it was well attended. She thanked Mr. Wagner, Mr. Teal for keeping money straight and everyone that participated.
Reports from City Manager & Staff	
a) Public Works Report	There were no comments
b) City Manager's Report	Mr. Foscoli reported on the wastewater treatment plant, code enforcement, upper park trees, Resource center, trash burning ban, and the Town Hall meeting.
Ordinances	
Ord 571-2025 – Trash Burning	Mr. Foscoli reported that Falls City currently had no trash burning ordinance in place and residents were burning trash daily and causing issues. He noted the ordinance would allow Chief Gilbert to cite people.
	Councilor D Sickles asked about the fines.

	Mr. Foscoli stated the resolution would be next month with the fines.
	It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to adopt Ordinance 571-2025 prohibiting trash burning within the City. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor LJ Sickles and CARRIED with a ROLL CALL vote of 5-0 with Councilors Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.
Ord 572-2025 – Garbage	Mr. Foscoli noted this was an amendment to last year's ordinance, adding more specificity to the ordinance.
	It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to adopt Ordinance 572-2025. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor D Sickles and CARRIED with a ROLL CALL vote of 5-0 with Councilors Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.
Good of the Order	Mr. Foscoli stated the budget had been approved and was moving forward with the SRTS and waterline projects. He noted the contractor timeline was August for the waterline pipes on Hopkins, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street, and Clark and Estelle.
	Council President Houghtaling stated there was a free networking opportunity with Representatives Anna Scharf and Paul Evans on Tuesday, August 19 from 8-11.
Adjourn	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.
Read and approved this 4 day of Augu	<u>13+</u> 2025.
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City Recorder:	
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