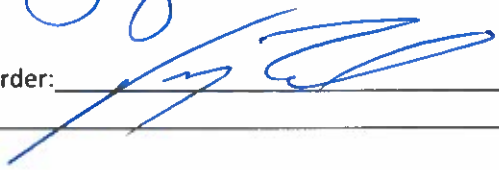
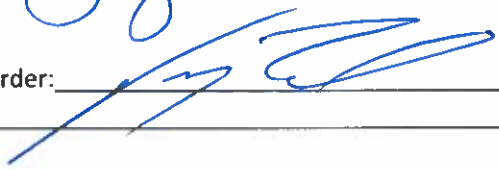


FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026
Mayor Bailey called the Falls City City Council into regular session on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 6:08 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street.		
Council Members Present: Council President Amy Houghtaling via Speaker Phone, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Tia Scruton, Councilor Dennis Sickles and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles.		
Staff Present: City Manager AJ Foscoli and City Recorder Jeremy Teal		
AGENDA	ACTION	
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations	Mayor Bailey thanked everyone that helped with the 4 th of July event from the committee, the parade and the event. He mentioned the ERP worked extremely well on the mayor's wife's broken foot and all the donators for all the prizes with the raffle.	
Public Comment	Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:14 p.m. Greg Oldham, chair of Thrives, noted the community was concerned that Thrives only supported Pride. He advised that Thrives was a 501C3 and a pass through with grant funds and even held some liability insurance for events in Falls City. He noted they helped with the remodel, the grounds and the tenants of the Luckiamute Community Building. He mentioned all the planter boxes at the new City Hall were put in by Thrives. He reported the back to school, mental health, movies in the park, breast cancer awareness, 4th of July and the flags that go up in town are all sponsored by Thrives. He noted there was a scholarship available and volunteers help with the food bank. "Does Thrives support Pride, yes, but that's not all we do." He stated Thrives won't turn their backs on the community. Don Schaecher noted the Council webpage needed pictures and maybe some little details about each Councilor. He asked the Council about the emergency plan with so many trees. He mentioned that Depoe Bay had the coolest emergency plan. He noted he would bring it to city hall. He advised it needed to be simple yet effective. Council President Houghtaling asked if he would lead a committee regarding the	

	emergency plan. Mr. Schaecher stated that when he moved to town he would get involved. He stated Falls City was an amazing town. Dawn Martin reported she spearheaded the 4th of July and Thrives were a major supporter. She noted Thrives does a lot for this town. Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 6:30 p.m.
Consent Agenda a) June 1, 2026 Minutes b) June 30, 2026 Minutes c) PRIDE Street Closure	It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED with a vote of 5-1 with Councilors Backus, Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, and LJ Sickles voting YES, and Council President Houghtaling abstained.
Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members a) Mayor's Report b) Councilor Comments c) Park & Rec Committee Report d) Public Works Committee Report e) Historic Landmark Committee Report	Mayor Bailey noted he couldn't thank enough for the 4th of July event. He thanked volunteer fire fighters and Chief Gilbert and getting them the training they needed with working with other departments on confined space training. He mentioned he would like to revamp the Skate park for cost value and getting something sooner rather than later. Councilor Backus stated he would like to thank whoever burned and cleaned up the motorhome at park and ride. Councilor LJ Sickles thanked everyone for 4th of July event. She noted she was very impressed. Mayor Bailey advised the Parks meeting had been moved to the 2nd Tuesday of the month. There were no comments Council President Houghtaling advised their next meeting would be July 29th at 6 pm.
Reports from City Manager & Staff a) Falls City Fire Report	Mayor Bailey stated the department fielded a lot of calls and the juniors were doing a tremendous

b) Code Report c) City Manager's Report d) LDS Service Project	job. He mentioned there was nothing but positive feedback from other agencies. Mr. Foscoli stated there had been training with the Dallas Municipal court and citations will be handed out for non-compliance. Mr. Foscoli reported on the wastewater treatment plant, code enforcement, grant writing, the town hall meeting on July 20, the July 4th event, and LDS Service Project. Mr. Foscoli said the city was approached by LDS volunteer group to do an annual service project in their area. He noted there were a lot of possibilities for projects in Falls City. He noted all the ideas needed to be in before 20th. Mr. Schaecher suggested moving the jail. Mr. Foscoli advised that he and Mayor Bailey had met with the LDS and their head volunteer coordinator. He noted he had asked for lists from City Council and Public Works committee. Mayor Bailey noted that any bark or building supplies would need to be purchased for the possible projects. Council President Houghtaling asked where the money would come from. Mr. Foscoli stated it could be pulled from FEMA or whatever budget seem necessary depending on the project. Council President Houghtaling asked if the projects would fall within the budget. Mr. Foscoli noted he was hoping for a couple thousand from each budget. Council President Houghtaling noted that if the money was within the budget of the department Manager Foscoli wouldn't need permission from the Council. Mr. Foscoli noted it was for political reasons. Mr. Schaecher asked if there was a plan to feed the volunteers. Mr. Foscoli stated yes and Council President Houghtaling mentioned the food could come out of the council budget.
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	It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to approve funding for building materials and staff time to assist the proposed large scale service project. The motion was then tabled.
Good of the Order	Councilor D Sickles asked if there was a feasible way to move the jail. Ms. Thompson suggested to rebuild a replica at the new city hall and charge for pictures. Councilor D Sickles stated that wasn't a bad idea and possibly use the money from the old city hall sale. Mr. Foscoli stated the upcoming town hall to discuss the jail. Ms. Thompson suggested saving the beds and the bars. Council President Houghtaling noted a fundraiser could be held to rebuild it and to bring it before the Historical committee and possible preserve it.
Adjourn	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.
Read and approved this <u>3</u> day of <u>August</u> 2026. Mayor: <u></u> ATTEST: <u></u> City Recorder: <u></u>	