



FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025	
Mayor Bailey called the Falls City City Council into regular session on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:01 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street.			
Council Members Present: Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Tia Scruton, and Councilor Dennis Sickles. Councilor Lori Jean Sickles was absent.			
Staff Present: City Manager AJ Foscoli and City Recorder Jeremy Teal			
AGENDA		ACTION	
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations		Chief Gilbert and the Falls City Fire Department presented the Council and staff new fire department shirts for their continued support of the department.  Mayor Bailey thanked the chief and the department for everything they do for the community.  Mayor Bailey thanked Council President Houghtaling for running the last Council meeting and thanked the community for showing up and being a part of the process.	
Public Comment		Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:07 p.m.  Boyd Lamprecht asked if Mitchell Street was finished. Mr. Foscoli stated he believed it was.  Don Schaecher stated he called and asked where to find the agenda on the city website moments before the office closed and Mr. Teal told him where to find it, but as soon as he hung up the phone the agenda was in his inbox emailed from Mr. Teal. He thanked Mr. Teal for emailing the agenda and going above and beyond for the community.  Lois Grippin stated she had lived in Falls City her entire life and noted Falls City was the best place to live. She mentioned the plan was to take down her fence and move the fence farther onto her property. She stated the fence and property had always been that way and she would like it left alone. She asked how much land she would be losing due to the fence moving.	

	<p>Mr. Foscoli stated the fence along 5<sup>th</sup> street and Prospect Ave would need to moved between 7 and 10 ft back onto the property. He noted every effort to maintain the fence as it is moved would be taken. He stated the fence would be placed on her actual property line.</p> <p>Ms. Grippin suggested going up the other side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Prospect Ave in an effort to leave her fence where it is and not effect anyone on Prospect. She stated she would buy the paint and put in a crosswalk for the kids. Mr. Foscoli noted there may be grant money to help move the fence because the work can only be done in the City's right of way. Ms. Grippin stated that none of the properties on the other side of the street would be affected as they have plenty of space in front of their homes.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey stated that Ms. Grippin didn't need to purchase the paint. He noted he appreciated her situation and that he and Mr. Foscoli would not take anything that was hers and they &amp; the City would do anything to make sure she wasn't financially burdened.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 6:20 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Public Hearing</b>  <b>LA 2025-01: FEMA Flood Plain Code Revision</b></p> <p><b>Staff Report</b></p> <p><b>Councilor Comments</b></p> <p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p>Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:21 pm</p> <p>Scott Whyte gave a brief staff report regarding the FEMA flood plain code revision. He noted that Falls City was a participant in the flood hazard area to incorporate FEMA's current changes to the endangered species act. He noted the changes were model code from FEMA. He stated the only change was the definition for the riparian buffer zone which is inside the flood plain. He stated there were no expansions and no changes to the maps.</p> <p>There were no Councilor comments</p> <p>There were no public comments.</p>

<p><b>Council Deliberation</b></p>	<p>Council President Houghtaling stated she appreciated the questions at last month's Council meeting.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public hearing at 6:27pm</p> <p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling LA2025-01. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and carried with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Meier, Scruton, D Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p><b>Consent Agenda</b> a) March 3, 2025 Minutes</p>	<p>It was moved by Councilor Backus to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Meier, Scruton, D Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p><b>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members</b> a) Mayor's Report</p> <p>b) Councilor Comments</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey stated that the next available weekend he would have Coffee with the Mayor. He noted that public safety and neighborhood watch were the two topics.</p> <p>He stated the City Manager evaluation needed to get in the schedule. He suggested Mr. Foscoli outlined his goals at the next meeting and then the Council can deliberate and then score him. Councilor Meier suggested an executive session. Council President Houghtaling stated at the next meeting during an executive session he can present and the Council can go from there.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey stated the skate park would be built in phases. He noted he was going back to the ramp company with the plans and see what they can figure out and bring back to Council. He stated the community wanted an amphitheater in skate park for events and he would work on that.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling announced the Happy Dance on Saturday, May 17 at the Resource Center. She stated the Easter egg hunt would be on Saturday, April 19 at 11 am in the upper park and the baskets would be put together on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Boondocks.</p>

<p>c) Park &amp; Rec Report</p> <p>d) Public Works Report</p> <p>e) Historic Landmark Report</p>	<p>Councilor D Sickles asked about a sign for the falls park. Mayor Bailey stated he would come to the next Parks meeting with designs options and see what the committee liked.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey noted the committee discussed the Safe Routes to School project.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked what the possible \$100,000 was for. Mr. Foscoli noted the project budget was \$800,000 and the City had acquired \$650,000 so the project may need an approval from the Council to pitch in \$100,000. Councilor D Sickles asked what would happen if the Council declined. Mr. Foscoli stated the engineer would need to shave off everything they could to get the project to \$650,000. He reported that the project was awarded in 2019 and in the 5<sup>th</sup> year the City would have to payback all the design costs if the project was not undertaken.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling reported the project was moving along and thanked the community for volunteering to get interviewed.</p>
<p><b>Reports from City Manager &amp; Staff</b></p> <p>a) Falls City Fire Department Report</p> <p>b) Falls City Public Works Report</p> <p>c) Falls City Code Services Report</p> <p>d) City Manager's Report</p>	<p>There were no comments.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli reported on the wastewater treatment plant, code enforcement, oversized vehicle parking ban, upper park trees, town hall meeting would be April 21, goal setting session, and the resource center which helped 240 people last month.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey thanked Joe Schmuker for his help in the community with helping people.</p>

<p>e) Budget Officer Appointment</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli stated part of the budget process was to appoint a budget officer each year to facilitate the budget process.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to appoint City Manager Foscoli to be the Budget Officer. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Council President Houghtaling asked if the budget calendar also needed to be approved. Mr. Foscoli stated just the Budget Officer appointment. Council President Houghtaling noted the budget meeting would be Wednesday, May 21.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli stated he had a volunteer opportunity for a project in Monmouth for at risk teens this Saturday.</p> <p>Mr. Teal stated the spring clean up would be Saturday, May 31 at the mill lot from 8 am to 2 pm.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey noted the City was happy to get the van and thanked Mr. Schmuker for all his work around the community. He mentioned the monthly meetings for the veterans BBQ would start up soon.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.</p>
<p>Read and approved this <u>5</u> day of <u>May</u> 2025.</p> <p>Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>City Recorder: <u></u></p>	