



Public Works Committee

Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Notice of Meeting

320 N Main St. Falls City, OR 97344

Committee Members

Mike McConnell - Tony Meier - Jeff Propp - Gordon Hanson - Guy Mack - Cliff Lauder

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to Adopt the Entire Agenda
4. Consent Agenda - Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items
 - a. June 18, 2026 Minutes

Attachments:

- Minutes (UAB06-18-26.pdf)

5. Public Comments
6. New Business
 - a. 8th Street Vacation

Attachments:

- Staff Report (2026.08.20_SR_8th_St._Vacation.pdf)

7. Old Business
 - a. Project Updates

Attachments:

- Projects (2026.09.20_SR_Committee_Update.pdf)

8. Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports
9. Committee Announcements
10. Adjourn

**City of Falls City
Public Works Committee Meeting**

Thursday June 16, 2026 6:00PM
Meeting Location: 320 N. Main Street

Committee Members Present

Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Marty Haviland, Cliff Lauder (6:13), Guy Mack.

1) Call to Order

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM, took roll call.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McConnell led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Motion to Adopt the entire Agenda

Member Meier moved and member Haviland seconded: **that we approve the entire agenda.** Motion carried 4-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Marty Haviland, Guy Mack.

4) Consent Agenda: Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items

Member Meier moved and member Haviland seconded: **that we approve Consent Agenda Items, PWC Minutes May 21, 2026.** Motion carried. 5-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Marty Haviland, Cliff Lauder, Guy Mack.

5) Public Comments - None

6) New Business – Committee Updates

a. Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Island and ADA Sidewalk Project - FYI

b. Water Mainline Replacement Project - FYI

c. Dayton Street Pedestrian/Infrastructure Bridge - FYI

Chair McConnell informed Committee that City Manager said the preliminary report would cost approximately \$600k and he inquired if funding (\$2.3 million) would come in steps.

d. City Hall Sale

PWC suggests the following realtors also be considered: Gordon Hanson, Donna Graham, Jacob Espericueta along with Sarah Cole and Phillip Scott. Chair McConnell informed PWC that the City is thinking of using the proceeds from the sale be used for light infrastructure (new City maintenance shed and fencing, equipment) with the remainder to possibly be reserved for grant matching.

e. Parking Citations/Code Enforcement

Chair McConnell informed PWC that City Code Enforcer, Stefani Burchfield can now issue parking citations with court dates set three weeks out. He suggested she take a photo of citation for future reference. Chair McConnell also suggested that City Staff can research the owners illegally parked Rvs through Oregon DMV to pursue legal owners for remedy.

f. Water Capacity – FYI

g. Water Management and Conservation Plan

PWC would like to request a one to two page summary of the Water Management and Conservation Plan, if possible and the water sources attached to Permit Numbers. I have researched these permits and can provide PWC with this information if wanted.

h. Public Works Committee Vacancy

Candidate was unable to attend meeting.

I. LDS Service Area Project

PWC suggests Lagoons vegetation screening and possible trail clearing to Berry Creek so future Water Rights projects can be researched.

7) Old Business - None

8) Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports

Chair McConnell mentioned that a C-2 work Crew is currently installing a link from Century Link Station along North Main then along 5th and Prospect Street to the Elementary School and a Verizon cell transponder will be added to the current antenna.

Member Mack suggested that future important or critical information not be formatted with red over black text. This made it difficult if not impossible to read. Would suggest yellow over black.

PWC recommends that the City and City Council consider modifying the retaining wall near the Main Entrance to the Community Center. PWC suggests the removal of a portion of the retaining wall and hedge and installing steps/stairs from the sidewalk to the main entrance. Many people have been and are currently stepping over the retaining wall while attending meetings or events with the possibility of a serious fall and/or injury. PWC believes this should be accomplished as soon as possible when funding and construction time is available.

9) Committee Announcements - Tentative next meeting July 16, 2026 at 6:pm. Agenda items, to fill vacant PWC seat and Falls City Water Rights discussion (Berry Creek).

10) Adjourn

Member Mack moved and Chair McConnell seconded: **that we adjourn.** Motion carried 5-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Marty Haviland, Cliff Lauder, Guy Mack. Meeting adjourned at 6:58.

_____ Public Works Committee Chair McConnell

Attested: _____ Public Works Committee Member

STAFF REPORT

TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FROM: CITY MANAGER, AJ FOSCOLI
SUBJECT: 8TH STREET VACATION
DATE: AUGUST 20, 2026

BACKGROUND

The subject of vacating 8th Street has been brought up by a resident who owns a property adjacent to it. 8th Street has a very steep grade and due to the topography, it is very challenging with today's technology to develop any property adjacent to it. Vacating 8th Street would allow the property owners on either side of it additional land to make their properties more easily developable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Though it is usually the city's policy to NOT vacate any city street, alleyway or right-of-way, in this particular instance, the downside of vacating this property would not negatively impact the city's ability for development of infrastructure in the future. The steep grade would pose logistical challenges in serving any property on the river side of Mitchell St. and any improvement would most likely be initiated from property owners, which would then necessitate a land easement. To vacate this property would actually enable more development for the resident, which would add to the city's tax base.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A – City Map at 8th St.

Exhibit A



STAFF REPORT

TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FROM: CITY MANAGER, AJ FOSCOLI
SUBJECT: CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UPDATE REPORT
DATE: AUGUST 20, 2026

Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Island and ADA Sidewalk Project:

- Received final reimbursement

Water Mainline Replacement Project:

- Trench Line Excavation Inc. has started work on Phase 2 including Parry Road, Fairview & Terrace Street, Mill Street, Pine Street and 1st/2nd Street connection (not quite sure of the exact order yet)
- 2-week Outlook is being shared with the community through Facebook
- Tentative end is for mid-September

Dayton Street Pedestrian/Infrastructure Bridge:

- Business Oregon has returned executed contract to begin design work
- Dowl, Westech Engineering subcontractor, has been conducting field surveying at the bridge
- Staff is still looking at alternative funding options for the bridge to complement the already secured \$2.3 million
- Construction of the bridge will be the next major infrastructure project, tentatively scheduled for summer of 2027 or 2028 (depending on various environmental permitting)

Parking Citations/ Code Enforcement:

- No update this month

Water Capacity:

- Water use has been higher than ideal, but less than last summer, so our tiered pricing is having a positive impact on user volume

Water Management and Conservation Plan:

- No update this month

Public Works Committee Vacancy:

- Fill vacant PWC board seat- Nominations – Voting postponed (?)

City Hall Sale:

- City Hall building and property will be up for sale after public hearing at City Council
- City Council, after a Public Hearing determined the initial sale price of the property
- Proceeds from the sale can be used on a variety of city needs (i.e. equipment, facility upgrades, grant match etc.)
- Concerns arose at the City Council meeting regarding the fate of the Pink Pokey
- City Staff has been negotiating with various property owners on N. Main Street to relocate the Pink Pokey to a more visible location
- Relocating the Pink Pokey will simplify the sale of the City Hall property, as it will eliminate the need for a lot-line adjustment or an easement, and will make the building more visible for residents and tourists