

FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026
Mayor Bailey called the Falls City City Council into regular session on Monday, April 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street.		
Council Members Present: Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Tia Scruton, and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles. Councilor Dennis Sickles and Council President Amy Houghtaling were absent.		
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 easter egg hunt and especially the Boondocks and Fire Department for a wonderful event. He thanked State Representative Anne Scharf for helping secure the \$700,000 for the Dayton bridge.
Public Comment		<p>Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:03 p.m.</p> <p>Jim Miner stated there were maple trees on Mitchell that were rotten and getting bad. He noted Ben Martinez was trying to get a tree down on his and city property on Prospect and Boundary. He asked if the City could help. He mentioned it would have to come down piece by piece and then use a dozer to take the rest out.</p> <p>Tracy Young asked how many vehicles the City owned. Mr. Foscoli stated 9 total, with 5 vehicles.</p> <p>Peggy Sperry asked about the fire rules in the community and noted her house camera caught a huge fire in town. She mentioned she called the Fire Department and was very grateful. She asked if the neighborhood caught fire who would be liable. Mayor Bailey stated the Fire Department did respond and performed a perimeter sweep and found water was accessible and made the individual dig a ditch around the fire to keep it from jumping. He noted the flames were pretty small and the firefighters pulled certain items out of fire so they wouldn't burn. He mentioned had it been a windy night they would have extinguished the fire.</p> <p>Ms. Sperry asked if the siren blew 3 or 4 times.</p>

Ms. Young noted that dispatch was in control of siren and sometimes it glitches. Mayor Bailey stated he would find out and let her know.

Tina Thompson stated the fire had been burning for 3 days and she had been feeling nauseated for 2 days and had addressed this property at every council meeting and wanted to know what was going to be done about it.

Wendy Cranfill stated their home was directly across from the fire and based on the height of the person working at the fire the flames were 3 times as tall as him. She noted she had photos she would like to send to Chief Gilbert. Mayor Bailey asked that she send the pictures to him.

Ms. Cranfill mentioned the burn line stated fires were allowed from 12-5:30 pm, not at 2:30 in the morning when the fire was still burning. Mayor Bailey stated when he arrived there were no large flames. He noted they pulled things out of the flames that shouldn't have been burned.


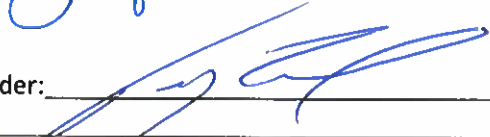
Chief Gilbert stated Fire Department has had problems over the years, and several fires at that property. He noted he attended the fire that accidentally burned the house and trailer. He reported that Bob Young worked with the owners and pushed everything into piles. He advised he made contact with Mr. Rancore and he stated he would attend the fire until it went out. He outlined the City had setup the ordinance process, with a verbal notice, a written notice, and a ticket with a fine.

Ms. Thompson thanked Chief Gilbert for his service, but was mad at the council for not dealing with it.

Mr. Foscoli stated the City had an inter-governmental agreement with Dallas for court services and would use them when appropriate.

Mayor Bailey asked if the fire alarm goes off 3 or 4 times when a call comes in. Chief Gilbert stated 50 years ago 1 siren was in town, 3 sirens was

	<p>out of town. He noted the siren was set for 3, but if you hear 4 it is just a glitch.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 6:33 p.m.</p>
<p>Development Code Amendments</p>	<p>Holly Byram, MWVCOG Planner, gave a brief overview of the State Statutes regarding marijuana production and processing in industrial property. She asked if the Council would like to relook at the development code relating to marijuana production.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey noted the City was doing its due diligence with a company that is looking at manufacturing in Falls City and the Council wanted to make sure we were not handcuffed. Ms. Byram stated that with the code currently in place that facility could manufacture in Falls City. She mentioned the City attorney could review and they would fall into federal standards.</p> <p>Councilor Backus asked if a municipal code change banning manufacturing would go to the voters. Ms. Byram noted that it would.</p> <p>Tina Thompson noted this facility would only be manufacturing, not retail.</p> <p>Councilor LJ Sickles asked if this would be a code change. Ms. Byram noted it would be, but the Council didn't need to do anything unless they wanted stricter rules.</p> <p>Councilor Backus asked if the City needed new rules before the project could continue. Ms. Byram noted the City was covered with their code and the state and federal standards. Mayor Bailey asked if the Council could reach out if they wanted to do more. Ms. Byram stated she would be available.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli noted the town hall on April 20 would discuss the marijuana potential standards.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda a) March 2, 2026 Minutes</p>	<p>It was moved by Councilor Meier to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED</p>

Good of the Order	<p>Mr. Foscoli reported the Luckiamute Water District agreement was agreed upon \$2.85 with a few minor changes. He noted they asked for their 5% increase to incur next year in 2027.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey asked if the penalties were going into effect in July 1, 2026. Mr. Foscoli stated the 5% would be in effect 2027 to 3031. He noted the penalties go into effect July 1, 2026 and they can't go over 3 million gallons a month. He mentioned he would bring it back to Council next month to adopt it.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey noted the meeting to discuss the July 3 event meeting would be on April 11 at 11 am in the community center.</p>
Adjourn	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.
<p>Read and approved this <u>4</u> day of <u>May</u> 2026.</p> <p>Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>City Recorder: <u></u></p>	