

<b>FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL</b>		<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026</b>	
<p>Mayor Bailey called the Falls City City Council into regular session on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:01 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street.</p>			
<p><b>Council Members Present:</b>  Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Tia Scruton, Councilor Dennis Sickles arrived at 6:07 p.m., and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles</p>			
<p><b>Staff Present:</b>  City Manager AJ Foscoli and City Recorder Jeremy Teal</p>			
<b>AGENDA</b>		<b>ACTION</b>	
<b>Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations &amp; Proclamations</b>		There were none.	
<b>Public Comment</b>		<p>Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:02 p.m.</p> <p>Jim Miner asked if there was an update on the ponds. Mr. Foscoli stated the start-up process would take two weeks.</p> <p>Tracy Young noted the 20-mph sign on Prospect needing fixed due to the base being destroyed.</p> <p>Ms. Young asked if the culvert on Palmer Road could get fixed. Mayor Bailey noted that was Polk County's issue. Ms. Young noted that the culvert was a real concern.</p> <p>Ms. Young asked if the RV park would be inspected soon. Mayor Bailey noted that it would be.</p> <p>Tina Thompson noted her concern for Ellis Street and the amount of trailers that have moved in since the trash had moved out. Mayor Bailey noted the IGA with Dallas wasn't on the agenda regarding municipal court but once it was passed the City would have the power to cite people.</p> <p>Don Schecker asked about the funds on the projects. He asked if the first project was estimated then adjusted for the other projects. Mr. Foscoli stated that was correct and he had prioritized the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase and was not going to obligate any funds beyond the \$2.3 million budget.</p> <p>Mr. Schecker stated that municipalities rates were based on where the cities get their water.</p>	

	<p>He noted river water was expensive, and the suggested cost increase may not be enough. Mr. Foscoli stated he would bring the report next Monday to the Town Hall to answer a lot of the questions.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 6:13 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Consent Agenda</b> a) December 1, 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 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p><b>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members</b> a) Mayor's Report  b) Councilor Comments</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey thanked all the volunteers for the Veterans BBQ, the summer celebration, Pride, easter, and Toys for Tots. He noted that Coffee with the Mayor would be Saturday January 31 and Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling thanked the Fire Department for conducting Toys for Tots and helping with Christmas Cheer every year in the community.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles stated it was important for the public come to Council meetings and voice their concerns.</p>
<p><b>Reports from City Manager &amp; Staff</b>  a) Fire Report  b) Public Works Report  c) City Manager's Report</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey stated the junior volunteer program was a great opportunity for the youth in town. He noted the department had 107 medical calls last year with a total of 154 calls</p> <p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli reported on the wastewater treatment plant start up would take a couple of weeks, code enforcement, upper park trees, and the town hall meeting.</p>
<p><b>Good of the Order</b></p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli stated he appreciated the community showing up at council meetings.</p>

	<p>Council President Houghtaling stated there was a meal train setup for the Creekmore's and there were multiple days open.</p> <p>Councilor Meier stated he watched a log truck pull through island the wrong way. Councilor D Sickles stated he was concerned about the log trucks with that island.</p> <p>Councilor Backus asked if Hopkins was a street or avenue. Mr. Foscoli stated it was a street.</p>
<p><b>Adjourn Regular Session</b></p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Executive Session</b> ORS 192.600.2.a: The governing body of a public body may hold an executive session to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey opened Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Resumed Regular Session</b></p>	<p>Council meeting resumed at 7:24 p.m.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey asked when a good day for goal setting would be.</p> <p>It was moved and amended by Councilor D Sickles to hold the goal setting on Saturday January 24 at 9 am in the community center. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey stated the Council needed to select a new Council President. Councilor Meier nominated Councilor Houghtaling</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to appoint Councilor Houghtaling as Council President. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Read and approved this 2 day of February 2026.

Mayor: 

ATTEST:

City Recorder: 