

FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026	
Council President Houghtaling called the Falls City City Council into regular session on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:02 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, 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		Council President Houghtaling spoke for Mayor Bailey thanking everyone who came to the Coffee with the Mayor and for the open conversations.	
Public Comment		<p>Council President Houghtaling opened the public comments at 6:03 p.m.</p> <p>Jim Miner mentioned there were problems with the pedestrian island and that Weyerhaeuser wanted to pay to redo island.</p> <p>Tracy Young asked Council President Houghtaling what the speed limit was on Boundary Street. Council President Houghtaling stated 25. Ms. Young asked that people please slow down. She noted the sign was getting fixed and lowered and that Deputy Silverman caught a lot of speeders last week.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling closed the public comments at 6:08 p.m.</p>	
Consent Agenda a) January 5, 2026 Minutes		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 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.	

<p>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mayor's Report b) Councilor Comments c) Public Works Committee Report 	<p>Council President Houghtaling spoke for Mayor Bailey stating he had attended the Polk County breakfast and spoke about the Dayton bridge to the other participants. He also wanted to thank the Council for good goal setting session.</p> <p>There were none.</p> <p>Councilor Meier reported the committee discussed the new pedestrian island possibly needing better lighting and a stop sign possibly moved.</p>
<p>Reports from City Manager & Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Fire Report b) Public Works Report c) City Manager's Report d) Dump Truck Purchase 	<p>There were no comments. There were no comments.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli reported on the wastewater treatment plant, code enforcement's monthly one day of court, grant writing proposal, dump truck purchase, the town hall meeting, and the goal setting meeting and the project timeline.</p> <p>Don Schecker asked if the town hall had a link to watch and participate. Mr. Foscoli stated the town halls were intentionally in person meetings for a more comfortable setting. He noted a zoom link could be created if the need was there.</p> <p>Boyd Lamprecht asked what kind of dump truck it was and if a CDL was required. Mr. Foscoli stated the dump truck was small enough and it did not require a CDL to operate. He noted that any staff could drive it and it could be useful for the annual clean-up day. He mentioned there were 92,000 miles on the truck.</p> <p>Tina Thompson asked the price. Mr. Foscoli stated \$13,500.</p> <p>Mr. Schecker asked if the truck was from another agency. Mr. Foscoli stated it was.</p> <p>Ms. Young asked if the truck was in good mechanical shape. Mr. Foscoli mentioned that the two people that were picking up the truck,</p>

<p>e) Audit Report</p>	<p>one of them was a mechanic and would look over the truck.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked how the City would pay for the truck. Mr. Foscoli stated the FEMA money.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor LJ Sickles to direct the City Manager to purchase the used dump truck for \$13,500. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus 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>Rich Winkel with Dougall Conradie gave a brief summarization of the City audit and declared it a clean audit.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked if the line item was over but the budget itself was under budget is there any penalties. Mr. Winkel noted that Oregon doesn't issue penalties. He noted the potential financial state of capability to operate was required and the City was under budget. He mentioned that supplementals were the formal way to move funds from one line item to another and he had spoken to Mr. Foscoli about helping with those.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to direct the Council to accept the audit. 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>f) Grant Contract Proposal</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli reported the City had received 8 million in grant money over the past 5 years. He noted a lot of work in Falls City relies on grants. He stated staff didn't have the capacity to research grants and this smaller company would have more focus to find, write and submit grants for \$6000 for 6-8 grants to fund Dayton bridge and law enforcement and code costs.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling asked if they would take a percentage from the grant. Mr.</p>

	<p>Foscoli noted they would take a 10% administrative fee. Council President Houghtaling asked where the \$6,000 would come from. Mr. Foscoli stated the FEMA money.</p> <p>Councilor Backus stated they had a 82% success rate.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles stated most projects in town would not be able to happen without grants. He noted that a \$6,000 investment for the potential of millions seemed worth looking into since the City had the funds. He asked if there could be a short presentation at the next Council meeting. Mr. Foscoli stated he would make sure they can attend to answer questions.</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>There were none.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.</p>
<p>Read and approved this <u>2</u> day of <u>March</u> 2026.</p> <p>Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>City Recorder: <u></u></p>	