



Special City Council Meeting

Monday, August 17, 2026 at 2:00 pm

1. HOW TO ATTEND

1. In Person: 200 Parry St. Falls City, OR 97344
2. Call-in: a. 1-253-215-8782 b. Meeting ID: 878 7406 4319 You will be muted but may “raise your hand” to indicate you wish to comment.
3. Web Application: Zoom Webinar <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87874064319> You will be muted but may “raise your hand” to indicate you wish to comment during Public Comments.
4. Write-In: Using regular mail or email. a. info@fallscityoregon.gov; 299 Mill St. Falls City, OR 97344

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2. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor TJ Bailey, Council President Houghtaling, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Tia Scruton, Councilor Dennis Sickles, Councilor Lori Jean Sickles

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. August 3, 2026 Minutes

4. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

- a. Pacific Power EV Grant

5. ADJOURN

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Contact: Jeremy Teal, City Recorder (jteal@fallscityoregon.gov 503-787-3631) | Agenda published on 08/13/2026 at 2:01 PM

FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026
Mayor Bailey called the Falls City City Council into regular session on Monday, August 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street.		
Council Members Present: Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Tia Scruton, Councilor Dennis Sickles and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles arrived at 6:04 pm. Councilor Nick Backus was absent.		
Staff Present: City Manager AJ Foscoli and City Recorder Jeremy Teal		
AGENDA		ACTION
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations		Mayor Bailey thanked all the volunteers of the fire department. He noted the department had been called out multiple times for mutual aid.
Public Comment		Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:03 p.m. Jim Miner reported there were blackberry bushes hanging over into the street on Fair Oaks. Tracy Young mentioned the upper park needed to be cleaned up. She noted there were limbs hanging off trees, brush along road that needed trimmed, the parking lot needed weed-wacked, the ballfield needed mowed, and a doggie bag dispenser needed at the baseball field. She stated the lower cemetery needed mowed. She asked if the city employee / park host job description could be separated so the job of each was clear. She stated the parks were not in good shape, and the park host was only cleaning the bathrooms and emptying trash. She noted there was a gap at the top and bottom of bathroom entry doors. She advised the price on the old City Hall needed to be raised and the documents' safe needed to be removed. Mr. Foscoli stated the safe would be offered to the new owners, and if they didn't want it the City would remove it. Ms. Young asked what the money from the sale would be used for. Mayor Bailey stated they did not know yet but would get feedback from the community.

	Tina Thompson asked if any bylaws had been changed. Mr. Foscoli noted that the FEMA rules had been changed last December and the tiny home code amendments were made in 2022. Ms. Thompson noted there was a clause that could shut down Falls City and force the people to move to cities during the climate pandemic Mayor Bailey stated he would be attending the OMA conference next week and would ask. Ms. Thompson asked if the city would ever implement flock cameras. Mayor Bailey stated that would take money the city doesn't have. Ms. Thompson asked about the duckweed in lagoon ponds. Mr. Foscoli stated the facility was just impounding not treating. Ms. Thompson stated she would like a bucket of duckweed if at all possible. Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 6:21 p.m.
Public Hearing a) CDBG Block Grant	Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:21 p.m. Mayor Bailey read the CDBG Block Grant hearing notice in its entirety into the record. Councilor Comments: Council President Houghtaling noted this was a normal Polk CDC grant funneled through Falls City. Councilor D Sickles asked if Polk CDC was administering the grant. Council President Houghtaling stated it would be low interest loan or grants. Melanie Fisher stated this was all grants. Citizen Comments: Jim Miner noted the people that need help can't get it because their trailers aren't eligible due to the age of them. Ms. Fischer stated the federal government sets regulations at 1976 and older are ineligible. She noted that Energy Trust of

b) Street Vacation	Oregon manufactured had a loan program for home replacement. She stated the gentlemen handling the loans was great. Mayor Bailey stated he would get the information for the Energy Trust gentlemen and talk with him about Falls City. Ms. Fischer stated Energy Trust didn't have the same rules and can help with a number of projects like insulation, hvac, and hot water heaters Tracy Young asked how much of the grants were used in Falls City. Ms. Fischer noted that recently 3 were helped from the Dallas grants. She noted that each city hosts the grant process but the money was open to all of Polk County. Ms. Young noted that Laura Christensen needed a ramp at her home. Tina Thompson noted she applied for a grant but she had a business and they needed to know how much she was taking in. Mayor Bailey appointed Jeremy Teal as the Certifying Officer for the CDBG grant. Mayor Bailey closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. Mayor Bailey read the street vacation hearing notice in its entirety into the record. Councilor Comments: Council President Houghtaling asked why the need for the vacation. Mr. Teal noted the City stated they would do the paperwork back in the 80s and the residents executed the vacation between the 3 properties, but the City never completed the vacation. He noted the current grandchild of the original owners is selling the property and needs the 10 ft incorporated into the property before she sells. He stated this was the paperwork to finalize the vacation.
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c) City Hall Sale	Councilor D Sickles stated he didn't want to set a precedent for people to come back and need paperwork done. Mr. Foscoli noted most of time the city retains ownership of alley land. Citizen Comments: Tracy Young asked if there would be access to any water lines down there, and about fire access. Mayor Bailey stated based on photos he did not see an issue for fire access. Mike McConnell suggested to stipulate easement for later if City needed access. Mr. Foscoli noted the alley was not worth anything for an easement. Mayor Bailey closed the public hearing at 6:53 p.m. Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:54 p.m. Sarah Cole gave a brief analysis of the property and the real market value of the property at \$199,000 with the .48 acres. She noted the market improvement value was \$194,000 for just the structure. Councilor Comments: There were none. Citizen Comments: Dawn Martin suggested renting the property. Chris martin suggested to mortgage the equity out of the property and rent the building. Ms. Cole stated there were many maintenance issues with the building, like a new roof, and full bathroom. Mayor Bailey stated it was a great idea, but he was concerned about further burdening the City staff, and what clientele would want to use the building.
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	Mike McConnell stated he had called SHPO about the old city hall and the conversation went well but could complicate things. He advised that public buildings in SPHO's jurisdiction had to be reported if it was going on the market and to let SHPO know on market review. He noted that there wasn't much that needed to happen with SHPO. He mentioned there were grant possibilities through rural community development regarding keeping the jail. Councilor D Sickles stated he didn't see the point of hanging onto the jail and asked what would be done with it. Mr. McConnell stated the jail was part of Falls City history, if you bulldoze it is all gone. Mayor Bailey asked if the jail could hold up the sale of city hall and if it was moved or restored what would it do for the community. Council President Houghtaling at the Historic Landmark meeting it was suggested to have dinners in the jail. Councilor D Sickles stated he didn't see the purpose of saving the jail and hold up the sale of city hall. He suggested possibly moving the jail to the new city hall. Mayor Bailey noted he would not be throwing veterans into the jail. Councilor D Sickles stated the idea was to put people in and pay to get them out. Ms. Young mentioned the high school kids could help restore the jail with some work experience. Mayor Bailey noted there was no CTE program in Falls City and grants take time. Ms. Young stated the building was priced too low considering some of the other homes that have sold in town. Ms. Cole noted some properties in Falls City came in pretty low. Mr. Miner asked what the size of city hall was. Ms. Cole stated 1,400 sq ft but not ready to move in. Mr. Martin stated that once the jail was gone the city couldn't get it back and the majority of
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	people have no idea what it is. He noted it would be great to move it and fix it up and put a sign on it, it is interesting. Mayor Bailey noted he didn't disagree. Tina Thompson suggested using the jail for events and having striped jumpsuits for people to wear. Councilor D Sickles asked who would move the jail and what would it cost. Mr. Martin stated he would come take a look. Council President Houghtaling asked if it made sense to spend \$10,000 to move the jail. Ms. Young stated the jail needed to be pushed out and made more visible, so people know what it is. Jessica Sullivan mentioned she had been to other small cities, and they use old stuff to draw people into town. She noted it was history. Mr. Miner stated a historic site at different places to go to in town would be good. Mayor Bailey noted that was a good idea to help preserve history, but the cost could be overwhelming. He suggested volunteers could help recoup the costs. Mr. Martin noted it was important to preserve history. Ms. Cole stated she doubted the jail would hurt the sale. Mr. Foscoli stated it was better to identify a buyer and see if they would want it. Mr. McConnell stated a grant might be possible to move the jail. He mentioned the Marion County jail warden grew up in Falls City and he donated inmates to come and fixed up the jail. He noted the cots and blankets were from that project. Ms. Cole noted the jail was a very small piece away from the main structure. Mayor Bailey stated the old City Hall, should go on the market and see what happens.
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	Mayor Bailey closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.
Consent Agenda a) July 6, 2026 Minutes	It was moved by Council President Houghtaling 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 Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, and LJ Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.
Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members a) Mayor's Report b) Councilor Comments c) Park & Rec Committee Report	Mayor Bailey noted he would be attending the OMA conference. He thanked everyone that gets involved. Councilor LJ Sickles stated the Pride event was a great success and thanked everyone that helped. Council President Houghtaling reported Councilor Backus had emailed her and let her know he was sick and would not be attending the Council meeting. She mentioned that Jennifer Flores had worked with Home Depot and got a grant for projects around the school and that would happen this Thursday and Friday. She noted volunteers were always welcome. Councilor Scruton advised there would be a movie night on the high school lawn Saturday, August 15th. Mayor Bailey stated he was working on the skate park to try and redo the current design into phases.
Reports from City Manager & Staff a) City Manager's Report	Mr. Foscoli reported on the wastewater treatment plant, code enforcement, grant writing, the town hall meeting would be Monday, October 19th, and LDS Service Project. He advised Trench Line Excavation was working on Phase 2 of the waterline project.
Resolutions a) Resolution 09-2026	Mr. Foscoli noted the public hearing on the sale was the first step and now the resolution with a proposed \$300,000 price (higher than the recommended real estate number.

	Councilor D Sickles stated he agreed with the real estate agent's starting point. He asked there be constant consultation with the Council. He noted he didn't want to sit on it. Council President Houghtaling asked the price to be \$299,000 Sarah Cole asked for a bottom line for the building, and she noted there would be a lot of cost on her end. Mayor Bailey asked if the Council would settle for \$175,000. Council President Houghtaling stated she wouldn't go that low. Ms. Cole asked if they were a year in and her costs were rising what would the Council settle for. Mayor Bailey suggested coming back in 6 months and discuss if it hadn't sold. Mr. Foscoli stated it was a good number to start with and use Ms. Cole's number for bottom line for sale. He mentioned he could negotiate the final price as much as he could. He asked Ms. Cole what a schedule might look like for lowering the price. Council President Houghtaling asked to amend the price to \$299,000. It was moved and amended by Councilor D Sickles to adopt resolution 09-2026, a resolution declaring the initial sale price of the former city hall real property at \$299,000 and authorizing the city manager to negotiate and sign any relevant sale documents. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a ROLL CALL vote of 4-0 with Councilors Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES. Councilor LJ Sickles abstained.
Ordinances a) Ordinance 573-2026	It was moved by Council President Houghtaling for the Mayor read draft Ordinance 573-2026 by title only. The motion was duly seconded by

	Councilor D Sickles and carried with a vote of 5-0 with Councilor Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES. It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to waive second reading of the draft ordinance, and to adopt Ordinance No. 573-2026 vacating an alley as read. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor LJ Sickles and CARRIED with a ROLL CALL vote of 5-0 with Councilors Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, and LJ Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.
Good of the Order	Councilor LJ Sickles asked if the senior group from Boondocks could use the Community Center Tuesdays for board games and cards. Mr. Teal informed Councilor D Sickles to stop by City Hall and get a key and fill out the paperwork. Mr. Teal informed the Council that a virtual meeting would need to happen to approve tonight's minutes before August 20.
Regular Session Adjourn	There being no further business, the regular session was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.
Executive Session ORS 192.660 a public body can hold a closed executive session to conduct deliberations with designated negotiators regarding real property transactions.	Mayor Bailey opened the Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. Mayor Bailey closed the Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.
Regular Session Adjourn	Regular session was reinstated at 8:39 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Read and approved this ____ day of _____ 2026. Mayor: _____ ATTEST: City Recorder: _____	

STAFF REPORT

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR, AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER, AJ FOSCOLI
SUBJECT: EV GRANT APPLICATION
DATE: 8/17/2026

SUMMARY

Council Approval of Pacific Power Electric Mobility (EV) Grant.

BACKGROUND

In 2023, the City Manager brought a proposal of adding an electric vehicle to the city's fleet in order to take advantage of the fact that Falls City only has 19 miles of road. Through a successful grant, the city was able to add an electric vehicle that is used for monthly meter reading and for transporting water and sewer samples for testing to Corvallis on a bi-weekly basis. The city has saved an estimated \$400/year in fuel costs by simply adding this one vehicle. Given that none of the city's current vehicles achieve even a 20 mile-per-gallon fuel efficiency, and gas prices will very likely remain high for the foreseeable future, it makes sense to continue to diversify the city's fleet with zero emissions vehicles that can be fully "refueled" for about 16% of the price of an internal combustion vehicle.

The vehicle proposed by the city manager to become part of the fleet is a **Ford F-150 Lightning** (Electric Vehicle). In the past 3 years since the city has had the Chevy Bolt, there have been no repairs or maintenance needs for this vehicle, whereas the city has spent roughly \$25,000 combined on repairs and maintenance for the Ford F-350 and Chevy Silverado in the city's fleet. We expect the repairs or maintenance needs of the **Ford F-150 Lightning** to be in line with the Chevy Bolt, thus leading to cost of ownership savings from day 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$5,000 match for the Pacific Power Electric Mobility (EV) Grant application, to go toward a \$50,000 vehicle.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council to apply for, receive and administer the Pacific Power Electric Mobility (EV) Grant.

PROPOSED MOTION

Recommend a motion to direct the City Manager to apply for, receive and administer the Pacific Power Electric Mobility (EV) Grant.

EXHIBIT

- A- Ford F-150 Lightning Flyer & Fuel comparison sheet
- B- Pacific Power Electric Mobility (EV) Grant
- C- EV Grant Letter of Support

Sample Used Ford F-150 Lightning listings



Used 2023 Ford F-150 Lightning XLT

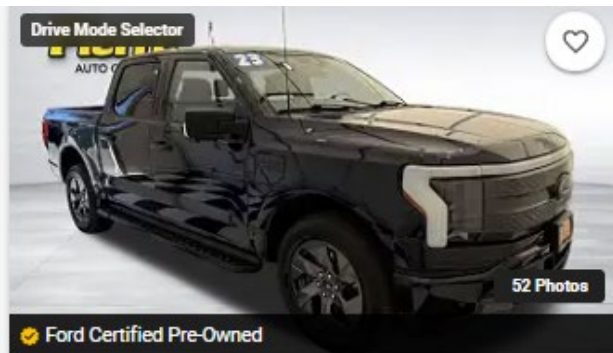
36,060 miles | Lynnwood, WA
155 miles from Portland, OR

\$42,190 ✓ Price includes fees

- ✓ No Accident or Damage
- 1 CARFAX 1-Owner
- Personal Use
- 6 Service Records

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Check Availability



Certified Used 2023 Ford F-150 Lightning XLT

31,318 miles | Seattle, WA
148 miles from Portland, OR

\$45,600 ✓ Price includes fees

- ✓ No Accident or Damage
- 1 CARFAX 1-Owner
- Personal Use
- 10 Service Records

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Check Availability



Used 2023 Ford F-150 Lightning Lariat

40,553 miles | Auburn, WA
123 miles from Portland, OR

\$47,009 \$804/mo est. ✓ Price includes fees

FAIR VALUE \$1,409 above CARFAX Value

- ✓ No Accident or Damage
- 1 CARFAX 1-Owner
- Personal Use
- 4 Service Records

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Certified Used 2024 Ford F-150 Lightning XLT

13,808 miles | Seattle, WA
148 miles from Portland, OR

\$47,600 ✓ Price includes fees

- ✓ No Accident or Damage
- 1 CARFAX 1-Owner
- Personal Use
- 5 Service Records

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Fuel Comparison Sheet between the current PW's truck fleet and an EV truck

The city spends approximately **\$4.67 per gallon** of fuel.

Ford F-350 truck 11 mpg (miles per gallon)
(26 gallon tank - 286 mile range)

Chevy Silverado Truck 19 mpg (miles per gallon)
(26 gallon tank 494 mile range).

The equivalent mpg of a **Ford F-150 Lightning** ranges from:
76~78 MPGe in the city,
60~63 MPGe on the highway,
and 68~70 MPGe combined.

The cost is roughly **\$19.65 to fully recharge** the Ford F-150 Lightning during **Peak hours**,
(calculations based on Pacific Power's current kWh rates) whereas it costs **\$121.42 to fully fuel** each truck.

Though the range of a battery electric truck is still shorter than an equivalent internal combustion engine vehicle, our Public Works staff never drive more than 100~150 miles at one time, even when traveling outside of city limits for trainings or materials purchases.

Pacific Power Pricing. Base Energy Charge:

On-peak: about **28¢** per kilowatt-hour (kWh)
Off-peak: about **10¢** per kWh.

Based on **On-peak** charging, to "fill up" a 240-mile range vehicle (**98 kWh F-150 Lightning**), it would cost **\$19.65**.

Based on **Off-peak** charging, to "fill up" a 240-mile range vehicle (**98 kWh F-150 Lightning**), it would cost **\$14.70**.

Average cost to "fill up" is **\$13.34**.

Applicant Information	
Applications are due on or before August 31, 2026	
Name of Organization	City of Falls City
Pacific Power customer account number	21091561-006 2
Organization physical/mailling address	200 Parry Street Falls City, OR 97344
Organization website address	www.fallscityoregon.gov
Primary project contact information <i>Will be responsible for providing ongoing reporting for the project</i>	
Name	AJ Foscoli
Title	City Manager
Organization name	City of Falls City
Role in the project	Manager
Phone number	503-787-3631
Email address	manager@fallscityoregon.gov
Contractor/Installer contact information:	N/A
Name	
Title	
Phone number	
Email address	
Organization name	
Role in the project	
Organization Type <i>(Non-profit, Government, Commercial, etc.)</i>	Municipality
Organization Size <i>(>500 employees, <500 employees)</i>	<500 employees
Name of individual completing application <i>Include affiliation and contact information if different from primary contact or contractor/installer.</i>	AJ Foscoli
Please verify that the project satisfies the Requirements & Eligibility provided above <i>Also available at pacificpower.net/ev-grants</i>	☒ I certify that this project meets Pacific Power's Electric Mobility Grant funding award eligibility requirements
Participation Information	

Has your organization applied for a grant from Pacific Power in the past?

If yes, describe the project, whether an award was granted, and the application year. Also specify if the project proposed in your prior application is the same project proposed in this application.

Yes, Falls City applied twice previously (2022 & 2023), and the organization was successful in funding an electric vehicle for our Public Works Fleet (Chevrolet Bolt) in the second year of applying for meter reading and related responsibilities. As we've been very happy with the performance of the electric vehicle, we would like to electrify one of our trucks, for more wide-ranging Public Works duties.

How did you hear about Pacific Power's Electric Mobility Grant program?

We've heard about it has been through direct emails (accountservices@info.pacificpower.net)

Project Information
Project Category

Select all that apply

- ☐ Education or Outreach Campaign
- ☐ Installation of EV Charging Infrastructure
- ☐ Needs assessment
- ☒ Procurement of electric vehicle
- ☐ Research and development
- ☐ Other

Physical address where project will be conducted

Include facility name, street address, city, state, zip code, and/or GPS coordinates where appropriate.

200 Parry Street Falls City, OR 97344

What need does this project address?

Our Public Works truck fleet is ageing, and we'd like to replace it one truck at a time with more robust vehicles that are cheaper to operate, maintain and repair.

Project Feasibility
Provide a project scope.

Describe your plan and how it will be implemented? How will your project achieve the proposed outcomes? How many locations will be associated with this project?

The city has identified a vehicle that would best suit the needs of our Public Works department (Ford F-150) and have researched various grant opportunities to allow the city to purchase this vehicle. Upon receipt this vehicle will be immediately integrated into the general Public Works duties, including but not limited to park, road, water, & sewer infrastructure maintenance and operation.

Total Project Cost

Include a project total and cost breakdown. Please include the completed supplementary Grant Budget Template on the [Pacific Power Grants Page](#)

Total Grant Funding Request	Funding award payment <i>(Up-front or reimbursement upon completion)</i>
	\$50,000
Project Timeline <i>Describe the current status of the project and the plan for bringing the project to completion.</i> <i>Identify potential challenges and risks to completing the project on time and the strategy for mitigating each of those risks.</i>	
The city has done extensive research in the past 3 years (since we have started using the Chevrolet Bolt) on the types of trucks that would be adequate to perform all of the Public Works duties, not just meter reading, and the best vehicle would be a Ford F-150. The city plans to purchase a used one, as the long-term battery health of these vehicles is such that paying for a new truck is not cost-effective, as the performance of a used one will meet all of our use thresholds for many years to come. Purchasing a used one, would also allow the city to be more flexible in searching for the most affordable one, up to \$50,000, though average prices for used ones range from \$35,000-\$50,000.	
Estimated Start Date	Estimated Completion Date
Q3 of 2026	Q4 of 2026
Project Impact	
Describe the host organization. <i>Including but not limited to its mission, history, purpose, and who it serves.</i>	
The City of Falls City is nestled in the foothills of Oregon's Cascade Coast Mountain Range, and draws its name from the Little Luckiamute Falls in the heart of town. Once a thriving timber community with two mills and a railroad, the City's economic identity was lost during the timber decline of the '70's, '80's, and '90's; the mills closed their doors, and the railroad pulled up stakes. Like so many rural Oregon timber towns, Falls City lacked the economic resiliency to overcome the hit to their principal industry, and has had little capacity to develop a new one until recently. Thanks to new leadership and a collaborative mindset, the community has begun looking at opportunities to leverage the city's relative isolation as an asset, as opposed to a disadvantage, promoting itself as a place for people looking for a quieter and slower paced lifestyle. In addition, the city's proximity to the Black Rock Mountain Biking trail system, as well as the Valley of the Giants old-growth forest natural preserve area make it an exceptional place for tourists to visit. As Falls City's local government, City Hall is tasked with ensuring that all necessary services are provided to its 1,051 residents and it is the City Manager's and City Council's responsibility to ensure that the community's taxes are spent as judiciously and efficiently as possible. The City's Mission Statement is "Create an environment that supports community rural living at its best by mixing family, work, recreation and social opportunities while providing fiscally sound, responsible municipal services."	

What are the outcomes and expectations of the project?
The main outcome of the project is that city staff will be able to reduce the amount of money currently spent on fossil fuels (currently at historic highs), while also providing a versatile vehicle to undertake ALL tasks in the Public Works department. The cost savings will greatly help stretch the city's very limited municipal budget, in line with the organizational goals of fiscal responsibility.
How many people will the project serve? And what is the intended targeted community?
The community's population is 1,051. Having an electric truck in our fleet will enable us to serve every resident more effectively and at a considerable cost savings, in addition to being more environmentally friendly in our rural context.
What direct benefits does this project provide to residents? <i>(Economic, environmental, educational, social, etc.)</i>
Having an Electric Vehicle in our Public Works fleet will lead to significant cost savings over the lifetime of the vehicle. In addition, the reduction in carbon emissions, as well as positive educational and social impact of electric vehicle proliferation for rural communities lacking in adequate gasoline infrastructure, will yield positive dividends for the community. Since our initial grant, we've seen the number of private electric vehicles skyrocket in town, and the city has a responsibility to keep pace with the local vehicle transition to greener transport technology.
How are you engaging the communities served in project planning and execution?
The city council, in their role overseeing the city's budget, have been involved and are very supportive of this project in order to lead to cost savings to the taxpayers.
How will the proposed project educate and raise awareness about Electric Mobility in Oregon, particularly in underserved communities?
As the fleet vehicle will have clear designation as an Electric Vehicle, as well as a Pacific Power grant recipient logo, its quiet operation, as well as intentional opportunities to show its benefits to the community at large, will help the community to become familiar with the project, and see its benefits from an operational aspect, as well as a fiscal one.
How will success or effectiveness of this project be measured? What methods of evaluation will be used?
The success of this project will be measured by the amount of money saved on charging the vehicle, versus the ongoing and historical fuel costs of our ICE trucks. Based on industry standards, it should only cost between 25-33% to charge an EV truck versus an ICE truck, thus yielding savings from the very beginning of the truck's operation.
How will the project recognize the Electric Mobility Grant and the Oregon Clean Fuels Program?
The city, as it did with its current Chevrolet Bolt, will ensure that signage on the vehicle shows that it was purchased with a grant from the Pacific Power E-Mobility and Oregon Clean Fuels Program Grant. In addition, we will regularly report to the council and residents the cost savings of operating an electric truck.



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
TJ BAILEY

August 17, 2026

Oregon Electric Mobility Grant
City Council of Falls City Letter of Support

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Falls City, please accept this letter of support for Falls City's application to the Oregon Electric Mobility Grant.

In its current state, the city's fleet is mostly comprised of Internal Combustion Engine vehicles which are both inefficient and polluting to the environment. Given that Falls City only has one gas station within city limits, limiting price competition, not only are most of the vehicles inefficient in their operation, but even more so in their refueling, which could be greatly mitigated with the addition of another zero-emission vehicle with high fuel mileage. The fact that our town only has 19 miles of roads, means that a Ford F-150 Lightning will be an excellent addition to our fleet for both utilities metering, code enforcement and park maintenance, as well as general Public Works responsibilities. We sincerely hope that Pacific Power will support Falls City's push to improve its fleet to be more cost efficient and cleaner for its community.

Sincerely,

TJ Bailey