


FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025	
Mayor Bailey called the Falls City City Council into regular session on Monday, November 3, 2025 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, Councilor Dennis Sickles, and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles. Council President Amy Houghtaling was excused.			
Staff Present: City Manager AJ Foscoli and City Recorder Jeremy Teal			
AGENDA		ACTION	
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations		Mayor Bailey reported the first Souper Saturday event from food pantry was successful and dinners were delivered to the community and 18 in Greenhaven RV park. He thanked the BBQ committee and Falls City athletics for a fantastic job this year.	
Public Comment		Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:03 p.m. Jim Miner asked about the cost of the tree service cutting the trees in the upper park and how much wood would be available to the community. Mr. Foscoli stated the tree cutting services were covered by them receiving the good wood as payment and the remainder would be cut into firewood for the community. Mr. Miner asked about the continued water running down North Main Street. Mr. Foscoli stated he would find a way to rectify that runoff. Mr. Miner asked about water coming into yards off Prospect now that it was pavement and not gravel. Mr. Foscoli noted he had spoken with North Santiam Paving about adding more gravel down Prospect to help alleviate the water issue. Tracy Young asked if the City had received all the insurance information regarding Mr. Jones tree service company. Mr. Foscoli stated he had received all the documents before they started cutting. Ms. Young asked if the chip truck Mr. Fornier drives could be moved to Mr. Jones property instead of on North Main Street.	

	<p>Ms. Young asked what agency raised the sewer rates. Mr. Foscoli stated that DEQ was the funding agency that would require \$1.4 million to be paid back.</p> <p>Ms. Young asked about the air pockets in the lagoons. Mr. Foscoli noted the geology of Falls City releases gases through the soil, so vents were installed to alleviate the gas from under the liner.</p> <p>Ms. Young asked how long it would be before the Wastewater plant was going to be active. Mr. Foscoli noted there was a meeting next Wednesday to discuss the machinery and hopefully get the plant online. He noted he was disappointed with Strider not ordering the right part. He reported the plant needed to be online before May 1st.</p> <p>Don Schecker asked if there were any additional costs. Mr. Foscoli stated roughly \$50,000 in additional engineering.</p> <p>Tina Thompson suggested downloading the map on Urban Form before the year is up so the City wouldn't have to pay. Mr. Foscoli stated the benefit to the system is the live update. He noted a decision would be made before the year was up to decide what the Council would like to do.</p> <p>Ms. Thomspon noted that the construction company wasn't paying attention on 3rd. Mr. Foscoli stated he would talk to them again regarding flaggers and traffic control.</p> <p>Don Schecker stated some had abandoned an engine block on his property on Mitchell. He asked if the speed bumps could be higher. Mr. Foscoli stated the City was working on that.</p>
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	<p>Mr. Schecker asked about the integrity of the water system with the new and old pipes regarding the increased pressure. Mr. Foscoli stated the engineers had taken that into account and OAWU would come and do a pressure test when all pipes are replaced.</p> <p>Mr. Schecker asked about UrbanForm and how much the City was using it. Mr. Foscoli stated the City can use it, but he hoped the real estate and citizens would use it more.</p> <p>Tina Thompson asked for speed bumps on Fair Oaks.</p> <p>Tracy Young asked if the road could be graded on Valsetz Road. Mr. Foscoli stated that unfortunately the grader was non-operational.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 6:35 p.m.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda</p> <p>a) October 6, 2025 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 with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, and LJ Sickles voting YES.</p>
<p>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members</p> <p>a) Mayor's Report</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey reported the coffee with the mayor was good and several items had already been addressed and the ceiling tiles will be replaced this week. She noted that November 9 at noon to 3 pm Veterans BBQ at the Fire Hall. Home bound veterans will be provided meals with smoked chicken, dogs, burgers and all the fixings, as well as Nana's Potato Salad. He stated the Welcoming ceremony would start at 12 with a guest speaker at 12:30. He mentioned that Saturday, November 22 at noon to 3 in community center would be the Thanksgiving Dinner for the community. He stated the Coffee with the Mayor would be the last Saturday of month and the BBQ meeting would be on Friday at 5 p.m.</p>
<p>b) Councilor Comments</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey thanked the FCFD for the Halloween celebration and the great opportunity</p>

	for young people. Mr. Teal reported that 141 bags of candy were given away
Reports from City Manager & Staff a) City Manager's Report	Mr. Foscoli reported on the wastewater treatment plant, IGA with Dallas Municipal court with code enforcement, the community resource center changes happening, next council would be the water rate study presentation, upper park trees, town hall meeting would be January 13 at 6 pm, and the outlined project timeline.
Resolutions a) Resolution 07-2025	Mr. Foscoli stated the community center /fire hall roof increased due to lack of structuring in the roof above the \$42,000 quote. \$4600 to fire and \$4600 to council projects It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to adopt Resolution 07-2025, Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Supplemental Budget 1. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a ROLL CALL vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, and LJ Sickles voting YES.
Good of the Order	Mr. Foscoli noted at the next Council meeting there would be important items on the agenda.
Adjourn	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.
Read and approved this <u>1</u> day of <u>December</u> 2025. Mayor:  ATTEST: City Recorder: 