



Falls City Oregon City Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Location

320 N Main St • Falls City, OR 97344

How to Attend and/or Participate

1. In Person: 320 N Main 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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1. 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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, APPRECIATIONS, & PROCLAMATIONS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS & LETTER COMMUNICATIONS

In order to encourage an environment of openness, courtesy and respect for differing points of view, please refrain from behavior that is disruptive to the meeting such as making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, or any other activity that disrupts the orderly conduct of the meeting. Abusive language will not be tolerated.

Please limit your commentary to 3 minutes or less.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a. August 17, 2026 Minutes

Attachments:

- **Minutes** (2026.08.17_0_Council_Minutes.pdf)

6. REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

a. Mayor's Report

b. Councilor Comments

c. Park & Rec Committee Report

Attachments:

- **August 11, 2026 Minutes** (Parks_Minutes.pdf)

d. Public Works Committee Report

Attachments:

- **August 20, 2026 Minutes** (PW_Minutes.pdf)

7. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER & STAFF

a. Falls City Fire Report

Attachments:

- **August Report** (Fire_August_Report.pdf)
- **September Report** (Fire_Sept_Report.pdf)

b. Code Services Report

Attachments:

- **August Report** (Code_Report_8.26.pdf)

c. City Manager's Report

Attachments:

- **Report** (2026.09.08_Monthly_Manager's_Report.pdf)

d. Street Vacation

Attachments:

- **Staff Report** (2026.09.08_1_Staff_Report_8th_Street_Vacation.pdf)
- **Exhibit A** (2026.09.08_2_8th_Street_Vacation_Exhibit_A.pdf)

8. GOOD OF THE ORDER

9. ADJOURN

Posted for Public at the City Hall Bulletin Board, Community Center, Falls City Website, Falls City Market, and City Facebook page

FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026
Mayor Bailey called the Falls City City Council into special session on Monday, August 17, 2026 at 2:05 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room located at 200 Parry Street.		
Council Members Present: Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Tia Scruton and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles. Councilor Dennis Sickles was absent		
Staff Present: City Manager AJ Foscoli and City Recorder Jeremy Teal		
AGENDA		ACTION
Consent Agenda a) August 3, 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 4-0 with Councilors Meier, Scruton, and LJ Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES and Councilor Backus abstained.
Reports from City Manager & Staff a) Pacific Power EV Grant		Mr. Foscoli advised the City had applied multiple times for the Pacific Power E-Mobility grant and this year the request was for \$50,000 with a \$5000 match. He noted that operating a gas truck is quite expensive with repairs and fuel and though the F150 Lightning wasn't as good for towing, it is cheaper than gas to operate. He reported that to maintain and repair and fuel the two public works trucks has cost the city about \$25,000 in the past 2 years. Mayor Bailey asked if one public works truck would be supplused. Mr. Foscoli noted that one would and possibly the Chevy Bolt as well. He mentioned they would keep one truck for towing the vac trailer. Mr. Teal advised the trailer weighed 6800 pounds empty and 12,000 pounds full. Mayor Bailey stated gas prices weren't going down anytime soon and an electric truck could help tremendously. It was moved by Councilor LJ Sickles to direct the City Manager to apply for, receive and administer the Pacific Power Electric Mobility (EV) Grant. The motion was duly seconded by Council President Houghtaling and carried with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Meier, Scruton, D

	Sickles, and LJ Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES. Councilor Meier asked about the charging station at old City Hall. Mr. Foscoli noted that he had a conversation with Blink and whoever buys city hall had the option to keep the chargers there or have them removed. He stated the chargers could be moved to the LCB or somewhere else in town.
Special Session Adjourn	There being no further business, the special session was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.
Read and approved this ____ day of _____ 2026. Mayor: _____ ATTEST: City Recorder: _____	



Parks and Recreation Committee

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Committee Members

Lori Jean Sickles - Dennis Sickles - Dani Haviland - TJ Bailey - Laura Britton - Chris Martin - William Cleek

In attendance: Dennis Sickles, Will Cleek, Dani Haviland, Chris Martin, TJ Bailey

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** by vice-chairman, Chris Martin at 6:00 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Motion to Adopt the Entire Agenda**

Consent Agenda - Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve agenda by Dennis Sickles, seconded by TJ Bailey. Unanimous approval.

4.

a. July 14, 2026 Minutes

Attachments:

- **Minutes** (2026.07.14_Parks_Minutes.pdf)

5. **Public Comments** - None

Citizens may address the Committee or introduce items for Committee consideration on any matter. The Committee may not be able to provide an immediate answer or response but may direct staff to follow up on any questions raised. Out of respect to the Committee and others in attendance, please limit your comment to five (5) minutes. Please state your name and city of residence for the record.

6. **Old Business**

- a. **Skate Park Update** TJ spoke with Dreamland. He asked them about using a steel structure instead of concrete. Also about modifying the original plan to eliminate the 'bank' that is a significant portion of the cost.

7. **New Business**

- a. **Pride Wrap Up** – Feedback from community: Fun! No problems.
- b. **Cord of Wood.** Will Cleet won the cord of wood, but he does not need it. He wants to donate it. It needs to be moved from the provider before winter rains.
- c. **4th of July** TJ gave kudos to the 4th of July organizers. He said we should probably start the planning earlier for next year.
- d. **Veterans Day** The event will be held the Saturday before November 11. The first

planning meeting will be at the end of September. He will seek a primary sponsor since last year's is not available. Dani will ask the FC Thrives/Pride group if they would like to donate/help support the event. She will also ask the Service Integration Team about supplemental funds when more information is available about which needs are short of funds..

e. LDS Project

Attachments:

- **Project List** (LDS_Service_Day_Potential_Projects.pdf)

TJ said the group will be here on September 19. A meeting will be held August 12 to work out the plan.

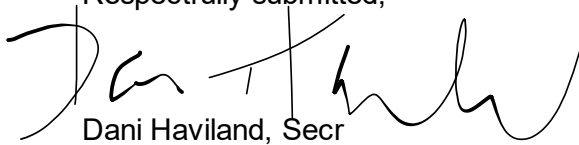
8. Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports None

9. Committee Announcements – Dani Haviland moved and TJ Bailey seconded the motion that the day and time of the Parks and Recreation meetings be moved to the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. The vote was unanimously approved. Next meeting is on September 10 at 5:30 PM.

10. Adjourn

At 6:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dani Haviland', is written over the printed name.

Dani Haviland, Secr

**City of Falls City
Public Works Committee Meeting**

Thursday August 20, 2026 6:00PM
Meeting Location: 320 N. Main Street

Committee Members Present

Mike McConnell (via phone), Tony Meier, Marty Haviland, Cliff Lauder, Jeff Propp, Guy Mack.

1) Call to Order

Vice-Chair Meier called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM, took roll call.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chair Meier led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Motion to Adopt the entire Agenda

Member Mack moved and member Propp seconded: **that we approve the entire agenda.** Motion carried 5-0-0. Ayes: Tony Meier, Jeff Propp, Cliff Lauder, Marty Haviland, Guy Mack.

4) Consent Agenda: Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items

Member Haviland moved and member Mack seconded: **that we approve Consent Agenda Items, PWC Minutes June 18, 2026.** Motion carried. 5-0-0. Ayes: Tony Meier, Marty Haviland, Cliff Lauder, Guy Mack.

5) Public Comments

Member Lauder informed the Committee that speeding is a problem on Prospect Street west of the Elementary School and the City **should install speed bumps from the Elementary School to 5th Street to slow vehicular traffic**, especially with the new school year about to begin and that Prospect Street is part of the Safe Routes to School Project. PWC concurred.

Member Propp mention that the speed bump on Mitchell Street is difficult to see and he moved and member Meier seconded: **that the speed bump should be brightly painted and appropriate signage be installed.** Motion passed 5-0-0. Ayes: Tony Meier, Jeff Propp, Marty Haviland, Cliff Lauder, Guy Mack.

6) New Business

a. 8th Street Vacation

Property owner, Don Schaecher is requesting the City vacate 8th Street so he can acquire the property or portion thereof with adjacent property owner Rick Babbitt which would allow the property owners on either side of vacated street additional land to make the properties easier to develop. Mr. Schaecher is willing to pay for surveying said parcel if given the property.

Chair McConnell mentioned that when Kirby Frink was mayor that the Council determined that the City should not vacate any City properties but that times change and with the physical nature of this property that the City should sell the vacated street to adjacent owners. Mr. Schaecher said he would attempt to talk with Mr. Babbitt to determine if he is interested and if not he would be willing to acquire the entire parcel.

PWC recommends **that the City vacate 8th Street and negotiate with adjacent property owners a reasonable price (including surveying) and dispose of this property.**

7) Old Business – Project Updates

a. Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Island and ADA Sidewalk Project

Member Lauder mentioned that the new sidewalk up 5th Street has briars, limbs and other debris hindering easy use. He also mentioned that the Stairs are also being encroached by vegetation and that: **both 5th Street and the Stairs require regular maintenance to ensure safe passage.**

b. Water Mainline Replacement Project - FYI

c. Dayton Street Pedestrian/Infrastructure Bridge - FYI

d. Parking Citations/Code Enforcement – FYI

e. Water Capacity - FYI

f. Water Management and Conservation Plan - FYI

g. Public Works Committee Vacancy

No action taken.

h. LDS Service Area Project

PWC iterates its suggestions to add Lagoon vegetation screening and possible trail clearing to Berry Creek so future Water Rights projects can be researched. If possible to add to the list PWC suggests the clearing of briars, brush, debris from 5th Street and the Stairs.

i. City Hall Sale

PWC discussed what to do with the Pink Pokey. Chair McConnell said he was not sure where to move it and the cost of moving it. Suggested the City could approach prospective buyers about giving the property to the City as a tax write-off. Historic Landmark Commission suggested that if it is not feasible to relocate the Pink Pokey that the door and some windows be salvaged for future determination as to how memorialize the former jail if it is determined that demolition is the best option. Vice-Chair Meier informed PWC that the City's plan for the Pink Pokey was to let it go with the sale.

Vice-Chair Meier brought up the Electric Charging Stations at the Old City Hall. PWC wondered if they could be moved to a more convenient location on Main Street.

Resident Don Schaecher said he thought the best option was to remove/demolish the Pink Pokey and remove/relocate charging stations to facilitate a quicker sale.

8) Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports

Member Haviland and PWC agreed that because of excessive speeding the City should install a solar powered Speed Sign at the east end of Sheldon Avenue. Speed bumps should also be considered. Member Lauder reminded PWC and the City that the old restored siren from the old Fire Station is located at Corky Wagner's house.

9) Committee Announcements - Tentative next meeting September 17 2026 at Community Center.

10) Adjourn

Member Mack moved and member Haviland seconded: **that we adjourn.** Motion carried 5-0-0. Tony Meier, Marty Haviland, Jeff Propp, Cliff Lauder, Guy Mack. Meeting adjourned at 7:14.

_____ Public Works Committee Chair McConnell

Attested: _____ Public Works Committee Member

Call Volume for Falls City Volunteer Fire Dept. JAN-DEC. 2026



FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2026

MONTH	MEDICAL	PUBLIC ASSIST	MVA	STRUCTURE FIRE / Chimney fire	GRASS BRUSH TREE / BURN CO.	POWER LINE	SW ASSISTED FCFD CALLS	FALSE ALARM UTL	CONFLA G FIRES	MO. TOTAL CALLS
JAN	20	1	0	1-Sup 1 Chm	0/1	0	0	1	0	25
FEB	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	13
MAR	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	18
APR	10	0	0	0	0/2	0	0	1	0	13
MAY	12	0	0	0	1/0	0	0	1	0	14
JUNE	18	0	0	1 RV. 1VEH	3/0	0	0	0	0	23
JULY	9	1	1	0	2/6	0	0	0	1	20
AUG										
SEPT										
OCT										
NOV										
DEC										
YR TOTALS To Date	93	5	1	4	6/9	0	0	7	1	126

FIRE SEASON IS HERE! Please help spread the word. Check your home and property to make sure it is free of burnable items. Be defensible. Clear dry grass, brush and debris away from your home & trees. Also, keep yourself prepared for hot weather! Drink plenty of water, and eat foods high in Potassium and Magnesium. (Potatoes, Oranges, Bananas, Leafy Green Veggies, and other Fresh Fruits).

Lots of folks calling 911 this month to report “smoke” that they see from the fires around us. Thankfully, many of them were just investigations and no fires. But we have had a few grass fires to put out this month. Our Brush truck with Chief Gilbert and Joe Schmuker have been on a conflagration fire, helping in fighting the terrible fires East. They worked hard, but are now home safe! Welcome home guys!

Lots of training, and long hours. As always, our volunteers work hard, but enjoy our work! The Fourth of July celebration was a good turnout. The Fire Dept had a raffle for a Recreational Pass donated by Weyerhaeuser and a “play house” the guys built for the kiddos to put out fires in the little house. That was a lot of fun and we will be using that again with kids for fire education.

Thank you all for the support and hard work you do for our department and community!
Prepared by Sharon Volk Greve, Assistant Chief, Falls City Fire and EMS. Cell (503) 871-5140

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APR	10	0	0	0	0/2	0	0	1	0	13
MAY	12	0	0	0	1/0	0	0	1	0	14
JUNE	18	0	0	1 RV. 1VEH	3/0	0	0	0	0	23
JULY	9	1	1	0	2/6	0	0	0	1	20
AUG	11	4	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	22
SEPT										
OCT										
NOV										
DEC										
YR TOTALS To Date	104	9	1	4	7/9	1	2	8	3	148

The FD has been busy as usual. All fire apparatus's have had their annual inspections and full services completed for the year.

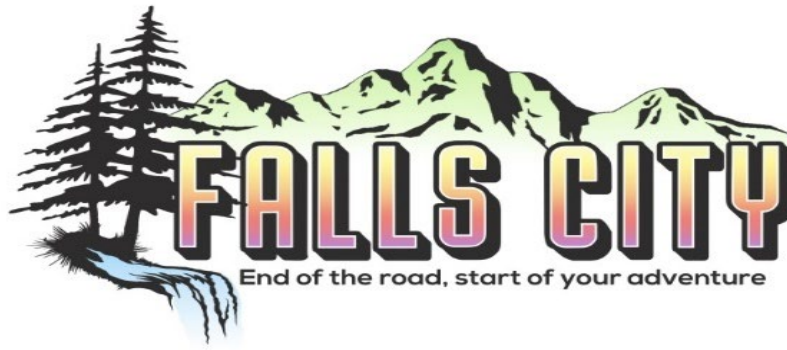
Falls City has been deployed twice this summer to two Conflagration fires; One in Southern Oregon and one in Eastern Oregon. Both deployments were for 8 days each.

We also responded to two large mutual aid fires in our SW areas. One on Oakdale Road and one on Elkins Road. Both fires were very high risk. Falls City Volunteers worked long and hard and made a big difference in the outcomes. It is a great feeling to help our neighboring fire departments and to work alongside of one another for our expanded communities.

It is still fire season and very high risk at this time. Even though we may get a few days of some rain showers, we should not let out guard down. Please remind your neighbors to be fire smart!

*Due to SW no longer able to respond to calls, I have changed the column in red to reflect when FC responds to SW calls instead. Thank you all for the support and hard work you do for our department and community!

Prepared by Sharon Volk Greve, Assistant Chief, Falls City Fire and EMS. Cell (503) 871-5140



Code Service Report August 2026

- Letter sent to resident on Central Blvd over ongoing squabble with neighbor about use of right -away (city/county) Also being worked on by Polk County Sheriff.
- Letter sent to 2 residents on Bridge about property clean up after complaint. Will be setting up time to head over next week to assess progress.
- Letter sent to resident on Prospect about property clean up and vehicle removal. Have spoken with resident and they are working on getting things cleaned up and car moved from right of way.
- Dogs on Parry have been running at large a lot less since visit with owner.
- Citations written and certified mailed to S. Main for public nuisance \$500, Noise disturbance \$500 and business license



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City Manager's Report September 8, 2026

Introduction

Thanks to summer weather that cooperated with relatively low temperatures, the city's main worries about implementing water curtailment have been allayed for this year. This does not mean that our limited water resources will always be able to be stretched this much, but we will take what we can get. We did see water use numbers that were still higher than we would have preferred for this time of year from a usage standpoint, so hopefully we can get more cooperation next year if we have a drier and warmer summer in 2027. The early rain that we have received in this early part of September has definitely helped staff draw a sigh of relief, so we will be turning our focus to preparation for fall and winter condition in the next few weeks and months.

Wastewater Project – The city is continuing to work with the funding agencies to administratively close out the project.

Code Enforcement – Our Code Enforcement Officer continues to coordinate with the Polk County Sheriff's Office Deputy to address several code compliance instances. In particular, a lot of progress has occurred in getting the Ellis Street non-compliance issue of accumulating garbage under control. The property owners have been working on mitigation to avoid having to go to Municipal Court, including resuming garbage service at the site. Thanks to the City of Dallas for municipal court services, the Code Enforcement Officer will issue citations to ongoing non-compliance cases, especially on Ellis Street if progress stalls. Other non-compliance cases will be adjudicated in future court proceedings.

Grant Writing and Research Proposal – Our contract grant research and writing company has already made progress in assisting the city with our main projects by connecting with some of the larger funding organizations in the state. After pivoting from the application for a law-enforcement grant that could have yielded \$120,000 over 3 years for enhanced coverage, the city is working on an infrastructure grant to assist the city with housing inventory. In the meantime, we will continue to research other grant opportunities to assist in improving Falls City.

Town Hall Meeting – Next Town Hall Meeting is planned for Monday, Oct. 19 at 6:00pm. The possible topics include continuing discussion on how current Federal & State funding cuts affect city services, funding for the Dayton Street Bridge repair/reconstruction, funding for Code Enforcement/Compliance, and continued funding for Falls City Fire Department. With the upcoming election, we may also try to have the candidates drop by and talk to the community.

Note: If you have questions/concerns, please respond to me individually by email, phone, or in person. This way we avoid violating any public meetings laws with a "reply all" response, or multiple councilors discussing on the same thread.

LDS Large-scale Service Project – The city has finalized the list of project tasks and has submitted it to the LDS Church volunteer group coordinator. Staff has finetuned the task details (difficulty level, materials needed, allocated volunteers etc) and will turn our focus to gathering local volunteers to assist in the deployment of volunteer work crews.

WE NEED ABOUT 15-20 LOCAL VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO ASSIST OUR OUT-OF-TOWN VOLUNTEERS IN DEPLOYMENT AND PROJECT EXECUTION. Please contact AJ Foscoli for this role (Saturday, September 19 8:30-12:30).

2025/2026 Infrastructure Construction Projects –

Water Mainline Replacement Project:

- Business Oregon & OHA have approved additional water lines for replacement, therefore work will occur between July and September at the following locations: Cameron, Parry Road, Fairview & Terrace Street, Mill Street, Pine Street and 1st/2nd Street connection

Sincerely,



AGENDA REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER FOSCOLI
SUBJECT: 8TH STREET VACATION
DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

BACKGROUND

The city has several streets under its transportation system that are undeveloped. Of the just over 14 miles of roads in Falls City, almost 7 miles is unpaved, and among those there are several that are completely unimproved. The city has been asked specifically about vacating 8th Street, as it is both unimproved and of limited value for future development

SUMMARY

8th Street comes off of Mitchell Street (south side) and is approximately 100 feet long. The grade coming from Mitchell is very steep and development of this road would be both challenging and expensive. As a developed road would only benefit the two adjacent properties and one of the owners has approached the city about vacating the road, both city staff and the Public Works Committee has entertained the proposal. As vacation proceedings are very well laid out in ORS, the city only needs to make a decision as whether going through with it would be beneficial, or at least not counterproductive from an expansion/development perspective of roadways. As the development of this roadway would not be undertaken for overall expansion of our roadway system due to the limited beneficial impact, city staff and the Public Works Committee have no objections, as long as the city can retain infrastructure upgrade easements, if and when they may be deemed necessary at some point in the future.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The City, in vacating a road, does not gain or lose any monetary value. By ORS, the vacated land is legally split evenly between the two adjacent properties, unless a separate agreement is negotiated between the property owners.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend exploring the vacation of 8th Street.

PROPOSED MOTION

I move the City Council of the City of Falls City instruct city staff to explore the vacation of 8th Street.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A Street Map of 8th Street and Mitchell Street

Exhibit A

