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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2026 @ 5pm

Stanley Community Center, 510 Eva Falls Stanley, ID 83278

Call to Order: (Mayor Botti) 5:05 pm

Roll Call: Councilmember Cardoso – Present; Councilmember Hernandez – Present; Councilmember Thompson – Present; Councilmember Cron - Present; Mayor Botti – Present;

- Treasurer Savannah Pedersen and City Clerk Hannah Fake were also present.

Agenda Amendments: none

Mayor/Council Comments:

- Councilmember Cardoso said that someone drove by at 45mph when he was walking in and Joe Mierzwinski said he saw that too.

Presentations/Citizen Participation:

- Presentation on Micro Grids from Camelio Madesen.
 - Madesen shared a powerpoint presentation that described what microgrids were, the various technologies used in microgrids and their benefits. He shared some options that might be feasible in Stanley.
 - Cardoso asked follow up questions about small nuclear plants integration into a microgrid and how to clear snow from the panels and if winter would affect the pumped-hydro systems.
 - Councilmember Thompson asked the cost of the system to power Stanley and Madesen estimated \$250,000 cost of system to power Stanley for a week.
 - Joe Merwiski asked how solar worked into it and Madesen replied that the solar panels powered the pumps that pumped water up to the high storage, and then that water acts as the battery storage to generate electricity when needed.
 - Michael Powel asked how the lakes were selected and Madesen said he looked at maps from a nationwide database.
 - If the council or city wants more information they can reach out to Camelio Madesen.
- Marci Dixon is running for Custer County Accessor and was attending the meeting to introduce herself. She has 20 years of real estate experience which includes looking at market trends and property value and has worked closely with the accessors site. The primary is May 19th and she is running as Republican.

Consent Agenda:

Action Item

- March 3, 2026 Special Council Meeting Minutes
- March 12, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- Claims Approval- paid & unpaid bills – March
 - **MOTION by Councilmember Cron to approve the Consent Agenda; SECOND by Council Member Hernandez.**
 - Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Cardoso – No. He stated this was a protest vote because he wants the City to host a YouTube channel and look at other ways of recording meetings. He didn't see anything wrong with the minutes but wants to move towards greater transparency. Councilmember Hernandez - Yes; Councilmember Thompson – Yes; Councilmember Cron - Yes.

1 opposed, 3 in favor; MOTION PASSED

Old Business:

- Workforce Housing Project Manager Selection Action Item
 - Selection will happen next week.

New Business:

- Option Tax Financial Request – Stanley Sawtooth Chamber of Commerce Action Item
 - Cardoso asked if they could attach a report to the funding.
 - Joe Mierzwinski, Chamber President replied that a Chamber representative intends to attend each meeting and can do a quarterly report as well. Last year he stated he attended the majority of the meetings but didn't realize the new president was not showing up to meetings this year. He reported that they have hired an office manager, Emily Rodrigue, and part of her job will be to present at the council meetings. She will start May 1.
 - Treasurer Pedersen said that the council could have a member be at meetings of the chamber if that would work as well to help share information.
 - Councilmember Thompson asked who was doing the grants for the Chamber and Joe Mierzwinski responded they had hired Ryan Kolbe who is the office manager at IRMR to do that part time mostly in the winter. He added that the Chamber lost some board members but has added some as well. Mark Prince resigned from being president and so Joe is now back as president. The Chamber's next meeting is 10 am Tuesday.
 - Joe Mierzwinski provided the Chamber Report that they have submitted their main grant for 2026. Dani Hansen has been the grant manager and is stepping back and Emily and Ryan will be taking over some of her duties. The Chamber, or its members, have been attending a variety of tourism and economic development events.
 - Because they have an office manager, they want to have the tourist office open 6 days in the summer and 2 days in the winter.
 - Cardoso asked if the Chamber would be involved in the Sky Party. Joe responded that it is a dark sky event, but the Chamber will be helping advertise and provide funding.
 - Emily will be working on a chamber newsletter that goes out monthly.
 - **MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to approve the Option Tax Financial Request from the Stanley-Sawtooth Chamber of Commerce.**
 - **SECOND by Councilmember Hernandez.**
 - Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Cardoso – aye; Councilmember Hernandez – aye; Councilmember Thompson – aye; Councilmember Cron – aye.

None Opposed, ALL IN FAVOR

- Mountain Village Camping Proposal – Special Event Action Item
 - The Council asks the Gambler 500 was. Russel Clark responded they get a budget of 500 to get a car and travel around and they get points for all the good deeds they do. Gary Gadwa enjoys it. Councilmember Cron asked how many people attend and Cardoso replied in the past 5-8 people have attended.
 - **MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to approve the Mountain Village Camping Proposal; SECOND by Councilmember Cron.**
 - Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Cardoso – aye; Councilmember Hernandez – aye; Councilmember Thompson – aye; Councilmember Cron – aye.

None Opposed, ALL IN FAVOR

- Workforce Housing Temporary RV Permit - Mountain Village Action Item
- Workforce Housing Temporary RV Permit - Triangle C Cabins Action Item

- Workforce Housing Temporary RV Permit - Property Manager (McBride) Action Item
 - Workforce Housing Temporary RV Permit - Sawtooth Hotel Action Item
 - **MOTION by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the Workforce Housing Temporary RV Permit for Mountain Village, Triangle C Cabins, Property Manager (McBride), and the Sawtooth Hotel. SECOND by Councilmember Cron.**
 - Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Cardoso – aye; Councilmember Hernandez – aye; Councilmember Thompson – aye; Councilmember Cron – aye.
- None Opposed, ALL IN FAVOR**

Reports:

- Custer County Sheriff's Office
 - Deputy NewMyer reported that this year with the early arrival of spring there has been an uptick in campers and lots of steelhead fishers. He estimates that we are about 30-45 days ahead of where we normally are as far as people are coming up. There have been a few incidents from bars in the past few weeks with overserving and he has addressed it with bar owners and hopes there wont be any more issues.
 - Deputy NewMyer wanted to clarify comments from the last meeting regarding the 25 mph zone. While I disagree that zone is as small as it is, it isn't that we wont enforce that zone. We are still enforcing it and issue citations particularly when people are not giving way to pedestrians and are driving fast. But officers do have discretion and there is some consideration for it being a very small zone.
 - Councilmember Thompson asked where the speed limit signs were and NewMyer explained.
 - Councilmember Cardoso asked if there was anything we can do as a city and department to convince ITD to make a change to the speed limit?
 - NewMyer explained the way ITD decides the zones is to look at the 80 percentile of speed that they study with strips on the road. We know they did it at a poor time of year, but that is what their decision is based off of. For them to reconsider the zone, they will need to do another study.
 - Russel Clark stated he has been vocal and adamant that everything gets slowed down in this city.
 - Mayor has been talking to ITD periodically and asking them to come back up. They have not said they won't do it, but haven't said they will. If the deputy could give observations that would be good.
 - NewMyer said in the last meeting the City had with ITD he had spoken all these reasons, and provided the reason that it is difficult to fairly enforce, and ITD didn't change their mind.
 - Joe Mierzwinski asked if the deputies see contested tickets here in this zone more than other areas. NewMyer responded that when they issue a citation in that 25mph zone it is very obvious that the person earned the citations and so they are not disputed as much.
 - Russel Clark stated that safety should be considered and Hernandez requested more light up signs for cross walks. The Mayor will look into this again.
- Chamber Report
 - Provided above.

City Reports:

- Treasurer Report - Local Option Tax; Quarterly Report
 - Treasurer Pedersen - Option tax is increasing. In the first quarter we were 18-20% behind but we are only about 8% behind. It sounds like it will be a big summer, and everyone has been reporting as they should.

- Councilmember Thompson asked about the LGIP account and its interest.
 - Workforce Housing – no discussion
 - Building Permits to be approved by the City Council
 - Building Permit #1017, 545 Edna McGown Ave, B&C Holdings Action Item
 - Russel Clark provided a brief overview of the gas station and that it would be unstaffed (cardlock) He is planning to use above ground tanks even though they are more expensive because the Salmon River is so close and he doesn't want to risk something underground polluting the river. He provided the color but is willing to discuss it. The site would have a canopy and it would be lit underneath which is required for safety.
 - Councilmember Cardoso asked if 16 ft was tall enough and Clark responded yes, most overpasses are about 15.5 ft. The current gas station is 12 ish ft.
 - Clark said there would be 4 filling locations and it is proposed to be branded Sinclair. It is hard to find a company to brand it because the proposed gas use is so low. There is backup generation with propane so the site will stay online if the power goes out. There will also be 2 charging stations with 4 stalls. The project has cleared all environmental clearances and he has obtained a spill control plan and is putting a contamination basin on site so it won't go into the river. He plans to put new asphalt and concrete across the parking lot and will try and keep the fuel tanks low and recess them to have a minimal view. He wants there to be an alternative location to get gas in case something happens to one station, there is another station you can get gas. He wants to make sure no one gets stuck in town and so having 2 locations for gas is essential for the safety of the community and tourism. If the current station goes down, it could be weeks or months and people won't visit because they won't be able to get gas. He also hopes it will reduce congestion in town.
 - Thompson asked if there was cement in front and behind the tanks. Clark said that there was cement around the tanks and bollards every 5 feet in front but would like to put concrete all the way around.
 - Clark said he had talked with Clegg, the neighboring land owner.
 - Councilmember Hernandez asked if Clark had talked to ITD, the EPA and Salmon River Electric?
 - Clark replied, yes, it was a gas station before so because it is the same use of the site it is grandfathered in with ITD. The chargers will not be the fast ones, because there isn't enough power in the valley to put in the fast charges. The Level 2 charges will take longer but can do it on a 50amp service. It is similar to what you would have in your home. Clark further explained the difference between Level 1 and Level 2 chargers.
 - Councilmember Cron stated he was okay with the construction but was concerned about the sign.
 - Clark confirmed that the canopy would be wood with lettering on it. And that the sign would not be lit and not be reflective metal.
 - MOTION by Councilmember Cron to approve, Building Permit 1017 provided the signage complies with City ordinances. SECOND by Councilmember Thompson
 - Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Cardoso – aye; Councilmember Hernandez – aye; Councilmember Thompson – aye; Councilmember Cron – aye.
- None Opposed, ALL IN FAVOR**
- Operations Manager Report – not present
 - Community Building & Pioneer Park
 - Streets and Roads – Russel Clark said he had fixed potholes and will keep our eye on it, and is working with City to have proposed contract to get signed. Once that is signed we have the green light to do the roads and figure out the best time to do the roads. Timing is important. They plan to put the crown back on wall street and to get rid of pot holes and get the drainage reestablished so it doesn't cross in front of the bakery.

- Park – Russel Clark (Stanley Construction) has the contract for parking lots with the trailhead grant for the ball field and ice rink and plans to start work in September and October once summer events go through. There will be a lot of trucking going up there and Clark estimated about as many dump trucks as it took for ITD to do runway extension. He hopes to get material out of Yankee Fork, otherwise Bellevue. It's a hard bid so the price will be the same. Once the road is graded they will oil soon after but needs to time it with storms.
- City Clerk Report
 - The Clerk provided a quarterly report to the council and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Adjourn: 6:42 pm



Steve Botti - Mayor



ATTEST: Hannah Fake- City Clerk