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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2026 - Immediately to follow 6:00 pm Public Hearing

Stanley Community Center, 510 Eva Falls Stanley, ID 83278

Call to Order: (Mayor Botti) 6:08 pm

Roll Call: Councilmember Cardoso – Present; Councilmember Hernandez – Present; Councilmember Thompson – Present; Councilmember Cron – Not Present; Mayor Botti – Present

Also present Hannah Menzel – Clerk; Savannah Pedersen – Treasurer; Kimberly Peters – Operations Manager; Mike Newmyer, John Philips, Scott Miley, Bryce Reese, Michael Powell

Agenda Amendments: none

Mayor/Council Comments:

- Councilmember Thompson asked if anyone had come into the office to ask about the budget or ask for a copy of it etc. The Clerk and Mayor responded they have received no contact from the public regarding the budget.

Presentations/Citizen Participation: none

Consent Agenda:

Action Item

- July 7, 2026 Workshop Council Meeting Minutes
- July 9, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- July 14, 2026 Special Council Meeting Minutes
- July 30, 2026 Special Council Meeting Minutes
- Claims Approval- paid & unpaid bills – July
 - Councilmember Cardoso asked for clarification on some of the claims and Treasurer Pedersen provided more details. There was discussion around the costs of legal fees for the workforce housing.

MOTION by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the Consent Agenda. SECOND by Councilmember Cardoso.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Cardoso – yes; Councilmember Hernandez – yes;
Councilmember Thompson – yes

All in Favor; None Opposed

Reports:

- Custer County Sheriff's Office
 - Deputy Mike NewMyer - Provided reports to the council. He has been pretty caught up with things all over the county and he apologized for not following up with several people.
 - There have been some staffing changes and hiring within the department. They are getting equipment updated in vehicles to be able to write tickets online. All patrol vehicles are being upgraded to become properly equipped.
 - Cardoso asked about putting out cones on the highway for events.
 - Deputy NewMyer contacted ITD about setting up cones for a walking path on the shoulder of the highway. The process to get permission to do that is to submit a special use permit to ITD approximately 4 weeks prior to the event. The requestor must provide all the equipment (signs and cones) to close the area. ITD cannot provide the equipment or staff to do the work.
 - Mayor – The City has been discussing putting flashing cross walks, what are your thoughts on doing that?

- Deputy NewMyer said that it helps bring awareness to someone in the crosswalk. Signage that is placed high on the side of the road would be more visible than on the road lines.
- NewMyer – We have started issuing misdemeanor citations for inattentive driving, when there is speed, clear indication of being distracted, or not knowing the speed limit. So far, they have gone through the courts okay, but the courts have been lenient on the consequences. He suggested to the council that they come over and test their estimations of how fast people are speeding, sometimes you might think they are going faster than they actually are.
- Councilmember Cardoso wants to extend the 25-mph zone and thinks ITD is flawed.
 - NewMyer – Working with ITD is a big project. The City can continue to expect a truck on the street during big events with lights going. It is an effective strategy, especially during festivals and big events.
 - NewMyer reported that there have been a lot of search and rescues. There was discussion around how the deputies and Forest Service law enforcement support each other. NewMyer also reported an uptick in people walking about with open containers in town. He said when you have an ordinance with permitted exceptions it is easier for people to say they didn't know, or thought the exception extended beyond where it does. This is something to consider with all ordinances.
 - The council wishes to have further discussions about exceptions to ordinances, specifically regarding open container law and camping at the park.
- Chamber of Commerce – not present

Old Business:

New Business:

- City of Stanley Alcohol Beverage License Renewal Action Item
 - City of Stanley Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for: Kasino Club, Mountain Village Mercantile & Gas Station, Mountain Village Resort, Mountain Village Resort (lodge), Papa Brunee's, River 1, Inc., The Rod and Gun, Sawtooth Hotel, Sawtooth Luces, Sawtooth Spirit, Stanley Baking Company, Stanley High Country Inn, Stanley Supper Club.
 - MOTION by Councilmember Cardoso to approve the City of Stanley Alcohol Beverage Licenses Renewal as listed. SECOND by Councilmember Hernandez.
 - Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Cardoso – yes; Councilmember Hernandez – yes; Councilmember Thompson – yes
 - Stanley Skating Club – Pond Hockey Tournament Dates 1/29/27-1/31/27 All in Favor; None Opposed
Action Item
 - MOTION by Councilmember Cardoso to approve the Pond Hockey Tournament Dates 1/29/27-1/31/27. SECOND by Councilmember Hernandez.
 - Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Cardoso – yes; Councilmember Hernandez – yes; Councilmember Thompson – yes
 - Stanley Outdoor Bonspiel Event Date 1/15/26-1/17/27 All in Favor; None Opposed
Action Item
 - Note to edit typo on the date
 - MOTION by Councilmember Cardoso to approve the Stanley Outdoor Bonspiel Event Date 1/15/27-1/17/27. SECOND by Councilmember Hernandez.
 - Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Cardoso – yes; Councilmember Hernandez – yes; Councilmember Thompson – yes
- All in Favor; None Opposed

- Action Item List
 - The Clerk provided background and history on the Stanley Action Item list. It is intended to help guide the council on what projects they are working on and what they want to prioritize so that projects don't get lost.
 - Cardoso asked if we could put this on the website. The Clerk responded that yes, that was the intent with the original SAIL.
 - Councilmember Cardoso and Councilmember Hernandez said that beautifying the entrance to Stanley was high on the list. Cardoso also asked Kimberly what projects she wanted to add to the list.
 - Hernandez said she is working on noise ordinance and will talk to county prosecutor after talking to the deputy.
 - Councilmembers will respond to the clerk with any other items they would like to add to the list.
- Updating Fees
 - The Clerk reported that in general the City of Stanley's fees are low compared to other cities. However, Stanley is a smaller city. The Clerk explained the process for updating and changing fees.
 - Cardoso thinks park rentals should have higher fees.
 - The Clerk explained that other cities charge for actual costs incurred when issuing permits like if there were excess legal fees, engineering review fees. There was discussion around charging late fees and whether a late fee could be added on top of the interest charged for LOT. In general, the council was in support of adding late fees and other costs incurred during permits.
 - The Council will provide further comments to the clerk.

City Reports:

- Move building permits up in the agenda.
 - Permit #1027 – Eva Falls Ave (Tract 91-17 Stanley Annex) Action Item
 Lear Gulf LLC/Scott & Jane Miley HOUSE
 - Mayor: Since the city has building code requirements, the siding type and color and the roof color Need more discussion.
 - Scott Miley said that the colors match the color chart and the roof is black. The siding is board and baton steel that is embossed like wood. A sample of the asphalt shingles was shown. There will be a metal ridge vent that will be a similar color to the shingles. The window cladding is black and there won't be any railings as everything would be on grade. If there are any changes to the plans Miley will come back to the city to do a building permit amendment.
 - Councilmember Thompson asked about the high-water mark and flood plains. The Mayor responded that we looked at that and the lowest building elevation is above the floodplain elevation.
 - MOTION by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the Building Permit 1027. SECOND by Councilmember Cardoso.
 - Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Cardoso – yes; Councilmember Hernandez – yes; Councilmember Thompson – yes
- All in Favor; None Opposed
- Permit #1028 – Eva Falls Ave (Tract 91-17 Stanley Annex) Action Item
 Lear Gulf LLC/Scott & Jane Miley GARAGE

- This is for a garage on same tract as the previous permit. The Mayor said he reviewed the setbacks and they were all fine. Miley added that all the colors etc. were the same as the other building.

- MOTION by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the Building Permit 1028. SECOND by Councilmember Cardoso .

- Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Cardoso – yes; Councilmember Hernandez – yes; Councilmember Thompson – yes

All in Favor; None Opposed

- On future agendas building permits will be added to new business.

- Treasurer Report

- Local Option Tax

- The Treasurer reported that the only thing that changed was in July she added a deposit. We are still 8% behind but she is hoping to make it up in July. In the winter the snow load is a big chunk of the budget and so that makes a big difference in spending. Maintaining the streets is the biggest expense from the LOT fund.

- The Mayor commented that there would be concern if the trend for the summer is down.

- The Treasurer added that she thought the council made a good decision not allocating LOT for the snowmobile grooming program and to just use state funding.

- The Mayor updated the council that he had spoken with Brian DiLenge from Idaho Parks and Rec and that DiLenge said that the state agrees that it is very unusual that a city would manage the grooming. He thought it should go to the county and is willing to go to the commissioners and explain it to them. The Mayor will set up a discussion with the Commissioners but he doesn't think the Commissioners will want to take the program on.

- Cardoso said that we need to make sure the next steps are to reduce how much we groom out of the county and that we don't use city funds for things outside the county.

- Thompson asked about how much the city actually had to spend on the program because if the City wasn't having to spend money and it was being fully funded through the state he wasn't as concerned. The response from the Treasurer and Mayor was that sometimes the program was financed fully from funding received from grants and the state, but not if there was a big snow year.

- There was discussion regarding reporting time for the groomers and what information needs to be tracked by the employees. There was also discussion around registration fees and how to encourage more people to register in Custer County. Kimberly said that right now she was not having good communication with Randy and the snowmobile club and groomers since Gary stepped down.

- Workforce Housing

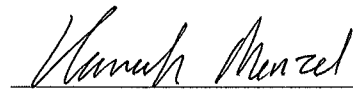
- Thompson said that he had asked the Clerk to discuss with people who might be interested in living in housing. He said that we are doing work to plan how to deal with too many people moving in but we need to consult with the essential orgs of who wants to move in and see what positions they anticipate having in 2028.

- Clerk read for the record BZ Waite's letter. It is attached with the minutes.

- Code Review/Revision – no discussion
- Building Permits to be approved by the City Council
 - Permit #1027 – Eva Falls Ave (Tract 91-17 Stanley Annex) Action Item
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 - See above.
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 - See above.
- Operations Manager Report –
 - Kimberly Peters reported that the trolley lines are up, thanks to Kim and Gary Niedemier she has got the kiosk sign put up and concreted in today on the entrance to the Stanley to Redfish trail and the panels will go in tomorrow. She is looking to meet with a new landscape company based out of Challis to help with irrigation management. The bathrooms are going well, and she is excited to have them open in the winter for events. She thinks the events will still need port-a-potties. The Treasurer and Cardoso both thought that the events should pay for the port-a-potties. She said she is working on doing weed mitigation on the ice rink, and potentially the paths as well. She will share more information once she has it.
 - The Mayor reported that the observatory had a grand opening and had an event this past week. There were about 50 people there. The school is interested in integrating it into the curriculum. Roni Gilbertson was there and wants to take on some astronomical observation so school kids can use it.
 - Cardoso commented that he wants to have a local steward so the community can use it more. Hernandez said that Camp Perkins is interested in having their summer camp use it for programs.
- City Clerk Report – none

Adjourn: 7:43 pm


 Steve Botti – Mayor


 ATTEST: Hannah Menzel - City Clerk

MINUTES ATTACHMENT:

Letter from BZ Waite dated 8.14.26

Thursday August 13, 2026

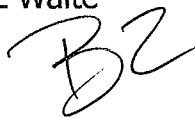
Mayor Botti
Council Members

Thank you for letting me speak at the Special Meeting on August 10th. I had several of my questions answered and a few more raised. I am unable to attend the regular city council meeting this evening and wish to have these questions read and put into the minutes of the meeting.

- 1 – Have you received commitments from the businesses you have listed in Tier 1?
- 2 – If an "essential" worker as described under Tier 1 works less than the contract states, who pays rent if that worker is unable and has signed a year lease?
- 3 – How many businesses are willing to contribute to rent if their employees are unable to pay the rental amounts listed? Have you asked these businesses?
- 4 – I would like to see the amount of LOT generated by month for the year 2025. I believe this will assist in assessing Tier 1 rentals versus Tier 5 seasonal rentals.
- 5 – Who pays the bank loan if these units are not at full occupancy?
- 6 – Stanley has one business that operates a full 12 months – Mountain Village. They have their own employee housing that is not at full capacity with rents lower than proposed. Redfish operates lodging 12 months – again with their own employee housing and adding a restaurant for an additional 3-4 months during the winter. There are other lodging locations with employee housing provided. We have 4 businesses that operate on a limited basis during the winter – and, yes, they all have employee housing. So why are we not more focused on seasonal housing?
- 7 – If this project is completed – who furnishes the units?

I found it interesting that the developer (Northwest) had no idea on where to house the construction crew for this project. Are we going to pay for workers to commute from Wood River Valley every day? Or are there going to be even more camping on Nip N Tuck?

Thank you – BZ Waite

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BZ' with a stylized flourish.