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Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

December 11, 2025 5:30 pm

Stanley Community Center, 510 Eva Falls Stanley, ID 83278

Call to Order: (Mayor Botti) 5:32 pm

Roll Call: Councilmember Cron - Present, Councilmember Cardoso - Present, Councilmember Gadwa - Present, Councilmember Hernandez - Present, Mayor Botti - Present

Also present: Treasurer – Savannah Pedersen, Clerk – Hannah Fake

Agenda Amendments: none

Mayor/Council Comments: none

Presentations/Citizen Participation:

- The public is invited to present commentary regarding any city-related business, whether or not the topic on the agenda. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes and may or may not be addressed by the Council/Mayor.

Consent Agenda:

- October 9, 2025 Special City Council Meeting Minutes Action Item
 - November 13, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Action Item
 - December 1, 2025 Workshop Council Meeting Action Item
 - Claims Approval - paid & unpaid bills - November Action Item
- Councilmember Gadaw MOVED to approve the Consent agenda. Cardoso SECONDS the motion.
- Roll call vote: Councilmember Cron - yes, Councilmember yes, Councilmember yes, Councilmember Hernandez – yes.

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Reports:

- Custer County Sheriff's Office
 - Marine/school resource deputy starts Jan 1. This person will be in and out of the Challis school district this year. The school district didn't get funding yet and so will start more consistently in the fall of 2026 at the school district. This will be a position that is in the schools during the school year and will be the marine deputy in the lakes around Stanley in the summer. In the meantime the deputy will start to learn the area, get orientation done etc.
 - They are looking for a new patrol deputy position in Challis. The jail will be closed down by January 1, will have to contract with Bonneville County and b County, use them have used Butte, Bannock, Lemhi– Custer Co will be setting up contracts to keep. One of their deputies will become the transport deputy to get inmates for court, and to book them in a jail. So, they will need to backfill the patrol position.
 - The issue is that the jail is out of jail standards and has been for a while. ICRMP was willing to insure the County as long as the County was working to get a new jail. However, the levy was voted down and so there is no funding to build a new one and so it won't be insured any more. It is estimated that they need 9-10 million to get a new office and jail.
 - NewMyer answered the question from last meeting on why there were so many hours in Mackay: The trainees have been down there with the sergeant so there have been double hours.

- Chamber of Commerce
 - Provided a brief update by mail that the Clerk read to the council. They are trying to hire an office manager, finalizing the board, and working on winter/holiday advertisement.
 - Cardoso: Mountain Village and the Chamber went to the snowmobile show in Nampa and it went well.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Policy & Procedures Action Item
 - Mayor Botti – These are clearer and more comprehensive than in the past.
 - Clerk said we can have employees sign – to acknowledge that they received the policy
Councilmember Gadaw MOVED to approve the Policy and Procedures. Cardoso SECONDS the motion.
Roll call vote: Councilmember Cron - yes, Councilmember yes, Councilmember yes, Councilmember Hernandez – yes.

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- Resolution 2025-5 - Records Retention Schedule Action Item
 - The Clerk summarized changes and Botti commented that there is discretion also whether the City wants to keep records longer than the retention schedule. They don't have to be destroyed once they have passed their retention.
Councilmember Gadaw MOVED to approve the Resolution 2025-5 the Records Retention Schedule. Cardoso SECONDS the motion.
Roll call vote: Councilmember Cron - yes, Councilmember yes, Councilmember yes, Councilmember Hernandez – yes.

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- Resolution 2025-6 – Fees Action Item
 - This item will not be acted on as the Attorney stated that this should be in the City's Ordinance. The Clerk read correspondence with the Attorney to clarify information about fees.
 - There was a question about whether the Forest Service etc could use the Community Building without a fee. Because they are another government agency the City does not need to charge them.
 - If events are open to the public the community building can be used without a rental fee as it is a benefit to the community. Gadwa stated that you need to pay attention if people are asking for donations because that can complicate things.

- Resolution 2025 – 7 - Old Records Labeled for Destruction Action Item
 - This Resolution will be renamed to Resolution 2025-6 to keep numbers in order and so there are not skipped numbers.
 - The 2 letters regarding the Cummings building permit and forest service correspondence will be removed from the list and retained.
 - The Clerk noted that some of the records that were scanned and will be retained digitally were listed. Only the paper copies will be destroyed and in the future these wont be noted as the updated records retention policy states that they may be retained in a digital form.
Councilmember Cardoso MOVED to approve the Resolution 2025-6 the Old Records Labeled for Destruction. Hernandez SECONDS the motion.
Roll call vote: Councilmember Cron - yes, Councilmember yes, Councilmember yes, Councilmember Hernandez – yes.

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City Reports:

- Treasurer Report

- Local Option Tax
 - The Treasurer provided the most up to date sheet with option tax collected. She noted that it is still trickling in from the summer.
 - Numerous reports have been completed and turned in including the transparency and annual reports, the Snowmobile report and she is working on the streets and roads report.
 - W2s and 1099s are coming up. We have new/returning employees with the grooming, and we were organized this year with new hire packets.
 - Savannah reported that Kimberly said that the bathrooms are on track and that working with Scotty was going really well. The bathrooms should be fully functioning by January.
 - We are getting close to closing out on some grants.
- Workforce Housing
 - John Vance with Northwest Real Estate Capital Corps will call in to talk with Council at 6:05 pm
 - John Vance: We have the design and construction numbers to go with it. We have also initiated the due diligence this week and phase one came back clean, and a soils report is being worked on which will dictate the type of foundation needed for the buildings. We should have info by the end of the month – this would guide civil and structural engineer on what the final design needs to be.
 - Mayor Botti - We are close to submitting app to army corps for wetland – they have been delineated and we have site plan where things will be built and how they might impact wetlands. The Corps wanted to see site plan before giving a ruling on whether the wetlands were jurisdictional wetlands. If they are not jurisdictional, we can generally do what we want. Once that happens, we will likely have several conversations with them.
 - We have many things pending with this project and so Mayor Botti wants to call special meeting next week to see when people are available so that the City can come up with a plan to move forward so there is certainty of how to move forward at this point. John has made it clear they need certainty to stay on schedule. They need lease agreement and financial plan very soon to move forward with banks loans, to break ground this spring. We are getting backed up and it is important to be able to stay on schedule or we will not hit the target of planned occupancy in 2027.
 - We need to move forward with site plan for the Army Corps and also for SHPO as they need to do further view shed study. The site plan will also help us make decisions on moving the county road.
 - Scheduled a Special Council Meeting for Thursday Dec 18, 2025 at 2pm.
 - John Vance: We will need 90 days for design and then about 6 weeks for review by State. If you can make some decisions next week we can move forward to help ensure we start building as soon as possible in spring so everything is dried in for the winter. Building season is short, as everyone knows, so we need to get work done asap so that we don't miss the building season and push back year, or incur costs for winter conditions (which is not suggested)
 - Mayor Botti would like to move along as soon as possible. We have been working on this for 10 years, we've been trying our best, the sooner we can build something the happier the community will be. We are at a point where we can truly move forward now!
 - Christy Thompson would like to know why we are making these decisions now because the face of the council is about to change.

- The Council would like Charlie Thompson, the incoming council member, to be part of special council meeting. The clerk will include Charlie in communications regarding the scheduling of the meeting.
 - Naming of the Workforce Housing Project Action Item
 - The council decided to postpone this vote until the special council meeting.
- Cemetery – none
 - Gadwa – There is a broken fence rail. It was probably from elk jumping over it.
- Code Review/Revision - none
 - Clerk read motion from county regarding the establishment of the Area of Impact and making plans to have further discussions with the community that are to commence within the next year.
 - The county must approve areas of impact because it is within the county not the city jurisdiction.
 - We need to help organize timing of meetings with them decided how we want to proceed– start with council workshop to go through what an area of impact is, considerations in designing one, and provide some structure to a town hall meeting that would follow the workshop. This way there is some guidance to the public on how to go forward. Area of impact/annexation does not mean the city owns the land.
 - Gadwa - When the area of impact was set up before there was a lot of miss communication so the City needs to be open and transparent about why and what is the area of impact.
 - March would work well for the council to have a workshop on the area of impact.
 - The City wants to make sure the process is guided by more than just a few people.
- Building Permits to be approved by the City Council – none
- Operations Manager Report – Brief summary provided by Clerk, Treasurer, and Mayor
 - Community Building – There is the craft fair and pancake breakfast happening Saturday.
 - Pioneer Park – The ice rink lights have been ordered, and the new poles are up and 10 feet higher than old poles, by design this rink is larger so these poles should help. The lights will be flood lights that are angled towards the surface of the rink. This is the case with all ice rinks and the City tried to balance lighting the rink for adequate illumination and not over the top. The lights will be more visible than the old ones but they won't be on all the time.
 - Trailhead Grant – We will not be able to get parking lots constructed this fall. We need to solicit bids (per state code) for the spring because one bid came in much higher than expected and the City could not accept it.
 - Grooming – We applicants/people from last year and are getting ready to go for the season.
- City Clerk Report
 - The office will be closed Christmas week and new year's but the Clerk will be in the office to check voice mails and available if anyone needs anything.
 - Mayor Botti recognized Laurii Gadwa for her 19 years of service her contributions to the city and community. She has been invaluable both when Steve was on council and even more so when he was Mayor. The Council and City are grateful for her service. She was presented an award with a plaque to follow.
 - Laurii said she would still be involved, just from the other side of the table.

Adjourn: 6:41 pm


 Steve Botti – Mayor


 Hannah Fake- City Clerk