

BELT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 6, 2025

7:00 PM

In attendance were Mayor James Olson, Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Schilling, Aldermen Paul Heikkila, Sally Miller, April Wells, Corbin Keaster, Becky Gorton and Michell Stinson, Public Works Personnel Codi Heikkila, Josh Racki, Jesse Slaughter, Kyle Paulson, Rolf Johnson, and Project Engineer Josh Sommer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Minutes were submitted for approval as well as claims and warrants; all approved.

The Complaint Log was reviewed with special attention to a claim by Cathy Hanson for improper notification by the city of a recent boil advisory; the issue will be considered on the next Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: Cascade County Sheriff, Jesse Slaughter and District Attorney Josh Racki were present to discuss the unresolved Law Enforcement Contract for FY26. No action was taken.

Task Order #3 for \$40,000 for Great West Engineering for a Water PER was presented by Josh Sommer. Following some discussion the task order was approved by a unanimous vote of those present.

Mayor Olson reported that there was an electrical problem with the two well-house screens communicating with each other, but that it was being resolved, at hopefully little cost to the city.

As certified values from the state have not yet been issued, the approval of Resolution 821 Mill Levy, and 822 Street Light Assessment for FY26 was tabled until the next meeting.

The Council engaged in some preliminary budget discussion and identified the law enforcement contract, the NFIP Flood Plain Program, and the purchase of a 2011 Ford Dump Truck as the items that would need to be further decided before finalizing the FY26 Budget.

OLD BUSINESS: It was unanimously approved to post the position of Part Time Flood Plain Administrator offering \$416 monthly to the successful applicant. The offer will be posted for 2 weeks.

Ryan Coffman, manager for Republic Services called in to discuss services issues and substandard service that Belt has been receiving for some time. It was decided that the issues would be resolved by having the City Clerk document the details of all missed pickups each week, email the results to 5 officials within Republic Services, and following that, Republic Services will issue a credit for those believed, by them, to have missed service. Further it was noted that the Clerk shall request in writing to 5 Republic Services officials all start and stop services.

FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Rolf Johnson reported on recent actions of flood plain building violations and urged the Council to consider a larger budget for Flood Plain Administration to accommodate necessary legal actions and city attorney engagement.

PUBLIC WORKS INPUT: Codi Heikkila proposed the purchase of a 2011 Ford dump truck for \$32,000; he also reported that the pivot had gone through a lot of sprinkler heads and that he planned to try poly heads that were cheaper and maybe more durable. He announced that he would be attending a 2-day training in Townsend related to sewer management.

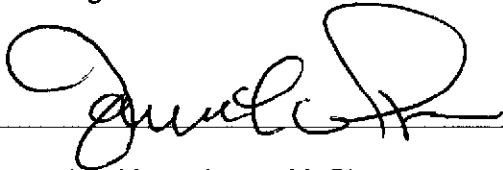
COUNCIL INPUT: Alderman Heikkila stated that more unauthorized vehicle signs were needed on the dike and proposed getting rid of the Community Church Advertisement bench which had been damaged during the course of the Winter.

CLERK-TREASURER INPUT: None

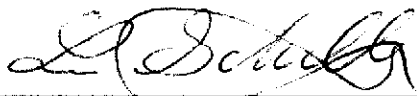
MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Olson announced that he had sent public works employees to the Closs residence to investigate claims of bee hives and excessive dog barking and fecal matter. Olson reported that no beehive was observed nor were any dog violations observed. He further reported that the pit box in the Little Park had been broken by vandals, would need to be repaired and that the incident had been reported to the Sheriff.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kyle Paulson stressed the need for the Council to disseminate information to the public regarding notification of road construction plans, road closures, traffic controls, detours, etc. He said that the school will help put out information once the city is informed.

There being no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.



Approved by Mayor James M. Olson



Attested to and submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Schilling