

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO,  
HELD ON JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M.  
AT MOUNTAIN HOME CITY HALL CHAMBERS  
MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1) Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(b) - to consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent.
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RECOGNIZING PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

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## CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Has any Council Member received information pertaining to, or otherwise had any contact with any person regarding any items on this City Council agenda? If so, please set forth the nature of the contact.

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- A. Approval acceptance of minutes:
  - a. Planning & Zoning Commission- December 3, 2024
  - b. Regular City Council Meeting- December 10, 2024
  - c. Special City Council Meeting- December 17, 2024
  - d. Planning & Zoning Commission Joint Meeting- December 17, 2024
  - e. Special City Council Joint Meeting- December 17, 2024
  - f. Special City Council Meeting- December 26, 2024
- B. Bills from 12/11/2024 to 1/14/2025 in the amount of \$2,680,136.34
- C. Payroll for the period ending 11/22/2024 to 12/21/2024 in the amount of \$790,769.22
- D. Treasurer's report for the period ending 11/30/2024
- E. Approve the reappointment of Laurel Waters to the Library Board for a 5-year term expiring February 2030
- F. Approve the request by the Golf Superintendent to reallocate driving range funds to complete the clubhouse floor renovation  
**(Pulled from Consent Agenda and moved to New Business)**
- G. Approve the memorandum of understanding for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers with School District #193 and the City of Mountain Home and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign  
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**(Pulled from Consent Agenda and moved to New Business)**
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- M. Pass resolution #01-2025 authorizing the destruction of surplus property and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

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## NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Items removed from Consent Agenda
- 2) Action Item: Deliberation/Decision to elect a new City Council President
- 3) Action Item: Deliberation/Decision on Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations and Finding of Facts for a conditional use permit for a new electrical substation with conditions
- 4) Action Item: Deliberation/Decision to amend City Ordinance 1-6-4 to include a requirement of Livestream, video recording, and publication for all regular and special meetings of the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 5) Action Item: Deliberation/Decision to freeze the unfilled police department lieutenant position and all other current and future department vacancies.
- 6) Action Item: Deliberation/Decision to amend City Ordinance 1-6-4(F) City Council Agendas

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## FINAL COMMENTS

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## ADJOURN



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The Council of the City of Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho, met at the Mountain Home City Hall Chambers, 160 South 3<sup>rd</sup> East, Mountain Home, Idaho on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. A quorum was established with, Councilman Harjo, Councilwoman Wirkkala, Councilman Brennan and Mayor Sykes being present. Councilwoman Garvey was absent.

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Councilman Brennan made a motion to move the Executive Session to the end of meeting. Councilwoman Wirkkala seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilwoman Wirkkala	AYE
Councilman Harjo	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

Councilman Harjo made a motion to amend the agenda and add Executive Session for Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(d). Councilman Brennan seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilwoman Wirkkala	AYE
Councilman Harjo	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

Tiffany Belt, City Clerk stated that the Public Hearing scheduled for today regarding the Library non-residential rates, publication to the paper did not get submitted. Legal wanted her to state on the record the corrected date will be set for the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Regular City Council meeting.

Councilman Harjo made a motion to add on the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting the Public Hearing for non-resident card rates for the Library. Councilwoman Wirkkala seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilwoman Wirkkala	AYE
Councilman Harjo	AYE

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RECOGNIZING PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

- Police Chief Jon Thompson came forward and spoke on his concerns on the freeze on the lieutenant position and all other current and future Council Minutes - January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

vacancies. Asks that the council reconsider this proposal and decline to enact it.

- Erika Pedroza with the Mellen Subdivision Water District came forward with an update on the well repairs. The Water Board has decided to build a new well as the repairs wouldn't last more than a year. Hoping to get started in March. Working on funding currently and will provide more updates.

- Brendan McCarthy came forward and spoke regarding updating the City Ordinance of livestream and video recording in favor. He expressed frustration with Item H extending the runway for the airport and the land swap money could have been used for City infrastructure.

- Rod Dudley came forward and asked that Item F can be pulled so the public can get a better sense of why the funds are being pulled from the driving range to fix the flooring in the golf course clubhouse.

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- No Council members had anything to declare.

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Councilwoman Wirkkala requested clarification on the Bill Run for \$13,395.37 for Christmas decorations on bill run, GL Line Item 01-415-66-00 for \$12,500. She asked why we went over budget.



Paula Szafranski, City Treasurer, responded by stating that some replacement extension cords were needed and as they were being used for the Christmas decorations that's where she allocated the funds to.

Councilwoman Wirkkala requested that we keep open communication when this happens.

Councilwoman Wirkkala requested to pull Item F, Item G, and Item H.

Councilman Harjo requested to pull Item K.

Councilman Brennan has a question on Item M and would like general discussion with Jon Thompson, Police Chief and Chris Curtis, Public Works Director. He does not have any objections with cars going to auction. His question is on the yellow strobe bars that are to be stripped off the cars. Almost all Public Works vehicles get outfitted with yellow strobes, have there been any communications to see if they can be swapped over to the two new vehicles?

Chief Thompson said no, but he certainly can.

Councilman Brennan requests if Item M can be modified through interlineation if rest of the Council approves.

Councilman Harjo would like to address Meeting Minutes for December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as they are missing reference to attending speaker, Terry Scandlan and missing reference to the conversation for the Elmore County Service Water Projects and the County's desire to partner on municipal allocation of water from those projects. He discussed their engineering team and legal team meeting with Public Works. He is requesting to amend for interlineation.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to Pull Item F, Item G, Item H, and Item K and amending through interlineation the minutes from December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting and Item M. Councilman Harjo seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilwoman Wirkkala	AYE
Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilman Harjo	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be discussed at this time.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1) Items removed from the Consent Agenda

Item F: Approve the request by the Golf Superintendent to reallocate driving range funds to complete the clubhouse floor renovation.

Councilwoman Wirkkala would like to hear the answer to Rod Dudley's question.

Mayor Sykes explained the budget for driving range improvements were for \$60,000 or \$65,000 and the quote came back at \$35,000 and change and Jake Olson, Golf Superintendent was requesting to use remaining funds to be used for the floors.

Councilman Brennan spoke with Jake Olson, Golf Superintendent as well regarding this and the concessionaire is waiting for the floors to be completed, and he has no objections to this.

Councilwoman Wirkkala also toured the restaurant last year and agreed the floor needs work.

Councilman Harjo rebutted that we just hired a new maintenance person, why not do this in house for potentially less cost. There were similar repairs done for the Library in house.

Mayor Sykes mentioned that we had an additional quote that came in quite a bit higher in cost, he can ask to see if it would be cost effective to Council Minutes - January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

reach out to new maintenance person to see if it's in their scope of work versus having the quoted company.

Chris Curtis, Director of Public Works mentioned that we haven't begun the process of purchasing of tools and equipment, there's a lot that still needs to be put together before doing projects like this.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the clubhouse floor renovation with the contingency that Guy Fogleman, Building Maintenance be asked to see if he would consider himself proficient with doing flooring like this. If the answer is no, we proceed. If the answer is yes, then we go forward with having him complete the work. Councilwoman Wirkkala seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Harjo	AYE
Councilwoman Wirkkala	AYE
Councilman Brennan	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

Item G: Approve the memorandum of understanding for 21st Century Community Learning Centers with School District #193 and the City of Mountain Home and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

Councilwoman Wirkkala had an issue with the fact that there is no dollar amount assigned to this as well as why is the City signing on to this when the appropriate path should be the School District.

Tiffany Belt, City Clerk stated that the Recreation Department has partnered with School District #193 for after school programming and there is no expense to the City. At times City Recreation Staff goes over and helps, so the expense would be the staff time. This is just for our support.

Councilman Brennan asked what sort of assistance that the Recreation Staff may give. Tiffany Belt, City Clerk said when she was in Recreation they provided an activity after school. Staff members coordinated that activity and that was the end of it.

Councilman Brennan stated that he doesn't see any kind of financial obligation for the community partner.

Councilwoman Wirkkala said that it's under funding.

Councilman Brennan said if that's the roadblock can we change "matching funding" and replace with "in kind contributions" he'd be okay with that.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the MOU with exception made to replace "matching funding" with "in kind contribution" only. Councilwoman Wirkkala seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilman Harjo	AYE
Councilwoman Wirkkala	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

Item H: Approve the city staff to proceed with the request for a proposal process for a preliminary engineering study to relocate and extend a portion of the railroad.

Councilwoman Wirkkala asked how much the study is going to cost as she did not see it on the proposal request.



Tiffany Belt, City Clerk responded with it's to go out for process to know.

Councilman Harjo asking if this can wait until we hit budget season. The ground isn't going anywhere, and we have a lot on our plate currently.

Mayor Sykes responded with this is to go out to get a dollar amount so that it can be brought back in budget season.

Tiffany Belt, City Clerk added that this is a lengthy process and could push back the timeline.

Councilman Brennan agrees that going out for proposal doesn't cost much, just Staff time to draft paperwork. Then we make the decision whether we move forward and spend that money or not. We do have a lot of other important hurdles to get over. He asked Chris Curtis, Director of Public Works how long engineering studies are valid for.

Chris said it depends on the firm, typically good for 60 - 90 days.

Councilwoman Wirkkala made a motion to table this until after October 2025 to see where we stand with our numbers.

Councilman Brennan asked clarifying questions and then seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilwoman Wirkkala	AYE
Councilman Harjo	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

Item K: Approve the Finding of Facts to deny the re-zone request from I-1 to C-4 Zone with the PUD entitled "Bennett Ranch Station."

Councilman Harjo wanted to make sure it's stated for the record that City Code 9-6-3 was the primary driver of the denial. Some of the language states "the Applicant has failed to demonstrate sufficiently abandoning this portion of the I-1 Zone subject to annexation agreement in favor of 864 residential apartments is in the best interest of the City", "harmonious and appropriate" with the intended character of the Zone will not "change the essential character of the same area."

Councilman Harjo made a motion to approve the Finding of Facts to deny the re-zone from I-1 to C-4 Zone with PUD entitled "Bennett Ranch Station." Councilwoman Wirkkala seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Harjo	AYE
Councilwoman Wirkkala	AYE
Councilman Brennan	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

2)Action Item: Deliberation/Decision to elect a new City Council President.

Councilman Brennan said that as the out-going Council President it's been a pleasure to serve. He would like to nominate through a motion Councilman Harjo to take over as next Council President. He has done a fantastic job in his drive to better the City. Councilwoman Wirkkala seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilwoman Wirkkala	AYE
Councilman Harjo	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

3)Action Item: Deliberation/Decision on Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation and Findings of Facts for a conditional use permit for a new electrical substation with conditions.

Councilman Brennan read through the packet and had unanimous recommendation by Planning & Zoning, and the only negative comments were pertaining to easements which is a landowner issue, not for the Council's consideration.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve Planning and Zonings Commission recommendation and Finding of Facts for a conditional use permit for new electrical substation with conditions. Councilman Harjo seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Harjo	AYE
Councilwoman Wirkkala	AYE
Councilman Brennan	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

4)Action Item: Deliberation/Decision to amend City Ordinance 1-6-4 to include a requirement of Livestream, video recording, and publication for all regular and special meetings of the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilman Harjo said we are entering a modern era where live streaming, video archival, are very commonplace. He would like to see this codified as an effort to expand transparency within the City. The idea is not to supplant the audio recording, but in addition to.

Councilman Brennan asked about the draft of the ordinance language 1-6-4 (g) Subsection 2, would it be permissible to change the word "Board" to "Council".

Councilman Harjo agreed.

There was a discussion between Councilman Brennan and Legal about if there were technological failure and what options there would be.

Councilman Brennan asked Councilman Harjo there is any need to change Subsection B that was mentioned. He also asked Tiffany Belt, City Clerk if there is always an audio recording as long as technology is working and if it's available for request.

Tiffany confirmed and mentioned that the Civic Plus software will eventually have audio and video capability and is hoping that the second meeting in February will be the test run.

Councilman Brennan asked if they could move forward without Subsection B due to lack of clarity.

Councilman Harjo agreed.

Mayor Sykes asked Councilman Harjo if wanted to keep this as an ordinance or as a resolution. Councilman Harjo said ordinance.



Councilman Brennan made a motion to amend City Ordinance 1-6-4 to include a requirement of Livestream, video recording, and publication for all regular and special meetings of the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission. Also changing through interlineation deleting Subsection 5 (b) and changing the word "board" to "council" in Subsection 2. Councilwoman Wirkkala seconded the motion.

Councilman Harjo interjected that this isn't in the typical format of how we amend ordinance.

Tiffany Belt, City Clerk asked won't we have to draft it and into our format and bring it back.

Councilman Harjo said he would rather follow the code strictly which would say if we're in favor then we bring back in proper format and then waive the three-reading rule and read by title only.

Councilman Brennan amending motion to ask City Staff to bring this language back to us for formal vote that is within regulation. Councilwoman Wirkkala seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilwoman Wirkkala	AYE
Councilman Harjo	AYE
Councilman Brennan	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

5)Action Item: Deliberation/Decision to freeze the unfilled police department lieutenant position and all other current and future department vacancies.

Councilman Brennan stated for the record that he made this action item language as all-encompassing as he could so that the Council has the ability to discuss as much of it as they want to. He said the concern is the potential cost of starting a new dispatch center, which is an unidentified cost currently. Because the lieutenant position has been unfilled for 18 months, now may not be the best time to fill it with financial concerns.

Mayor Sykes called Jon Thompson, Police Chief forward.

The Council discussed the salary of the position with Chief Thompson and what the dispatch agreement covers.

Councilwoman Wirkkala clarified that how she interpreted the Item was for this to include all other current and future position vacancies as all encompassing, city wide. She addressed everyone by asking how can we streamline the budget, do we cut wages?

Councilman Brennan stated that he wrote the Item to single out the Police Department position, not all other City Departments. This was based on conversation in Executive Session. All City Departments were not discussed at that time. An Action Item can only be written based on the conversation that occurred.

Councilman Harjo recommended a 30-day cooldown period and put a pause on hiring for all department vacancies in order to schedule meetings to discuss actual choices and have the meetings necessary so that we and the Public can hear. He is pushing to restore the dispatch agreement we previously had.

Mayor Sykes acknowledged that the Council makes the laws and rules, but if they choose to freeze hiring, he will veto the vote. He stated that he thinks we can figure out the dispatch agreement and said he will call the Sherrif and the Commissioner and have that conversation.

Councilwoman Wirkkala stated that it is their job to be fiscally conservative with how they are spending tax money.

Councilman Harjo addressed Mayor Sykes and asked that he does not call the Commissioner or the Sherrif. Instead, we need to enter discussions as a whole to include the Council, the Mayor, the Police Department, the Sherrif Department and the Commission.

Councilman Brennan stated that he supports that request as more people in the room will have the opportunity to talk and give different perspectives at once. Having the full body is important for the City on this topic.

Councilman Brennan motion to freeze the lieutenant position until the Council unfreezes it. Councilwoman Wirkkala seconds the motion.

Councilman Harjo addressed Chief Thompson on what impact the freeze would have on the department.

Chief Thompson said even if he started looking for a candidate today, he would not be able to hire one within 30 days.

Councilman Harjo addressed the Mayor to ask if he will work with the Council and the Department to get these meetings and agenda items as soon as possible. He doesn't want to see this last more than 30 days if enacted.

Councilman Brennan requested that this be a regular update item and update at every single Council meeting as to the progress that we have made.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilwoman Wirkkala	AYE
Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilman Harjo	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

Mayor Sykes vetoed the motion.

Mayor Sykes stepped out of the meeting at 6:50 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Councilman Harjo.

Councilman Brennan was referencing City Ordinance and requested to take a recess. Councilman Harjo granted a three-minute recess.

The meeting recessed from 6:50 p.m. to 6:56 p.m. and then continued.

Tiffany Belt, City Clerk took role:

Councilwoman Wirkkala	PRESENT
Councilman Harjo	PRESENT
Councilman Brennan	PRESENT
Councilwoman Garvey	ABSENT
Mayor Sykes	ABSENT

Councilman Brennan asked to make comments on this Action Item, referencing City Ordinance 1-5-11, a Mayor does not have the authority to veto the vote that was taken. It was not an Ordinance that was enacted. Ordinance 1-5-11 states Mayor shall have the power to veto or sign any Ordinance passed by the Council. And if he does, three Councilmembers can override the veto.

Councilman Brennan addressed Paul Fitzer, City Attorney to clarify.

Paul said that this language corresponds to Robert's Rules of Order, corresponds to State Code that a Mayor does not generally possess veto powers. City Code says the Mayor has the power to veto an ordinance, but what was



passed was not an ordinance, but more of a budgetary issue. The result is the same and stands.

On the record, the Council's rule stands that the motion was carried and so ordered.

6)Action Item: Deliberation/Decision to amend City Ordinance 1-6-4(F) City Council Agendas.

Councilman Brennan stated that City Ordinance 1-6-4 (F) he would like it to read "City Council Agendas as the presiding administrative official the Mayor shall determine the Agenda of all Regular Meeting and any Special Meetings" adding "however, Councilmember shall have authority to add actionable and discussion items to any Agenda". Continuing the already existing language "one half plus one of the members of the full City Council shall have the Authority to amend any Agenda as provided by law. The City Council shall determine Agenda for any Special Meeting initiated pursuant to Idaho Code 50-706. The Agenda may consist of the following but not necessarily in the following order.." This is adding one sentence that any Councilmember unilaterally can add to our Agenda. To add this sentence helps ensure that we can talk about the things that are important to us and our constituents.

Paul Fitzer, City Attorney and the Council had a long discussion on legalities and Councilman Harjo requested that this conversation be tabled until the full Council and the Mayor can discuss.

Councilwoman Wirkkala made a motion to table this Action Item to amend City Ordinance 1-6-4(F) City Council Agendas until next meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Councilman Brennan seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilwoman Wirkkala	AYE
Councilman Harjo	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

FINAL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Wirkkala wants to put on record and reiterate from December 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting that she supports Kari Hill and Terry Sacandlan having the discussion with City Staff regarding Elmore County Snake River Water Right Application.

Councilman Brennan supports the work that they're doing and the conversations that they've had with us. He requested future meetings with them and in no way wants the City to get in the way of the County's water project.

Councilman Harjo would like to mirror that sentiment across the board.

Councilman Harjo would like to add that he'd really like to see an action plan regarding dispatch services.

Councilman Harjo also brought up sending an email to Tiffany Belt, City Clerk and Mayor Sykes regarding Treasure Valley Transit bus stop and asked if there was any progress.

Tiffany Belt, City Clerk provided updates.

Councilman Brennan expressed to City Staff that the freezing of positions is not personal. It is nothing more than trying to do the best job looking into the future. He welcomes everyone to come to him with ideas to save money.

Councilwoman Wirkkala backed that up. She wanted to make sure we are being very smart with the budget and moving forward with these potential big projects coming down the line.

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Councilman Brennan made the motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (b), (d), and (f). Councilwoman Wirkkala seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Brennan	AYE
Councilwoman Wirkkala	AYE
Councilman Harjo	AYE

The vote being unanimous, the motion was carried and so ordered.

The Council went into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Sykes returned and went into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m.

The Council came out of Executive Session at 9:17 p.m.

2) Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(d) - To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 P.M. by orders from Mayor Sykes.



ATTEST:

Tiffany Belt, City Clerk



Rich Sykes, Mayor

