Minutes of the 11.10.2026 regular meeting of the East Hope City Council was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Deborah Field. Council members, Joyce Butler, Michael Wilcox, and Michelle Ward were present, which constitutes a quorum. Council member Pam Brockus was absent.

Audience Comments:
None

Approval of Minutes
Council member Wilcox moved to approve the meeting minutes of 10.13.2026, council member Ward seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report
Council member Butler moved to approve the October bills for $26,536.11, council member Ward seconded, and the motion carried 3-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

Public Hearing:
None

Old Business:
Review and Discuss Draft Contract with Waste Management
Zack Stavros and Chad Nunley with Waste Management were present to answer questions. The city council also received comments from the city attorney regarding the draft contract that stated he had reviewed the contract and didn't see any red flags. Mayor Field had expressed concerns regarding section 3.7, Dispute Resolution, specifically (ii) that forwards complaint be forwarded to the mayor. This section will be revised. Also, section 5, Compensation, subsection (b), Reduced Rates for Qualified Low-Income will be removed sense the city does not have a way of determining such status. Zack will work with his legal team to revise the draft contract and present a new draft for the December meeting.

Annual Tree Lighting Event Discussion
The city council discussed the light set-up scheduled for the 19th and 20th of November. They also discussed collecting food at the tree lighting event to help the food bank. The new wooden picture frame photo op is complete and will make a great addition to the tree lighting event.

New Business:
Discuss Local Rural Highway Investment Program Grant Application
Staff explain to the city council that the grant amount for the LHRIP program has increased from $100,000 to $150,000. The increase in amount makes this grant even more competitive. The grant must be submitted by December 2nd. Staff suggested that the grant be tailored toward completing the remaining roads that need chip sealing and completing the repairs needed on Spring Street per the priority list in the transportation plan. Council member Wilcox moved to apply for the LHRIP grant, council member Ward seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

<u>Staff Report</u>
Planning and Zoning:
One new building permit application was received in October for the demolition of an existing dwelling in Pringle's Addition. No new land use applications were submitted in October, but staff has fielded multiple inquiries regarding waterfront development standards, special use permitting for a guest home, floodplain standards, and zoning standards for potential developments on Lake Pend Oreille.

Streets/Water:

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Staff reported that they have been doing some temporary ditch work and that the repairs to the flatbed on the plow truck are complete. They will be working to get all the lighted animals down and ready for the tree lighting to be set up.

Clerk:
Audit field work will begin next Monday.

Mayor/Council:
No additional information was given.

Announcements
The next regular city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Wilcox and second by Council Member Butler, 3-0.

Deborah Field, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk

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