

Minutes of the 12.09.2025 regular meeting of the East Hope City Council was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Deborah Field. Council members, Joyce Butler, Pam Brockus and Michael Wilcox were present and constituted a quorum.

Audience Comments:

Laura Funk asked two questions, one, are reserve fund balances available, and two, how is someone appointed to a vacant council position?

Pat Bistline stated that he had a conversation with Clark Fork's Mayor Schenck about all the grants they have received recently. He cited that they have received 2, \$250,000, a \$500,000 grant and major funding for their water system improvements. He said that Mayor Schenck attests a lot of that funding for their streets due to him attending every monthly BCATT meeting. He also said that their engineer, Ryan Luttmann goes above and beyond to help them get grants.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Wilcox moved to approve the meeting minutes of 11.10.2025, council member Brockus seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Butler moved to approve the November bills for \$40,228.74, council member Brockus seconded, and the motion carried 3-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

Public Hearings:

None

New Business:

Accept Resignation Letter from Don Wells

Council member Brockus moved to accept the resignation letter from Don Wells, effective November 12, 2025, council member Wilcox seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Appointment and Confirmation of New Council Member, Michelle Ward

Mayor Field appointed Michelle Ward to fill the vacant position. Council member Butler moved to confirm the appointment, council member Wilcox seconded and the motion carried 3-0. Michelle Ward was sworn in by the city clerk, and she signed the oath of office.

Old Business

North Idaho Cortz bid for single Pickleball Court

The revised bid for a single Pickleball Court was received last month for a total of \$15,895.00. The city council discussed the grant received from Blue Cross of Idaho for \$20,000 and the commitment of up to \$9,000 from the community center. Council member Wilcox moved to accept the bid, council member Brockus seconded and the motion carried 3-1. Council member Ward didn't feel being new to the council that she had enough information to vote in favor of it.

Confirm November 4th Election Results

The city county reviewed the Bonner County Commissioners canvas of ballots. Council member Wilcox moved to accept the results, council member Ward seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

Staff reported that no new building permit applications were submitted during October and November. The total number of building and zoning review permits for the year remain at four. No new land use applications have been submitted. The Bonner County Commissioners approved the city's request for having no area of impact. The county will provide staff with a final ordinance draft prior to approval and recording by the commissioners.

Streets/Water

Staff worked on the water intake today and on the lights in the park.

Clerk

No additional information was given.

Announcements

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Wilcox and second by Council Member Brockus.

Deborah Field, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk