

Minutes of the 02.10.2026 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 and Pam Brockus were present and constituted a quorum.

Audience Comments:

None.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Butler moved to approve the meeting minutes of 1.13.2026 and special meeting minutes of 1.27.2026, council member Wilcox seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Butler moved to approve the January bills for \$28,795.45, council member Wilcox seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The financial reports and quarterly reports were reviewed.

Old Business:

Combined Land Use, Building, Engineer, Administrative, and Utility, Draft Fee Schedule Discussion

The city council reviewed the draft public hearing notice, the draft combined fee resolution and the exhibit A fee schedule. Council member Butler pointed out a correction to the annexation fee. They discussed what the requirements for adoption are which require advertising the public hearing, holding the public hearing to take public testimony and then passing the resolution. The city council discussed the date of the hearing and set it for March 10th. The clerk will have the attorney review the draft documents.

New Business:

ICRMP Accident Claim Determination Discussion/Draft Equipment Surplus Resolution/Equipment Replacement Discussion

The city received a claim settlement of \$10,705 from ICRMP for the accident. We received \$6,579 for the truck, \$4,897 for the brine sprayer, \$429 for the toolbox, \$300 for the tow bill and less the \$1,500 deductible. The city council discussed their option for the wrecked ford ranger. Council member Butler moved to pass the draft resolution to surplus the ford ranger for scrap, council member Brockus seconded and the motion passed 4-0. The city council also discussed replacing the vehicle and looking to the citizens for donations to add to the insurance money. The city will talk to area mechanic shops and let them know we are looking for a vehicle and put it out on social media, websites and direct email.

Discuss Opening FY2026 Budget due to Pickleball Court, Pavilion and Truck Accident

The city council discussed the need to open the fiscal year 2026 budget to bring forward grants dollars that were received for the pavilion and for the pickleball court. They also discussed the need to bring the ICRMP insurance funds forward for replacement of the city truck. The city will hold a public hearing at their May city council meeting to address this issue.

Discuss Creating a Committee for Streets to Review Needs and Funding

The city council discussed creating a committee for streets to review needs and funding and provide recommendations. The council discussed what the difference is between a standing committee which is a permanent board and a special committee which is temporary. Council member Brockus moved to form a special committee for the term of 1 year to focus on streets and the functions that fall under the street budget, council member Butler seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The city will seek volunteers for this through multiple means, newsletter, email, Facebook, posting at the post office and our website, having anyone who is interested in letting the city know by the end of March so that the council can appoint members at their April meeting or by holding a special meeting if necessary.

Spring Park Clean-Up Day Discussion

A spring park clean-up day was discussed. May 8th, which is a Friday and has been set to clean up the park and have it ready for the season.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning:

No new building permits or land use applications were received for January. No new information concerning the ordinance that the county needs to adopt to finalize the city not having an area of impact.

Streets/Water:

Staff reported with the nice weather are getting a jump start on yearly spring maintenance at the water plant.

Clerk:

The city clerk passed information along to the city council about house bill 583 concerning short term rentals and house bill 537 concerning open meeting regulations. The Association of Idaho Cities will be holding their spring training on April 14th from 9-3 in Couer d' Alene.

Mayor/Council:

Council member Wilcox gave a BCATT meeting update. He stated that LHTAC has some changes coming to their grant applications this fall and that if needed BCATT can provide support letters to go with those applications. It was also reported that in 2027 the Merritt Brothers bridge in Priest River is set to be replaced. It was also noted that Idaho Transportation will be looking to change the intersection of Dufort Road at HWY 95, building an overpass over Dufort Road.

Announcements

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Brockus and second by Council Member Wilcox, 4-0.

Deborah Field, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk