

Minutes of the 10.14.2025 regular meeting of the East Hope City Council was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Deborah Field. Council members Michael Wilcox, Joyce Butler, Don Wells and Pam Brockus were present and constituted a quorum.

Audience Comments:

No Comments

Approval of Minutes

Council member Butler moved to approve the meeting minutes of 09.09.2025, council member Wells seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Butler moved to approve the September bills for \$44,402.15, council member Wells seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

Public Hearings:

None

Old Business

Pickleball Court Concrete Quote and Estimate for Crack Repair and Painting

The city council has reviewed the quotes for the concrete expansion and the estimate for crack repair and painting and learned that the Memorial Center is willing to partner up with the project with up to \$8,000. Council member Wells moved to not expand the concrete and only rehab the existing concrete to create one pickleball court at this time due to overall costs, council member Brockus seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

New Business

Engagement Letter for Audit Services

The city council reviewed the new audit engagement letter from DeCoria & Company Pc. Council member Wells moved to sign the engagement letter, council member Brockus seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Water Capital Rate Study Discussion

The city council reviewed the technical memorandum from Keller regarding their water system connection fee study. Ultimately Keller stated that the max recommended connection fee per ERU (equivalent residential unit) could be \$30,500. This number was based upon the current water treatment facility value, the distribution system value and the ERU capacities. The city may choose to adopt a lower connection fee. The council discussed what that number should be but did not make a decision. This was tabled to the November meeting.

LHTAC Grant Project Discussion

The city clerk informed the city council that LHTAC grants are open and reviewed the different grants available, LHRIP, LSHIP, TAP and that there is a training being held October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Bonner County Multi Use Facility in Sagle and that she would be attending.

Change Date for the November Regular Meeting

Council member Wilcox moved to change the regular meeting for November due to it being Veteran's Day and have the regular meeting held on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, council member Wells seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

No new building permit applications were submitted during September. The total number of building and zoning permits for the year remain at four. The city received one new land use application for a variance to allow a 10-foot front yard setback for construction of a garage on a residential lot on Lakeview Blvd. This will be a quasi-judicial application.

Streets/Water

Cody reported that they have replaced a standpipe hydrant on the north end of Ellisport St. and that over the next couple of weeks he would be flushing hydrants.

Clerk

No additional information to report.

Announcements

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Monday, November 10th, at 5:30 p.m. It was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Wells and second by Council Member Wilcox.

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Deborah Field, Mayor

Attest:

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Christy Franck, City Clerk