

Minutes of the 09.08.2026 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, Michelle Ward and Pam Brockus were present, which constitutes a quorum.

Audience Comments:

None

Approval of Minutes

Council member Wilcox moved to approve the meeting minutes of 08.11.2026, council member Brockus seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Butler moved to approve the August bills for \$107,953.16 council member Brockus seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

Public Hearing:

None

Old Business:

Pickleball Court Update

The Memorial Center will be purchasing the net soon and have plans to add signage and a table with umbrella in the spring.

Discuss Draft Request for Qualification for Contracted City Engineer

The city council reviewed the changes concerning timely response to situations after last month's discussion and suggestions. Staff inquired with the city council about informing the current city engineer that the city is seeking to send out a request for proposals. Council member Wilcox moved to proceed with the request for proposals and to notify the current contracted city engineer, council member Butler seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

New Business:

Ruen Yeager Zoning Administrator Contract Renewal

The city council reviewed the renewal of the contract with Ruen Yeager for zoning administration. Council member Wilcox moved to renew the contract, council member Ward seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

James A Sewell Building Inspection Contract Renewal

The city council reviewed the renewal of the contract with James A Sewell and Associates, LLC, for building inspection services. Council member Wilcox moved to renew the contract, council member Brockus seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Draft Resolution 183, Surplus City Cell Phone

The city council discussed the draft resolution to surplus three city cell phones. Council member Wilcox moved to surplus the cell phones and sale them for a minimum of \$365 each, council member Brockus seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Draft Resolution 184, Surplus City Equipment

The city council reviewed the draft resolution to surplus the Husqvarna 350 chainsaw due to its inoperability and liability. Council member Brockus moved to approve resolution 184 and have the chainsaw disposed of, council member Butler seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Draft Resolution 185, City Staff Pay Rate

The city council reviewed the draft resolution, city staff pay rate increase which was reflected in the fiscal year 2027 budget adopted at the August meeting. Council member Ward moved to approve resolution 185, council member Wilcox seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Draft Resolution 186, Fee Schedule, Water Rate Increase

The city council reviewed the draft resolution for the water rate increase to the base rate and the per thousand-gallon rate. The base rate will increase 3% moving from \$47.20 to \$48.62 and the per thousand-gallon rate moving from \$2.64 to \$2.72. Council member Butler moved to approve resolution 186, council member Brockus seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Request to Reconsider Denial of Leak Forgiveness, 515 Pine Lane, Paul Daniel

The city council determined at the August meeting that Mr. Daniel did not meet the requirements for leak forgiveness program. The city received a call from Mr. Daniel's requesting the city council reconsider his request and that he would be at the September 8th meeting. Mr. Daniel's did not show for the meeting, council member Ward moved to uphold the original decision to deny leak forgiveness on the original grounds, council member Brockus seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning:

Staff submitted a planning report stating that no new building permit applications were submitted in August. The McFarland permit submitted and included the addition of an outdoor patio, updated stormwater management plan and a revised floodplain development plan for the homesite on Pringle. No conditions of the original approval were changed. Planning staff have continued to field building permit inquiries for various properties within the city. No new land use applications were submitted in August. Staff have continued to field inquiries regarding setbacks, subdivisions, floodplain, permitted uses, and a zone change.

Streets/Water:

Staff reported that a new brine sprayer has been purchased and working to schedule the electrical installation for it. The new water operator in training, Zane Cameron, will start tomorrow. Fall conference is September 23rd and 24th. Staff will begin fall hydrant flushing soon and will continue trimming brush.

Clerk:

The ICCTFOA clerks conference is September 22nd and 23rd. The fall Association of Idaho Cities district meeting is set for October 6th if anyone is interested in attending. The clerk suggested the city decide on the date for the annual tree lighting event. Mayor Field suggested December 4th, that's the week after Thanksgiving.

Mayor/Council:

The mayor and city council discussed the possibility of adding to the tree lighting event. Council member Ward suggested maybe pet photos with Santa, and she also would love to see ATV caroling through Hope and East Hope. Mayor Field would like to see other things at the tree lighting to make it more of an event and asked for any other suggestions or new additions for the tree lighting. This will be on the October agenda.

Announcements

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 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