

Minutes of the 04.08.2025 regular meeting of the East Hope City Council.

The Regular Meeting of the East Hope City Council was called to order at 5:31 pm by Mayor Deborah Field. Council members Joyce Butler, Pam Brockus, and Don Wells were present and constituted a quorum. Council member Michael Wilcox was absent.

Audience Comments:

Heidi Vanderzee stated that she would like the city council to have individual emails instead of sending an email directly to the city. Laura Funk asked if the people in the trailer park get sent the monthly newsletter or if it only goes to the owner. Heidi Vanderzee questioned House Bill 166. David Rost asked if there were any sewer hookups available. Bob Turnbull asked about internal accessory dwelling units.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Butler moved to approve the special meeting of 3.7.2025 and regular meeting minutes of 03.11.2025, council member Brockus seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Butler moved to approve the March bills for \$24,534.54, council member Wells seconded, and the motion carried 3-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

Public Hearings:

None

Old Business

Accessory Dwelling Unit Discussion

Tessa Vogle, one of the city's contract planners with Ruen Yeager, discussed the process with the council if they moved forward to consider allowing accessory dwelling units in the city. She also discussed house bill 166 and that the senate amended it to remove the portion that would have affected title 67, specifically cities and counties. If the city would like to move forward with allowing accessory dwelling units it would require the city to review and modify its comprehensive plan then review and develop standards on where and how they would be allowed in the city before modifying their planning and subdivision ordinance. There would be several public meetings and a few public hearings. This would take roughly a year to two years to complete and would include staff costs, publication costs and advertising costs. Council member Wells stated he had googled the pros and cons of allowing accessory dwelling units. The council did not make any decisions and would like to hear what the sewer district would require. This will be on the May agenda.

Discuss Community Health Projects

The city council would like to move forward with the pickleball court and will coordinate with the Memorial Community Center on investigating the potential to rehab the old basketball court to add pickleball as well.

New Business

Set Date for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Hearing

Council member Wells moved to set the budget hearing date as August 12th at 5:30 pm, council member Butler seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Discuss Draft Memorandum of Understanding with Friends of the East Hope Community Park (501c3)

The city council reviewed the draft and would like to have the attorney review it. No decision was made.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning

One new zoning permit for the placement of a carport on Wellington was filed with the city in March, bringing the total to two building permit/zoning applications in 2025. No new land use applications were filed for March. Staff fielded

calls on pending variance applications and general zoning inquiries. Staff conducted two pre-application meetings with landowners seeking setback variances.

Streets/Water

Cody reported that they are still working on flushing hydrants and inputting information into the Diamond Map System. Load limits will be pulled tomorrow.

Clerk

Staff is still working on submitting grants to the Innovia Foundation and Blue Cross of Idaho Community. We have received reimbursement from the Department of Environmental Quality, \$35,000.00 for the water facility plan.

Announcements

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13th, at 5:30 p.m. It was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Brockus.

Deborah Field, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk