

Minutes of the 07.14.2026 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 6.09.2026, council member Brockus seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Butler moved to approve the June bills for \$42,565.03, council member Wilcox seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

Public Hearing:

None

Old Business:

FY2027 Budget Approval to Publish Public Hearing in August

The city council discussed the fiscal year 2027 draft budget which included taking the 3% property tax increase, including cost of living raises for employees and taking a 3% increase to water rates to cover operation and maintenance costs. Council member Butler moved to approve the draft budget for publication for public hearing at the August 11th city council meeting with a total of \$436,005.00 anticipated revenues and \$436,005.00 anticipated expenditures. Council member Wilcox seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

Pickleball Court Update

The pickleball court still needs gravel around to boarder of the court. MCC will look to purchase the net and equipment.

New Business:

Fiscal Year 2025 Audit

The city council reviewed and accepted the completed fiscal year 2025 audit.

Subscribe to Idaho Grant Watch

The city council discussed this and decided to not subscribe to this service.

Discuss Contracted City Engineer Position

The city council discussed sending out request for qualifications for the contracted city engineer position. Staff will create a draft request for qualifications for the city council to review at their August meeting.

Community Planning Assistance for Wildfires Grant Program

The city council discussed this grant and information that Clare Marley provided. No decision was made.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning:

No new building permits or land use applications for June.

Streets/Water:

Cody discussed with the city council the need to repair pavement around 2 sewer manholes that create a hazard when plowing. Staff will get quotes from Wood's.

Clerk:

The clerk will be on vacation July 27th – 31st. AIC fall district meeting will be held in Couer d'Alene on October 6th. ICCTFOA Conference will be held on September 23 & 24.

Mayor/Council:

Mayor Field thanked everyone for making the America 250th BBQ such a success and thanks to MCC for joining us on this event.

Council member Wilcox reported on the BCATT meeting. Work to be done at Lakeshore and HWY 95, pedestrian bridge to reopen soon and Clark Fork to complete phase 2 and 3 of their water project this fall.

Announcements

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Wilcox and second by Council Member Brockus, 4-0.

Deborah Field, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk