Minutes of the 10.13.2026 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 Butler moved to approve the meeting minutes of 09.08.2026, council member Brockus seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Bills/Financial Report
Council member Butler moved to approve the September bills for $29,409.24 and immediate bills for October in the amount of $6,227.31, council member Wilcox seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

Public Hearing:
None

Old Business:
Annual Tree Lighting Celebration
The annual tree lighting is set for December 4th at 5:30 pm. It was discussed when would be a good time to start setting up the displays. Staff will seek volunteers via the "Sign-up" app to help with decorating the city park. Weather permitting the dates for decorating will be November 19th, 20th, 23rd and 24th.

New Business:
Tim Jacoby, EH Street Committee Presentation and Discussion
Tim Jacoby addressed the city council and explained that he reached out to Bruce Naffziger regarding the street committee but never heard back from him so he went ahead with assessing the streets by himself. He reviewed the transportation plan that is on the city's website and toured each street. He stated that in his opinion, getting the streets in good condition will require a one-year big lift following by routine scheduled maintenance funded as part of the annual budget. He suggests either a single year tax increase or receiving a large grant to get the "big lift" completed. He stated that the longer this is delayed, the more it will cost. The city council agreed with his assessment and discussed that this is why the city originally tried to pass a permanent override tax levy since streets are underfunded. No decisions were made.

Draft Resolution 187, Surplus City Equipment
The city council discussed surplus of meter registers that no longer function. Council member Wilcox moved to adopt resolution 187, council member Brockus seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The registers will be disposed of.

Draft Resolution 188, Adopting the Bonner County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan
The city council discussed the Bonner County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan that the city was involved in. council member Brockus moved to adopt resolution 188, council member Wilcox seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Liberty Bell Tour Discussion
The Idaho Liberty Bell is touring the state and will be in East Hope on October 27th. The official timeline for East Hope is arrival at 10:25 am with set up time of 15 minutes. The display time will be 10:40 to 11:10 down at the city park. The city has contacted the Hope School and the Clark Fork High School of this opportunity. Staff have also posted this information on our website, newsletter and social media page. Information will be posted at the post office as well.

Review and Discuss Draft Contract with Waste Management
This item was tabled to the November meeting since we only received the draft contract this afternoon.

Staff Report

Planning and Zoning:
Staff reported that no new building permit applications were submitted in September. The total number of permits is two for the year. Planning staff has continued to field building permit inquiries for various properties within the City. No new land use applications were submitted for September. The total number of land use applications is one for the year. Planning staff conducted a pre-application meeting for a potential waterfront housing development project. No applications have been submitted at this time.

Streets/Water:
Staff have finished fall flushing of city hydrants. They have cleaned 2 of the 3-sand filters and will have the third finished this week. They will begin working on getting equipment ready for the upcoming winter season.

Clerk:
No additional information to report.

Mayor/Council:
No additional information was given.

Announcements

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Brockus and second by Council Member Ward, 4-0.

Deborah Field, Mayor

Attest:

Christy Franck, City Clerk