

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Ave
Fallon, Nevada
March 17, 2026**

The Honorable City Council met at a regular meeting on the above date in the Council Chambers, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada.

Present:

Mayor Ken Tedford
Councilwoman Kelly Frost
Councilwoman Karla Kent
Councilman Paul Harmon
Chief of Staff Bob Erickson
City Attorney Trent deBraga
Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe
Deputy City Attorney Jaren Stanton
City Clerk Treasurer Michael O'Neill
Public Works Director Brian Byrd
Deputy Public Works Adrian Noriega
Deputy Public Works Marco Guerrero
Deputy Public Works Erik Fain
Chief Daniel Babiarz
Captain Jose Perez
City Engineer Derek Zimney
Emergency Manager Steve Endacott

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Tedford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the agenda had been posted in compliance with NRS requirements.

City Clerk Treasurer Michael O'Neill advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with the NRS requirements.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments. He noted that comments are to be general in nature, not relative to any agenda items. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

Nate Helton with the Churchill County Democratic Party Central Committee greeted the Council.

- Informed of their County Convention on April 18th.

- Informed of their annual fundraising dinner on May 23rd, at the Convention Center.
- Informed of their monthly meetings.

No further comments were noted.

Consideration and possible approval of Council Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2026, and March 3, 2026.

Councilman Harmon motioned to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2026, and March 3, 2026, with no corrections or additions; seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Approval of Warrants

- A) Accounts Payable
- B) Payroll
- C) Customer Deposit

Councilwoman Kent motioned to approve the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants; seconded by Councilman Harmon and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration of an application by Paul Valentin for a drinking establishment (on premises) liquor license manager change for American Legion Post 16 located at 90 N. Ada Street.

City Clerk Treasurer Michael O’Neill stated Paul Valentin, Adjutant/Judge Advocate of American Legion Post 16 has made an application for a drinking establishment liquor license manager change for American Legion Post 16 to be located at 90 N. Ada Street. A drinking establishment liquor license is a privileged license that allows the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages from a fixed and definite place of business for consumption upon the premises only. The application has been reviewed by Police Chief Daniel Babiarz, Chief of Staff Robert Erickson, City Attorney Trent deBraga, City Engineer Derek Zimney, and Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee and has been recommended for approval. Paul is available today, if there are any questions.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any questions or comments from the Council or public.

Councilman Harmon inquired if this was just a manager change.

City Clerk Treasurer Michael O’Neill stated that he was correct. The license is already issued; we are just changing managers.

Councilman Harmon inquired if Mr. Valentin would be on site whenever the bar is open. How does that work?

Paul Valentin greeted the Council. I am made available via phone. I still work at the base, as well, but I do spend any time off, at the American Legion. I have another bar manager, who is a paid employee, who does manage the bar. I will oversee her, along with our HR manager, making sure all the operations are in compliance. I do all the ordering and everything like that, with the American Legion bar manager.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any further questions or comments from the Council or public.

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to approve the application by Paul Valentin for a drinking establishment (on premises) liquor license manager change for American Legion Post 16 located at 90 N. Ada Street; seconded by Councilman Harmon and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration of an application by Jesse Morrow for a drinking establishment (on premises) liquor license for Morrow Investments LLC dba Rhythm Taphouse to be located at 1805 West Williams Ave.

City Clerk Treasurer Michael O'Neill stated Jesse Morrow, Owner of Morrow Investments LLC dba Rhythm Taphouse has made an application for a drinking establishment (on premises) liquor license for Morrow Investments LLC dba Rhythm Taphouse to be located at 1805 West Williams Ave. A drinking establishment liquor license is a privileged license that allows the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages from a fixed and definite place of business for consumption upon the premises only. The application has been reviewed by Police Chief Daniel Babiarz, Chief of Staff Bob Erickson, City Attorney Trent deBraga, City Engineer Derek Zimney, and Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee and has been recommended for approval. Jesse is available today, if you have any questions.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any questions or comments from the Council or public.

Councilman Harmon inquired on the coffee house being separate from the tap house.

Jesse Morrow greeted the Council. Yes, they are separate.

Councilman Harmon inquired if the taphouse would be the only location serving alcohol.

Jesse Morrow stated he was correct.

Councilman Harmon inquired on the coffee house keeping an eye on the taphouse portion, with the overlap in hours.

Jesse Morrow stated that they will have overlapping hours. When we are closed, we plan on roping off that designated area. When we are open, there will be staff that are fully trained in both. Her staff will be completely separate from mine but will be well aware, and we will have an agreement made when they are hired that they are not to be interacting with or selling any alcohol. 100% of any of the alcohol will be managed entirely by me and my staff.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any further questions or comments from the Council or public.

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to approve the application by Jesse Morrow for a drinking establishment (on premises) liquor license for Morrow Investments LLC dba Rhythm Taphouse to be located at 1805 West Williams Ave; seconded by Councilman Harmon and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration of an application by Jesse Morrow for a cabaret license for Morrow Investments LLC dba Rhythm Taphouse to be located at 1805 West Williams Ave.

City Clerk Treasurer Michael O'Neill stated Jesse Morrow, owner of Morrow Investments LLC dba Rhythm Taphouse has made an application for a cabaret license for Morrow Investments LLC dba Rhythm Taphouse to be located at 1805 West Williams Ave. A cabaret license is a privileged license that allows the licensee to provide live entertainment or dancing at the establishment. The application has been reviewed by Police Chief Daniel

Babiarz, Chief of Staff Robert Erickson, City Attorney Trent deBraga, City Engineer Derek Zimney, and Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee and has been recommended for approval.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any questions or comments from the Council or public.

Councilwoman Frost inquired on the location of the band area. The stage is right near the entry way, as you are walking in, on the right? How it has been in the past?

Jesse Morrow stated that it is the same performance area that it was under Telegraph, Daily Grind, and Jive-n-Java.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if they would have live bands and karaoke.

Jesse Morrow stated they plan on doing an open mic and live bands a couple of times a month.

Councilwoman Frost inquired on the size of the live bands.

Jesse Morrow stated he believes the stage would comfortably fit 4-5 musicians. That is kind of what we are trying to keep there. I doubt we will get an orchestra up there.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any further questions or comments from the Council or public.

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to approve the application by Jesse Morrow for a cabaret license for Morrow Investments LLC dba Rhythm Taphouse to be located at 1805 West Williams Ave; seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration and possible approval of the assignment, along with a resolution in support, of the City's entitlement to power as outlined in its Base Resource Agreement with the Western Area Power Administration to the Truckee Donner Public Utility District.

Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe stated the City of Fallon maintains entitlements in two different projects, that are overseen by the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). Both of these entitlements have traditionally been assigned to the Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD), essentially based on the realities of the transmission available in this region. The City's Base Resource Power Agreement was renewed last year for an additional 30-year term. We are now before the Council to renew the assignment of that resource to TDPUD, as set forth in the resolution provided in the agenda documents. If there are any questions, I am available to answer them.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any questions or comments from the Council or public.

Councilwoman Frost asked for clarification. We cannot transfer this power to the City of Fallon, correct?

Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe stated that she was correct. At this point, there is no viable way to deliver that power from projects coming out of the Central Valley of California, to here, over the Sierras.

Councilman Harmon inquired on how long this agreement would be good for.

Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe stated that this agreement will be viable until we back out of it.

Councilwoman Kent inquired on the entitlement. This doesn't earn us any money, correct?

Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe stated that she was correct. What this enables us to do is to continue to maintain that resource, despite the fact that we cannot receive it.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any further questions or comments from the Council or public.

No further comments were noted.

Councilman Harmon motioned to approve the assignment, along with a resolution in support, of the City's entitlement to power as outlined in its Base Resource Agreement with the Western Area Power Administration to the Truckee Donner Public Utility District; seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Fallon Police Department Monthly Report for February 2026.

Chief Daniel Babiarz presented the February monthly report. The report will compare the February 2025 crime, traffic stops, and traffic accident statistics to February 2026. Total calls-for-service this month were 592.

- Crime Summary: 2 total Domestic Battery; 4 Battery.
- Theft Calls: 10 total thefts for various items.
- Arrest Summary: 48 total arrests.
- Moving Citations/Traffic Warnings: 74 traffic stops were made; 19 issued citations.
- Public/Private Property Accidents: 25 total accidents.
- Animal Shelter Services: Total – 116; Churchill County – 85; City – 29; Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe – 2.
- Volunteers in Police Services: 156 contributed hours.
- Various training courses were provided for sworn-in and non-sworn-in officers.
- Police officers participated in several various public relations events.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

Nate Helton stated he would like to correct the date of their meetings. Churchill County Democratic Party meetings are every 2nd Thursday of the month, at 5:00 p.m., at the Library Annex building.

No further comments were noted.


Council and Staff Reports

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any Council or staff reports.

No reports were noted.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.



Mayor Ken Tedford

Attest: 

Michael O'Neill, City Clerk-Treasurer