



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 02, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall - 1123 W. Lake St. Sandpoint, Idaho

Call to Order

Mayor Grimm called the regular meeting of the Sandpoint City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, in Council chambers at City Hall, 1123 W. Lake St., Sandpoint, Idaho.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Jeremy Grimm
Councilor Deb Ruehle, Council President
Councilor Joel Aispuro
Councilor Kyle Schreiber
Councilor Pam Duquette
Councilor Joe Tate
Councilor Joshua Torrez

As required by the City's adopted Code of Ethics and Civility, as the presiding officer, Mayor Grimm identified law enforcement personnel serving as sergeant-at-arms for the meeting: Police Lieutenant Steven Chamberlain.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Grimm led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Reports

Mayor Grimm reported that the agenda had been amended the day before to move Council Approval: Mural Carousel of Smiles PM26-0004 action item from under New Business and moved to the Consent Calendar, explaining that, because an amendment was made and posted less than 48 hours prior to the meeting, per Idaho Code, the amended agenda could not become effective until Council voted to accept it.

Motion to accept the amendment and proceed with the amended agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Duquette, Seconded by Councilor Tate.

Voting Yea: Councilor Aispuro, Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Tate, Councilor Schreiber, Councilor Torrez, Councilor Duquette

Mayor Grimm made some initial brief remarks and provided instructions for members of the public who wished to speak during opportunities for public comment/testimony during the meeting.

At the request and invitation of the Mayor, Department directors provided updates and reports on activities in their respective departments.

Public Comments

Mayor Grimm recited the rules and procedure for public comment during the meeting and offered an opportunity for members of the public to speak on topics included on the agenda or other general matters relevant to the business of the City of Sandpoint. Information only; no Council action.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Grimm noted for the record the amount of bills for payment approval, and the Consent Calendar was approved by a unanimous vote of Council.

1. The Minutes from Council's August 19, 2026, regular meeting were **approved** as presented.
2. The bills presented were **approved** for payment in the amount of \$1,050,540.60 (\$235,961.57 for regular payables and \$814,579.03 for payroll).
3. Final written approval for Skyway Estates PS26-0001 - **approved**
4. **Resolution 26-054** Third Amendment to Lease Agreement with the Bonner County Historical Society - **approved**
5. The Mural Carousel of Smiles PM26-0004 was **approved** as presented.

Motion made by Councilor Schreiber, Seconded by Councilor Duquette.

Voting Yea: Councilor Tate, Councilor Torrez, Councilor Duquette, Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Aispuro, Councilor Schreiber

Old/Unfinished Business

6. Update on the City Beach RV Park Design Project

Community Planning and Development Director Jason Welker provided a brief update on the City Beach RV Park Design Project and fielded questions from Councilors. Staff will return with an update following discussions with Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) Information only; no Council action.

New Business

7. **Resolution 26-055** Construction Contract with North Point Trenchless LLC for the 2026 Sewer Lateral Tap Replacement Project (Agreement A26-3257-4)

Public Works Director Holly Ellis presented the proposed project and details to replace 45 failing sewer lateral connections to reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I) into the City's sewer system. She fielded questions by Councilors.

Councilor Ruehle moved to approve the Construction Contract Agreement A26-3257-4 with North Point Trenchless LLC for \$155,220, seconded by Councilor Schreiber.

Motion made by Councilor Ruehle, Seconded by Councilor Schreiber.

Voting Yea: Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Schreiber, Councilor Torrez, Councilor Duquette, Councilor Tate, Councilor Aispuro

Executive Session

8. Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206 (1)(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student and Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

Motion made by Councilor Schreiber, Seconded by Councilor Duquette.

Voting Yea: Councilor Schreiber, Councilor Aispuro, Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Tate, Councilor Duquette, Councilor Torrez

9. Executive Session will be held pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 74-206(1)(b) and (f), as noted above.

Reconvene and Adjourn

Following conclusion of the executive session, the regular meeting was reconvened and then immediately adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

I presided over this meeting and can confirm that the foregoing minutes, prepared by the City Clerk, were approved by City Council during their meeting held _____, 2026.

Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

Attest: Meri Jane Bohn, City Clerk