



City Council Meeting  
**January 20, 2026, 7:00 pm**  
City Hall Council Chambers  
201 NW Douglas Blvd.  
541.679.6739 info.

### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock by Mayor Christie Knutson. Councilors Dorie White, Allen Hobson, and Dave Cunningham were in attendance. Nick Wiggins was absent. Staff member Cindy Sarti was absent. Replace with Lacy Carlile.

Park Board for January 13, 2026—*Dori White, Liaison*

Concept of non-profit music festival proposed using canned food and other donations to fund and stock the local food pantry. Bench standards are still being contemplated. Rental slots for the baseball fields are filling up. 9 teams were accommodated last year.

Economic Development for January 14, 2026—*Dave Cunningham, Liaison*

Potential candidate for board member. The Chamber has a new executive director.

Wastewater Plant—*Chris Sherlock, Superintendent*

The facility is difficult to operate during low flows. A 50 + year old water meter has been replaced and upgraded from 2" to 6" allowing the facility to flush lines and have working hydrants.

Public Works—*Andy Howell, Superintendent*

Bid opening for the siphon project will be January 29<sup>th</sup> with a mandatory pre-bid meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be emergency mainline repair in the Bimart area due to a failing line. The Community Center is also seeing relief in the monthly water bill due to recent meter replacement and downgrading to a two-inch meter. The city is saving roughly \$400/month. The walk-in freezer in the community kitchen is not being utilized. The cost to run the freezer is approximately \$200/month. Thoughts are to replace it with an upright to save money.

Administration—*Thomas McIntosh, City Manager*

Local non-profits have been contacted to gather and network with each other once a month. The group is growing and a potential project is already in the making with the idea of a community garden at Community Park. The group meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. The city has been contacted by the water district to begin contract negotiations for their franchise agreement which is coming up for renewal in October.

A Council Workshop was scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> – Budget Analysis

Resolution No. 26-1213 Douglas County IGA Leachate 6<sup>th</sup> Extension

1. Read by Title Only—*Lacy Carlile*
2. Staff Report—*Chris Sherlock*
3. Comments from the Audience (3 minutes each speaker)
4. Council Action

Motion to approve by Cunningham; second by Hobson. Unanimous.

Resolution No. 26-1214 Highway 42 Sewer Project Grant Agreement

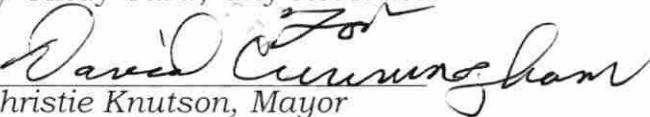
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#### Announcements

- City Council Meeting, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm; City Hall
- Coffee with Christie, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm; City Hall
- City Council Workshop, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> *Tentative*; City Hall
- Park Board Meeting, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 4pm; City Hall
- Economic Development Meeting, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Noon; City Hall
- Chamber of Commerce, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm; City Hall
- City Council Meeting, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm; City Hall
- Planning Commission Meeting, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm; City Hall

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. 7:50. Respectfully submitted by Cindy Sarti, City Recorder.

  
Christie Knutson, Mayor

Attest:  
  
Cindy Sarti, City Recorder