

# CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 140 E Walnut Street, Genesee, ID 83832

CITY COUNCIL

February 3, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

## MINUTES

6:00 PM

GENESEE CITY HALL

140 E WALNUT STREET

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor John Hermann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present at the meeting were Mayor John Hermann; Council members Cody Bailey, Jesse Aherin, Bill Krick; and Jessica Mader; Public Works Director Dustin Brinkly and City Clerk Taylor Moody.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**VISITORS:** Ben Farr and Gary Kiss

**CITIZEN COMMENTS (comments limited to 3 minutes):** Gary Kiss asked to confirm the zoning for 442 N Spruce and wanted to know if any zoning changes have occurred over the last year. Council confirmed that no zoning changes have been made. Gary stated that there is work being done on the property and that the noise is loud and lasts for hours at a time. Gary asked why nothing has been done since the cease-and-desist orders were delivered in the past and why these operations have continued. John informed Gary that further discussion on this matter needs to be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Gary also wanted to address the noise from the PNW fan. He states that the fan was running much longer this year compared to past years. Cody stated that the fan noise comes from out of city limits but Dustin and Bill did work with PNW on trying to reduce the noise that was impacting residents within city limits.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

*The consent agenda includes items which require formal Council action, but which are typically routine or not of great controversy. Individual Council members may ask that any specific item be removed from the consent agenda in order that it can be discussed in greater detail. Explanatory information is included in the Council agenda packet regarding these items.*

Minutes of Meetings January 6, 2026

Approval of Bills Paid, Financial Statement, Journal Entries, Adjustments and Bank Statements, and Quarterly Financial Report

Taylor confirmed that the only documents to review this meeting are the meeting minutes from January 20, 2026 and the Payment approval report. All other documents will be approved at the meeting on February 17, 2026. Motion made by Jesse to accept the consent agenda as presented seconded by Jessica. Roll call vote: Bailey, Aherin, Krick, Mader all ayes. Motion carries.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS: Fun Run Proposal – Ben Farr (Action Item):** Ben Farr presented council with information regarding the planned 5K Fun Run Race and a map of where this would take place. This is for Ben's senior project at Genesee High School. He will be collecting a \$10 participation fee and donating it towards a charity. He is not planning on closing any main roads. The path is mainly on South Latah County roads. He is looking to host this late March or early April. John asked that Ben inform the city of the exact date when set. **Motion made by Cody to approve Ben Farr's Fun Run seconded by Jesse. Roll call vote: Bailey, Aherin, Krick, Mader all ayes. Motion carries.**

**New City Truck Purchase (Action Item):** Dustin has been looking at both used and new pickups. The average price he is finding is between \$40,000-\$50,000. In the meeting packets Dustin included some quotes that include a \$6,000 trade in value for the 09 Chevy. In addition to a full size there has been discussion regarding another smaller vehicle to help with gas mileage to run samples and run errands. Dustin is still waiting for a few dealers to get back to him. The city has budgeted \$80,000 this year for a new city vehicle. **Motion made by Cody to approve Dustin to spend up to \$50,000 with approval from John and Cody on a new city truck seconded by Bill. Roll call vote: Bailey, Aherin, Krick, Mader all ayes. Motion carries.**

**Surplus Items (Action Item):** Council was provided with a list of surplus items prepared by Dustin. Council reviewed the list in detail. **Motion made by Cody to approve the surplus list seconded by Jessica. Roll call vote: Bailey, Aherin, Krick, Mader all ayes. Motion carries.**

## INTRODUCTION, READINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

### CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

**Mayor Update:** U of I Internal processes and procedure audit is complete. Professor John Croy has sent a draft of the report and will provide a final report soon.

**Bill Krick – Water and Sewer Update:** **Water:** Dustin met with Avista last week to discuss extending power service to the well site. This work will require replacement of most utility poles along Laurel Street. Avista is considering completing this work prior to the start of the project; however, a cost estimate has not yet been provided. Dustin continues to monitor static water levels and has increased the exercising of Well 5 at Bill's request. Minimal operational changes are expected until the next Avista utility bill is received and reviewed. Currently, the aquifer is fully recharged. Merrick is approximately 80% complete with the well house design and anticipates the project will be ready to go out for bid within the next month. **Sewer:** Merrick has committed to covering the cost of corrective work at the wastewater treatment plant related to previously identified design flaws involving air lock issues. The proposed solution includes installing two additional manholes. Merrick has also requested a copy of the City's quote for the proposed repairs to the VFDs for review.

**Cody Bailey – Street Update:** Scott provided the chip seal bid packet today, which will be distributed in early February. The goal is to receive bid responses by April. Cody also received updated information regarding recent legislative activity in Boise. The Idaho Legislature has passed a bill aligning the state's tax code with recent federal tax changes under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. As a result of revenue impacts associated with these changes, the state is addressing a projected budget shortfall and is evaluating potential reductions in several areas, including transportation funding. If implemented, these proposed reductions could result in an estimated loss of approximately \$25,000 to the City of Genesee and approximately \$525,000 to the local highway district. They are encouraging everyone to contact their state legislators to share any concerns regarding the proposed changes.

**Jesse Aherin – Administrative Update:** None

**Jessica Mader – Parks Update:** Waiting to hear back on the 2 grants that were submitted.

**Dustin Brinkly- Public Works Update:** None

**Taylor Moody-Clerk's Update:** None

### CORRESPONDENCE:

**Executive Session:** 74-206 (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. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement. **Council did not enter Executive Session**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Bill, seconded by Jesse to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. all ayes.

Questions concerning items appearing on this Agenda or requests for accommodation of special needs to participate in the meeting should be addressed to the Office of the City Clerk, 140 E. Walnut or call 285-1621.

Mayor John Hermann 

Clerk/Treasurer Taylor Moody 