

## **Civic Association Meeting Minutes**

### **January 26th, 2026**

#### 2025 Board Members:

President-Rick Hancock  
Vice President-April Baumgartner  
Treasurer- Mary Bielenberg  
Secretary-Doreen Hancock

Attendees: Glenda Bull, Kristi McPherson, Rick & Linda Schellenger, Laura Uhlenkott, Lisa Schacher, Jake Dennler, Nyla Roach, Greg Whiting, Lori Harlow, Bill & Janelle Krick, Jim Isackson, and JoAnna Holder.

#### Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions

2026 Dues Paid: Glenda Bull, Kristi McPherson, Rick & Linda Schellenger, Earl & Carol Bennett, Mary Bielenberg, Gayle Anderson, Nyla Roach (2026 & 2027), Laura Uhlenkott, Lisa Schacher, Jake Dennler, Lorie Whiting, Greg Whiting, Bill & Janelle Krick, April Baumgartner, Rick & Doreen Hancock.

Approval of Minutes-Motion Rick H./2<sup>nd</sup> Mary B.

Treasurer's Report-Motion Linda S./2<sup>nd</sup> Nyla.

Presentation to Mary Bielenberg included a plaque for her years of service and a thank you card signed by members.

New Board Member Elections- Kristi McPherson was voted in as Treasurer & Laura Uhlenkott was voted in as Secretary.

Community Feedback Discussion: Civic focus has been on the main events in the community.

Suggestions for more focus on the Seniors in the community as roughly 1/3 of the community fall into this demographic.

#### Old Business:

Consolidated Fund Bulk Mailing Update- Rick Schellenger shared a breakdown of what funds are being distributed. There was a total of \$9135 collected. \$2310-Ambulance, \$1460-Fire Department, \$450-Sharing Tree, \$850-Welfare Fund, \$1265-Genesee Food Bank, \$945-Community Fireworks, \$1055-Genesee School broken down as follows: \$120-building, \$10-students, \$200-Bulldog Buddies, \$350-Community Closet, \$350-FFA, & \$25-Music. There is an additional \$800 marked as "Where Most Needed." The Civic Association will vote on where these funds will go.

Thanksgiving Community Dinner ReCap-Suzanne Hanson to share details of the event at the next meeting.

Christmas Lighting Winners-Rick Hancock shared the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners were Brad & Bonnie Grieser with a prize of \$150 which they donated back to Civic. 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners were Jon & Bobbi Jo Bruni, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners were Brian & Sue Gordon. There were 117 community votes this year from 3 different voting locations. Thank you to Rick and Doreen Hancock for taking pictures and creating the poster again this year. A special thank you to Earl and Carol Bennett who created the poster for previous years.

Town Lighting-Rick H. shared that the city was able to upgrade/redo 1 candy cane for Walnut Street in 2025. They hope to finish the remaining candy canes for the 2026 season.

#### New Business:

Civic Covered Wagon- Rick H. shared that the city has requested the covered wagon owned by Civic be moved. Discussion on possible storage areas: Rent a storage unit, use it as a feature at the entrance to the city to update the sign that was donated by Bob & Vivian Herman. Possible addition of a plaque to honor them. Mary B. to research that. Earl had reached out to Diane at White Springs Ranch, and the liability was too much for them to store it. More discussion is needed.

Easter Egg Hunt/Volunteers & Coordinator- Jessica Smith will attend the next meeting and discuss details.

Electrical Update for Food Trucks- Rick H. will provide updates at a later time.

Community Days 2026 Planning - Rick S. confirmed that Community Days was advertised in the 2026 Car Magazine, Craft vending information is on the forum, and the dunk tank is available for use on June 13<sup>th</sup>-it will need repaired. Much discussion on theme and incorporating 250 years of Idaho celebration. Theme to be voted on next meeting. Earl suggested inviting the Nez Perce Tribe to join the parade & also to connect with Rim Rock Community Farms. Nyla mentioned incorporating honoring the veterans. Kristi will ask for community member suggestions on the forum. Rick H. added that the city is also allowing the Civic to post information on the back of the city newsletter.

Additional Items: A community member requested a later meeting time for Civic meetings-possible 6:30 to allow time for people to get home from work. Discussion. Meetings will remain at 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.