

(Minutes subject to council approval)

CITY OF NEZPERCE, IDAHO

REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 2026

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEZPERCE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEZPERCE, IDAHO, HELD ON February 9, 2026

PLACE: Nezperce City Hall, 606 Maple Street.

Time: 5:30 PM

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Mayor Tyler Nelson at 5:35 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT were Councilmembers Tyler Nelson, Kelby Heartburg, Jim Zenner, and Kimberly Ingram, Maintenance Supervisor Craig Cardwell, Clerk/Treasurer Rhonda Schmidt, and Deputy Clerk Leigh Ross (via Teams), Fire Chief Dave Kuther. Cm. Mike Jensen was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MINUTES of the previous meetings of 1/12/26 and 1/26/26 were approved by a motion by Cm. Zenner, motion was seconded by Cm. Heartburg, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT AND MONTHLY BILLS:

The Clerk's Monthly Treasurer's Report dated February 9, 2026, was examined and approved, showing the following:

Funds on Hand \$ 152,218.53

All bills and payroll disbursements were examined and approved for payment upon motion by Cm. Heartburg and seconded by Cm. Ingram, motion carried. Disbursements totaled \$817,189.90, which included grant disbursements of \$765,683.40, check numbers 18519 through 18560. Receipts from the last meeting totaled \$643,705.39. Checks and stub approvals were appropriately signed by all parties, and all parties signed the February Claim Approval Report.

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED

1. **Recycling Program – Public Input Article – Review and Approve:** The council discussed options regarding informing the public of the issues with recycling and giving the community the opportunity to comment on the program. Maintenance Cardwell suggested that the city go to aluminum-only. The clerk's office will update the notice with options for the community to comment on and publicize it.
2. **Land App project Update – DEQ approval of Water and Sewer Installation to Payne Property:** Cardwell informed the council that the upper building is wired, painted, and that shelving is installed. He is still awaiting the hookup of the pump for pumping to the reservoirs and, of course, the electrical panels. The fencing sub is working on

fence. The council then discussed installing water and sewer to the Payne property. Cm. Zenner moved to proceed with the installation. The motion was duly seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Legion Hall – Ideas? What’s next? The council has had a few weeks to think over the project and the cost estimate to remodel a portion of the Legion. Options moving forward are to do nothing, stay with the design, seek more grants and fundraise, or consider a complete rebuild. Following the discussion, the council would like to investigate a rebuild. Cardwell will contact a few contractors and get some quotes for a 3800-square-foot building.

4. Artificial Intelligence Policy: Following discussion, Cm. Ingram moved to accept the AI Policy as presented, Cm. Heartburg seconded the motion; the motion carried.

5. Website Update – New Council pictures on March 9th: Clerk Schmidt was pleased to inform the council that the new city website is up and running. She praised Leigh and Bridget for the time and work involved to get this completed. Schmidt showed the council the website, which is now www.cityofnezperce.gov. The team would like to update the council pictures on the site and announced that pictures will be taken at the next meeting on March 9th. A reminder will be sent to the council to dress in city attire.

6. Pickleball Courts – Review Contractor Quote: Discussion followed as the council worked through ideas regarding the tennis courts. The council would like to improve the facility as a whole instead of just the area where the pickleball courts are proposed. Mayor Nelson asked about funds for improvements. Clerk Schmidt has a Tennis Court account with \$20K that was earmarked for restrooms at the courts. At one point, Commissioner McLeod talked about applying for a grant for bathrooms. Schmidt will follow up with McLeod to confirm whether that is still the plan. Sandi Berry also has money in an account that store customers have deposited in for new bathrooms. It was decided that Cardwell would call Knox Concrete and find out how much it would be to grind the entire surface of the courts. The council proposed a court design that keeps the basketball hoops, a tennis court, and 2 pickleball courts.

7. Dog Complaints- What steps? Following the discussion, Mayor Nelson will speak with Sheriff Davis and discuss the city’s recourse for dog issues. The council would like to see some tickets go out for barking dogs. Nelson will report back to the council.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. Maintenance:

Sewer: Cardwell stated that the lagoons are full and is hopeful that the electrical pumps will be installed so he can start pumping to the reservoirs. The Ash Street project is completed.

Water: Maintenance has a new meter to install and has fixed a leak from a pole replacement.

2. Clerk:

Clerk Schmidt reported that a sidewalk grant and the America250 grant were completed last month. Schmidt added that there will be a public hearing at the next meeting to amend the budget for the work that has been done on Ash Street, which has put the street fund over budget, and to pull the remaining grant funds over from last year that weren’t used because the project was extended into this year.

3. Fire Department:

Chief Kuther informed the clerk that a bill for supplies will be coming in and will need to be split between the city and the rural areas. The training academy is scheduled for April for the volunteers.

4. Code Enforcement:

The house on the corner of 2nd and Pine has been removed. Still waiting on probate for something to happen with the Hamilton house.

COUNCIL COMMENT/OTHER:

ADJOURNMENT: Cm. Heartburg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m. The motion was duly seconded and the motion carried.

Other/Upcoming Events:

Upcoming Council Meetings: March 9th at 5:30 PM and April 13th at 7 AM
Closures: February 16th

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

Tyler R. Nelson, Mayor

Rhonda J. Schmidt, Clerk-Treasurer