

(Minutes subject to council approval)

CITY OF NEZPERCE, IDAHO

SPECIAL MEETING

June 24, 2026

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEZPERCE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEZPERCE, IDAHO, HELD ON June 24, 2026.

PLACE: Nezperce City Hall, 606 Maple Street.

Time: 7:30 AM

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Council President Kim Ingram at 7:33AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No Public Comment:

PRESENT were Councilmembers Kim Ingram, Mike Jensen, Jim Zenner, and Kelby Heartburg. Maintenance Supervisor Craig Cardwell, Clerk/Treasurer Rhonda Schmidt, and Deputy Clerk Leigh Ross.

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED

1. **Council Selection for Mayor Vacancy:** Cm. Jensen made a motion to appoint Kim Ingram as Mayor and to replace former Mayor Tyler Nelson on the CEDA board. The motion was seconded by Cm. Zenner. The roll call vote was as follows:
Jensen: Aye
Zenner: Aye,
Heartburg: Aye.
2. **Swearing in of Appointed Mayor:** Clerk/Treasurer Rhonda Schmidt swore in Kim Ingram as Mayor.
3. **2025 Audit – Review and Approval of Audit and Invoice:** Clerk/Treasurer Schmidt asked the Council whether there were any questions regarding the audit. No questions were raised about the audit; however, the Council requested clarification on the invoice because the totals did not appear to be correct. Cm. Zenner made a motion to accept the audit and pay the invoice once it is corrected. The motion was seconded by Cm. Heartburg. The motion carried.
4. **New Council Member Suggestions:** The Council discussed candidates to fill the vacant council seat. Chase Lunders was suggested because he was listed on the ballot in the last election, and the Council will contact him to confirm whether he remains interested. The Council also noted Steve Bateman's interest and identified Preston Hill as another possible candidate. Council members will continue reaching out to these individuals and others in the community to gauge interest.
5. **WW Reuse Project: Change Order #9 – Review and Approval:** Maintenance Supervisor Craig Cardwell explained that the pipe inside the PIPS building was unstable and needed to be stabilized. He noted that Change Order #9 would address the stabilization work and include the installation of a filter. Cm. Heartburg made a motion to approve the change order. The motion was seconded by Cm. Zenner. The motion carried.
6. **Field Seeding Options – Discussion and Approval:** The Council discussed field preparation and seeding options. Drew Leitch was hired to cultivate the field. A representative from Hefty Seed advised that

Roundup Ready alfalfa is available for \$8.10 and recommended packing the field before seeding. He also advised waiting until irrigation is ready, planting the seed approximately one-half inch deep, and seeding after a significant rain if possible. The recommended seeding rate is 15 to 18 pounds per acre. The Council discussed checking local suppliers before purchasing seed from Hefty Seed and requested that seed warranty information be reviewed. Maintenance Supervisor Craig Cardwell asked whether he should purchase the alfalfa in advance. The Council directed Cardwell to research seed companies, custom-farming costs, and field-seeding options. Cm. Jensen, Cm. Heartburg, and Cm. Zenner noted that a cultivator may be available if needed. Cm. Zenner also asked Cardwell to speak with Drew Leitch about addressing the edge of the field, which appears somewhat dilapidated.

COUNCIL COMMENT/OTHER: Mayor Ingram volunteered Bryce Ingram to grind the tennis court for the city, as the equipment they have is difficult to operate, and they would feel better using it than loaning it to the city. Cardwell received a bid from Live-Wire Electric to replace the lights at the tennis court. The cost will be \$750.00 with a rebate from Avista. The Council told Cardwell to go ahead with the repair.

ADJOURNMENT: Cm. Heartburg moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 AM. The motion was seconded by Cm. Zenner, motion carried.

Other/Upcoming Events:

Upcoming Council Meetings: July 15th and August 10th at 7:00 AM

Closures: July 3 and September 7th

Kimberly J. Ingram, Mayor

Rhonda J. Schmidt, Clerk-Treasurer