



# CITY OF IDAHO CITY

## AGENDA

### SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

9:00 A.M.

City Hall, 511 Main Street, Idaho City, ID 83631

MINUTES

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Interim Mayor Secor called the special city council meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Clerk Keeton called roll. Mathews, Elliott, Adams, Secor in attendance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Interim Mayor Secor led the pledge of allegiance.

### I. ENGINEER'S REPORT

#### A. 2025 ANNUAL REUSE PERMIT **ACTION ITEM**

Derek Probst with Consor explained the Annual Reuse Permit. Councilor Elliott made a motion, seconded by Adams, to approve the 2025 Annual Reuse Permit. Adams aye, Elliott aye, Mathews aye, Secor aye. Motion carried. Councilor Elliott had some questions for the engineers and proceeded to explain that she found a construction funding application from 2024, and it laid out where the monies from the grant would go. Elliott asked for a timeline on the priorities on that application document because of the community outreach regarding the roads. Discussion on the different projects and timelines ensued. Kenny Everhart was present and explained some background on what he had directed the engineers to prioritize. Elliott asked for a timeline on the Main Street main line replacement and Probst explained that that was not originally on the top of the priority list, but he has sent over information on the water plant project for review and other items can be discussed. Discussion on the water mains and service line connections ensued. Clerk Keeton added that it was suggested to wait until some of the grants for sewer line replacement came up so that potentially the mains could be changed at the same time. Council decided to add infrastructure to the existing budget workshop on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

### II. PUBLIC WORKS

#### A. PUBLIC WORKS NEW TRUCK LEASE W/ BANCORP **ACTION ITEM**

City Attorney Williams explained that he is waiting to hear back from the lender on a couple of items, but everything looked good. Councilor Mathews made a motion, seconded by Adams, to approve the new truck lease contingent on the verbiage of the buyout. City Attorney Williams added that with the pricing there needs to be a discussion on why this is in the benefit of the city. Council deferred to Nick Mancera, who explained many reasons that the truck will benefit the Public Works Department and the City in day-to-day activities as well as hauling trailers, heavy material, and the current dump trailer the city owns. Elliott aye, Mathews aye, Adams aye, Secor aye. Motion carried.

#### B. WATER TRAILER - LEASE W/ BANCORP **ACTION ITEM**

Clerk Keeton explained that it was decided to not go the lease route at this point. Nick Mancera explained that he did find a used trailer in Twin Falls for \$9500. Discussion on water trailers and maintenance ensued. Interim Mayor Secor asked the Clerk if the city had the money from the surplus sales to purchase a water trailer. Keeton explained that the money is available, but she was concerned with the availability in the bank account due to some of the reimbursements on the water project. However one of the reimbursements from the generator was approved and the money should be coming. Discussion on pricing and the annual cost for a lease ensued. Councilor Mathews brought up a website that had water trailers for sale and discussion ensued. Councilor Elliott asked if it would be possible to wait until after the budget workshop to see what funds are available. Mancera brought up mag for the city streets and explained there is a different product available that would save quite a bit of money. Discussion on the product ensued. Council asked for this to be put on a future agenda.

### III. MAYOR

#### A. MAYORAL CANDIDATE INTERVIEW / APPOINTMENT **ACTION ITEM**

Council began the interviews with Jackis Bridwell and then moved to Ryan Heffington. Councilor Elliott went through the questions provided by Clearwater.

1. Why are you interested in serving as Mayor at this time? – Bridwell responded that she was Mayor previously and also had a full-time job. Currently she has more time to commit to the city. Heffington responded that he is a doer, and he believes there is money to be spent for infrastructure, and he feels he can help guide in the right direction.

2. What do you see as the primary responsibilities of the Mayor in Idaho City? – Bridwell responded that the Mayor is the administrator. The Council are the ones who decide what is best for the city along with the citizen input. Heffington responded that the Mayor is kind of like the hub of the wheel that helps with all moving parts.

3. How would you work with the City Council and staff to make decisions and address community issues? – Bridwell responded that communication is the key. Council and the citizens are the ones that have the direction in which they think is the best for the city. Bridwell thought she could work well with council and the city. Heffington responded head on. He is not one to be in the back and would rather ask questions.

4. How would you ensure transparency and maintain public trust while serving as Mayor? – Bridwell responded that when possible the true answer is what needs to be given. Provide as much information as possible and show them what is being done. Heffington responded that he believes transparency is pretty easy. You do what you say and say what you do.

5. What do you believe are the most important issues facing Idaho City right now, and how would you approach them? – Bridwell responded, infrastructure, and it has been that way for years. Heffington responded Infrastructure, without water there is no life, and he believes with his construction background he can do a good job.

6. Can you share an example of a time you worked through a difficult decision or conflict? – Bridwell explained that she had an employee that was not performing their duties and was dealing with some hard times. Bridwell had to sit down with that individual and talk things out and ultimately let them go. Heffington explained his bout with cancer and the trials and issues he had during that time.

7. How would you balance differing opinions among council members or the community? – Bridwell responded that everyone has their own opinions but ultimately council has the final decision. Questions need to be asked and discussed with both council and the citizens, but council has the final say. Heffington responded that everyone has their own opinion and the easiest thing to do with someone with has a different opinion than yours is to listen to them.

8. What is your approach to engaging with residents and gathering input? – Bridwell explained that she worked on the original water bond and in order to get people to come to the public hearings they needed to go door-to-door to ensure involvement. Heffington responded that he does not mind going door-to-door. It would depend on what the project or challenge and that would base how he would proceed.

9. How would you handle a situation where you disagree with the council majority? – Bridwell explained that she may disagree, but council is the boss. Heffington responded that council rules and he works for them.

Councilor Elliott asked Bridwell if she was currently a full time resident and Bridwell responded yes, Idaho City is her home. The recent time spent down in the valley was due to doctors' appointments.

Councilor Elliott asked Heffington his availability and he responded he is still cut back. He is currently working in McCall 30 hours a week but that will be changing and is hoping to have more availability for Idaho City.

Councilor Adams asked how transparency would happen between all council members – Bridwell explained she would tell, show, and prove to council all that is being done. Heffington explained that when he was on council he saw a small break in communication and as Mayor he would ensure that everyone gets all the information all the time.

Councilor Mathews made a motion, seconded by Adams, to appoint Ryan Heffington as the next Mayor of the City of Idaho City. Adams aye, Elliott aye, Mathews aye, Secor aye. Motion carried.

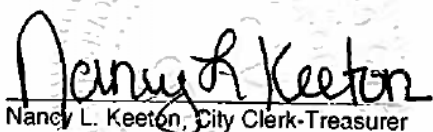
Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Councilor Mathews.

ADJOURNMENT 10:13 AM

ATTEST:

Date approved:

5/27/2026

  
Nancy L. Keeton, City Clerk-Treasurer

  
Tom Secor Jr., Interim Mayor

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