

Bancroft City Council
Monday, June 9, 2025
Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and City Council for Bancroft, Idaho

Roll call showed the following council and staff members present:

Council President Rick P. Hatch, Jessica M. Vawser, Eric Christensen, Nate W. Eiman, Mayor Spencer, and Clerk Swensen

Others in attendance: George Hulse, James Ackerman, Maintenance Page and Maintenance Moreland

Call to Order: Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

Pledge: Mayor Spencer

Prayer: Cm, Nate Eiman

Item: 1 Agenda

Cm, Nate Eiman made a motion to accept the agenda as stated.

Cm, Jessie Vawser 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0

Item: 2 Minutes

Cp, Rick Hatch made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2025

Cm, Eric Christensen 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 3 Accounts Payable

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to pay the accounts payable for May 2025.

Cp, Rick Hatch 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item 4: Review Quotes for Sidewalk Repairs

Council reviewed the quotes but would like to have the contractors specify concrete depth.

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to table the bids until the July council meeting.

Cp, Rick Hatch 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 5 Kennel License-Nancy Mabey

Mayor Spencer noted that the kennel application is complete and includes ample neighbor signatures.

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to approve the kennel permit.

Cp, Rick Hatch 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 6 Building Permit-Mark Dodge/Fence

Cp, Hatch informed council that he has been on site and talked with the property owners about the fence plans. The resident would like to construct a new fence between their house and the neighbors. They will replace a portion of the old fence down the side with a six-foot fence. The fence will not come out the full length of the property. They will find the stakes and make sure it is on their property. Cp, Hatch expressed that he has no concerns about the project but will follow up on location.

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to approve the fence permit under the condition that the boundaries are staked according to the survey.

Cm, Jessie Vawser 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 7 Bentonite Quotes

Mayor Spencer will have the quotes ready for the July council meeting.

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to table the quote review for the July meeting.

Cp, Hatch 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 8 Cost for Manhole Rings and Repairs

Custom Iron in Soda Springs will make the new ring for the manhole by the church. Mayor Spencer suggested patching around the ring once it is on. Maintenance did not have a chance to get the estimate.

Item: 9 Road Damage and Cost

Mayor Spencer received a verbal quote from a local contractor for approximately \$3,100 to repair the section of road recently damaged by a farm hand dropping equipment and dragging it down the road. The city purchased \$1,400 in cold mix recently that can be used. Cm, Vawser asked about putting out the speed bumps to slow traffic on that road due to small children and safety concerns. Cm, Eric Christensen mentioned that residents were driving off the road to get around them last time they were put out. Mayor Spencer suggested asking the Sheriff's department to patrol that road a little more.

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to repair the road and invoice the farmer \$3,100 to cover the cost of materials.

Cm, Nate Eiman 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 10 Council Reports

Cm, Vawser has been approached repeatedly by a resident that owns land adjacent to city property. The resident is upset due to asking the city to stay off her property and stop mowing circles around her pole and box. The resident has consulted with her attorney and was advised to stop staining her side of the fence that divides the two properties. Council discussed options including, moving the fence back several feet so the city can maintain both sides of the fence without going on her property. Council advised maintenance to avoid getting near the property lines with the mower or doing any other maintenance until a definite property line is found. Council discussed the situation and would like to come to an agreement and allow the resident to maintain her side and put up lights and décor as she wishes. Council asked clerk Swensen to contact the city attorney and have him draft a legal agreement that will protect both parties and hopefully avoid further issues. Council asked clerk Swensen to contact the surveyor that did the last survey of the property and have him replace the missing boundary markers.

Cm, Vawser is concerned about the fire department and the condition of the trucks. She had a previous member tell her that the batteries are dead and there were other issues last time they tried to respond to an emergency. Mayor Spencer informed council that Davis repair is coming tomorrow to get the big running. He will look at the other trucks and see what needs to be done. Council discussed the vacant fire chief position and shortage of volunteer firefighters. Council will reach out to their neighbors and other residents to see if they can get more interest in the fire chief and volunteer positions.

Cm, Vawser asked about the signs around town that are still down and the one still laying in the ditch. Maintenance advised that the sign in the ditch does not belong to the city but they will take care of the other signs that are down.

Cm, Eric Christensen asked if the parade candy has been ordered yet. Clerk Swensen advised that the city has been purchasing the parade candy from Winco Foods for the last couple of years due to the large jump in pricing. Clerk Swensen will pick up the candy in the next few weeks.

Cm, Nate Eiman informed council that he will be moving soon due to new employment. He will submit a resignation letter before he leaves.

Maintenance workers asked who maintains the rodeo bleachers. Mayor Spencer informed that the rodeo committee has been maintaining them.

Mayor Spencer advised council that the water tanks will need to be cleaned this next year and the funds will need to be budgeted.

Mayor Spencer informed the council that Helena is still having issues with their water pressure. The city put a cap on it but the pressure is the same. Helena would like to try putting in a stand along pipe. They are designed to prevent backflow and will not come into contact with the trucks.

Cm, Christensen suggested talking to DEQ about the stand pipe. Council agrees that this may be also be a good place for the fire trucks to fill up.

Mayor Spencer asked council what they thought about flying a large flag on a crane for July 24th. The flag can be positioned by the school where it would be out of the way. Mayor Spencer will make the arrangements with his employer. Council agreed that a jumbo flag would be very nice to have in town.

Airport Manager George Hulse informed council that the weeds at the airport need sprayed. Council members would like to add the purchase of weed spray to the next agenda.

James Ackerman let council know that he has been cleaning up the bricks that fell off his building into the alleyway. Council members asked James to get a building permit for the demolition.

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to adjourn regular council meeting and enter Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206 (f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

Cp, Rick Hatch 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0. A roll call vote was taken.

Rick Hatch-Yes

Eric Christensen-Yes

Jessica Vawser-Yes

Nate Eiman-Yes

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to adjourn executive session and enter back into regular session.

Cp, Rick Hatch 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

No additional decisions were made.

Pre-Budget Hearing

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to enter the pre-budget workshop.

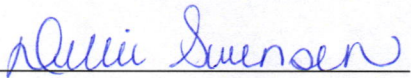
Cp, Rick Hatch 2nd the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Council reviewed all funds and accounts including general, water and sewer. A copy of the bank accounts and balance was given to each council member.

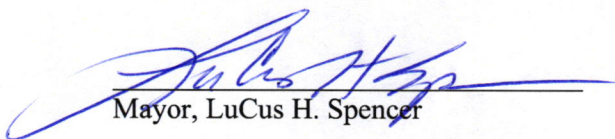
Adjournment

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to adjourn the workshop.

Cm, Vawser 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.


Recorded by: ds
City Clerk /Debbie Swensen

7-14-2025
Date Accepted by Council


Mayor, LuCus H. Spencer