

Bancroft City Council
Monday, January 12, 2026
Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and City Council for Bancroft, Idaho

Roll call showed the following council and staff members present:
Trevor Parsons, Jessica Thurman, Eric Christensen, Jessica Vawser, Mayor Spencer and Clerk Swensen
Newly Elected Officials: Michael Ackerman and Joseph Perry

Others in attendance: James Ackerman, Dusti Spencer, Jyll Kern, Deputy Roper, Hailey Perry, Zach Thurman, Ralph and Debbie Peterson

Call to Order: Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Pledge: Mayor Spencer

Prayer: Eric Christensen

Item: 1 Agenda

Cm, Jessica Vawser made a motion to accept the agenda as stated.

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

Item: 2 Sheriff's Department

Deputy Roper thanked the city council members for their service.

Item: 3 Minutes

Cm, Trevor Parsons made a motion to approve the minutes for December 8, 2026.

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

Item 4: Accounts Payable

Mayor Spencer asked about the lumber purchase on the accounts. Maintenance purchased the lumber to repair the fence at Memorial Park after the storm.

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to pay the accounts payable for December 2026.

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

Mayor Spencer thanked the city council for their hard work and expressed that he enjoyed working with them.

Item: 5 Oath of Office

Jessica L. Thurman

Mayor Spencer read the Oath of Office to Jessica Thurman. Jessica agreed to the oath and signed the legal documents. A copy of the signed oath of office will be on file at city hall.

Michael Gregory Ackerman

Mayor Spencer read the Oath of Office to Michael Ackerman. Michael agreed to the oath and signed the legal documents. A copy of the signed oath of office will be on file at city hall.

Joseph Daniel Perry

Mayor Spencer read the Oath of Office to Joseph Perry. Joseph agreed to the oath and signed the legal documents. A copy of the oath of office will be on file at city hall.

The newly elected officials received newly elected council member packets containing resources and information regarding trainings and their rolls as city council.

Cm, Michael Ackerman made a motion to table items 6-9 on the agenda to allow newly elected officials time to get more familiar with the topics.

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

Council and Staff Reports

Council discussed giving outgoing council and mayors a years-of-service award for their time served on city council. Council agreed that this would be a nice gesture for those who have served on councils.

Maintenance informed council that the utility truck is shaking underneath since the wreck.

Cm, Trevor Parsons has concerns about putting more money into the city truck due to the issues with tires wearing and multiple lights on the dash. Cm, Parsons suggested purchasing a crew cab truck with the insurance reimbursement check so maintenance have a place to put their water samples. The insurance company advised the city that the repair shop will be required to provide proof of the additional damages that were not assessed originally. Mayor Perry would like to take a closer look at the city truck before purchasing a new truck. Council would like to discuss all options further.

Cm, Parsons is concerned about the roof on the main city shop. Several panels of tine have blown off during the recent wind storm. Cm, Parsons would like to find out what the liability insurance will cover. Cm, Parsons asked if the backhoe, skid steer, and plow trucks are running. Maintenance Moreland stated that everything is fixed. Cm, Vawser asked if the Potter shop has been cleaned up. Maintenance asked if they could get a roll-off dumpster. Cm, Vawser reminded maintenance that council approved the rental of a roll off bin at the last council meeting.

Maintenance Page informed council that there are two barrels of liquid possibly motor oil in the Potter shop. Mayor Perry will stop by and look at the barrels.

Mayor Perry discussed the importance of assigning department rolls and responsibilities back to council so one or two council members are not doing all the work. Council members discussed the different departments and agreed to accept assignments.

Mayor Perry stated that he is available most of the time and would be willing to have his number on the city website for after hour emergencies. Cm, Mike Ackerman is also willing to have his number on the city website.

Cm, Vawser asked code enforcement where things are at with the resident citations. Five of the seven citations are still non-compliant and need to be addressed. Code enforcement stated they wanted to make sure the county is planning to back them up. Cm, Vawser stated that the county has agreed to support the city code enforcement in this matter.

Cm, Vawser asked for an updated report showing current utility account balances and dog fee payments.

Cm, Vawser will put a message out a Facebook reminding residents of fees and deadlines.

Cm, Ackerman would like to propose changing the city council meeting time.

Cm, Parsons explained that a time change would be hard for him with his work schedule. Cm, Vawser stated that she is rushing to meetings after work now and cannot commit to being at meetings any earlier. Mayor Perry asked if another day of the week would work better for council.

Council would like to keep the meetings on the same day at the same time for now.

Cm, Mike Ackerman is concerned that the city does not have a fire chief and needs to work on getting someone appointed. Cm, Ackerman needs to have an inspection done on his building soon. Cm, Parsons stated that meetings for the fire department have been held the first Monday of each month at 7pm.

Mayor Perry will contact the current volunteers to see if there is any interest in the fire chief position.

Council discussed where things are at with the estimate for new street lamps. Cm, Thurman would like the lights to all be the same.

Cm, Parsons stated that the quote appears to have the old lights in wattage and the new LED lights in lumens and the difference in lights listed is possibly the level of brightness. Council would like to find out the details on different lumens.

Clerk Swensen reminded the outgoing council members to turn in their city keys and contact the bank to have themselves removed from city bank accounts. Clerk Swensen asked if the city would consider adding Jyll Kern to the bank accounts due to helping out with payroll and accounting overflow.

Public Comment

Cm, Eric Christensen thanked the council and expressed how much he enjoyed working with them as council members. Eric wished the new council member's good luck and stated that he they will do a good job. Eric was on the city council for 20 years and it was a great experience.

Resident Debbie Peterson commended the newly elected officials for being willing to step up and serve the community.

Resident James Ackerman informed council that while visiting his brother who lives in a residential zone, he witnessed his neighbor loudly banging on equipment the whole time. When he went back in the evening the same neighbor was still working on the equipment and something needs to be done about this noise in residential areas.

Adjournment

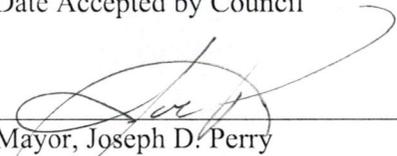
Cm, Jessica Vawser motioned to adjourn.

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



Recorded by: ds
City Clerk /Debbie Swensen

2-9-26
Date Accepted by Council


Mayor, Joseph D. Perry