Bancroft City Council
Monday, September 14, 2026
Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and City Council for Bancroft, Idaho

Roll call showed the following council and staff members present:
Jessica M. Vawser, Trevor Parsons, Michael Ackerman, Jessica Thurman, Mayor Perry, Clerk Swensen
Others Attending: James Ackerman

Call to Order: Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.
Prayer: Cm, Mike Ackerman
Pledge: Mayor Perry

Item: 1 Agenda
Cm, Trevor Parsons made a motion to approve the agenda.
Cm, Mike Ackerman 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 2 SICOG – Sports Court Contract
Cm, Jessica Thurman made a motion to approve the contract showing dates and sports court agreements.
Cm, Michael Ackerman 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 3 Annual Appropriations Ordinance No. 313
Council reviewed the Appropriations Ordinance for fiscal year 2026-2027.
Cm, Mike Ackerman made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 313.
Cm, Trevor Parsons 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 4 Meeting Minutes
1. Regular City Council Meeting 8-10-2026

Cm, Jessica Thurman made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 10, 2026.
Cm, Mike Ackerman 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Public Hearing 8-24-2026

Cm, Mike Ackerman made a motion to approve the agenda as stated.
Cm, Trevor Parsons 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 5 Accounts Payable
Cm, Trevor Parson made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable for August 2026.
Cm, Mike Ackerman 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 6 Building Permits
1. Val Eddins/Fence Cm, Mike Ackerman visited the project site. All setbacks have been checked and meet city code.

Cm, Trevor Parsons made a motion to approve the permit.
Cp, Jessie Vawser 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Holly Owens/Fence Permit

The property owner was advised to construct the fence in a straight line with the neighboring fences.
Cm, Mike Ackerman made a motion to approve the fence contingent upon lining up with neighboring fence lines. Cm, Trevor Parsons 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Kennel License - Cindy Clark – location 195 S. 1st E.
The resident filed a Kennel License due to temporarily having 5 dogs. The resident is planning to re-home two or three of the dogs in a few months.

Cm, Jessica Thurman made a motion to approve the Kennel License.
Cm, Trevor Parsons 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 7 Cowboy Ted introduced himself to the city council members. Ted will be staying in the community 2-3 days a week. Ted explained that he works with children and teaches them life skills for better mental health. Ted used to be a tourist director in Utah and is currently working with nine counties up north. Ted works with children of all ages using animals and the outdoors to help improve mental health. Ted has an assembly coming up geared around bicycle safety. Ted teaches children roping skills using a scooter, stick horses, and music for enhancing their health.
Ted recently held a successful assembly in the state of Minnesota and one in Montana. Ted explained how children really benefit from these services and he would love to extend his talents and services to this community. The cost for 4 events is $500 but the city can divide the payments in half for ease of budgeting.
Council agreed to have Ted get involved and attend upcoming events. Council explained that there will be a ribbon cutting and Lighting of the Square that Ted is welcome to attend and work with the community. Ted will send a code allowing the city to divide the payments up with his discounts.

Item: 5 CDBG Contact
The government requires that all cities have a contact on file for their ADA grants and correspondence.
Cm, Mike Ackerman made a motion to appoint the clerk to being the contact.
Cm, Trevor Parsons 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 6 Fee Schedule Review
Cm, Trevor Parsons made a motion to table the review of city fees.
Cm, Mike Ackerman 2nd the motion. Motion passed. 4-0.

Item: 7 Lion's Club - Property Line Dispute
Wolf Delbridge represents the Bancroft Lion's Club. Wolf explained that the Lions Club building has a water leak that's needs repairs but the contractor was not able to access the building due to a fence built by the adjoining neighbor which blocks the access. The Lion's Club hosts a community breakfast each year and has always used that side of the building for access until the fence was put in recently. The Lion's Club has asked the neighbor to move the fence but he refuses to accommodate their needs. The adjoining neighbor was in attendance and stated that he will allow a contractor access to fix the water leak but that is it. The adjoining neighbor stated that he had a survey done in 2020 and the deed says he owns 20 feet towards the Lion's Club Building.
Council members stated that they cannot get involved in a boundary line dispute but recommended the Lion's Club get a survey.

Item 8: Council Reports
Cm, Trevor Parsons is happy with the outcome of the new roof on the city shop.
Cm, Parsons would like to see the potholes fixed before it gets too cold. There are several spots by the Gem Motel that need to be filled. Cm, Parsons will drive around town and make a list of areas needing attention before winter.
Cm, Mike Ackerman would like the city to address the situation with the Idaho Department of Water Resources due to the requirement to meter the water from the wells. Council will look into the cost and address the issue at the meeting in October.
Cm, Jessica Thurman would like to order jumbo scissors for a ribbon cutting ceremony in honor of the new sports court at Memorial Park.
Cm, Thurman would like to use the funds that were set aside for the boot scoot dance and use them to purchase the food for a ribbon cutting. Council would like to serve the community hot dogs, chips, and

cookies. Clerk Swensen will pick up the food at Costco once council sets a date. Cm, Thurman will make the flyers.
Cm, Jessica Thurman motioned to use the $500 that was set aside for the dance to fund the ribbon cutting. Cm, Mike Ackerman 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Clerk Swensen reported on the Idaho City Clerks and Financial Officers meeting. The conference was beneficial and the main questions regarding health insurance for city employees was addressed. Kelly Packer with AIC will be writing and proposing a new bill that would allow small cities the opportunity to sign up for health insurance under the umbrella of larger entities.
Mayor Perry talked with the county road and bridge coordinator, Kevin McLain regarding Airport and Gilbert road improvements. The recommendation was to gravel the road for now and the county will spray a layer of Mag Chloride free of charge to help keep the road free of dust and give it time for compaction so it is ready for chip seal in the spring. Mayor Perry will have city maintenance measure the road.
Council discussed having Watts Up and Rocky Mountain Power submit estimates for installing power boxes in the camp sites at Memorial Park. Cm, Ackerman asked if the park has a transformer on the grounds. Mayor Perry will check and get back with council.
Mayor Perry will have maintenance haul the dirt from Billy Chacon's house to backfill the hole at the city airport.
Cm, Ackerman asked if the city is going to keep allowing residents to dump their debris at the airport after the Division of Aeronautics advised against public dumping. Council discussed the need to become compliant with the Aeronautics Division in order to get grants in the future. Council unanimously agreed to set a deadline of November 1st and post signs stating no dumping allowed. This will give residents time to adjust to the new regulations.

Adjournment:
Cm, Jessica Thurman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Cm, Trevor Parsons 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Debbie Swensen
City Clerk, Debbie Swensen

10-13-26
Date Accepted by Council

Mayor, Joseph D. Perry