

AGENDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 2025 AT 9:30 A.M.
AT THE MOUNTAIN HOME CITY HALL
160 SOUTH 3RD EAST STREET

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

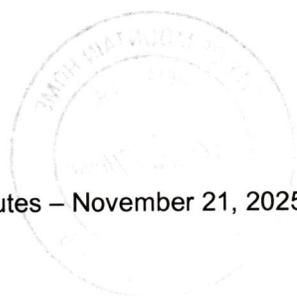
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Has any Council Member received information pertaining to, or otherwise had any contact with any person regarding any items on this City Council agenda? If so, please set forth the nature of the contact.

AGENDA ITEM

- 1) Action Item: Deliberation/Decision regarding a written statement from the City Council concerning Pioneer Federal Credit Union.

ADJOURN



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO,
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The Council of the City of Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho, met at Mountain Home City Hall, 160 South 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho, on November 21st, 2025. A quorum was established with Councilwoman Garvey, Councilman Brennan, Councilman Harjo, and Mayor Sykes. Councilwoman Wirkkala was present via phone.

Mayor Sykes said that Paul Fitzer, City Attorney, had requested that an Executive Session be added at the end of the meeting.

Councilman Harjo made a motion to add Executive Session Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(f) at the end of the meeting. Councilman Brennan seconded the motion. The vote goes as follows: Councilwoman Garvey; aye, Councilman Brennan; aye, Councilwoman Wirkkala; aye, Councilman Harjo; aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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No Council Members had anything to declare.

AGENDA ITEM

1) Action Item: Deliberation/Decision regarding a written statement from the City Council concerning Pioneer Federal Credit Union.

Councilwoman Wirkkala said she did not have her computer with her and asked that someone text her a photo of the statement. She asked why this was the first time she had seen the letter and wanted to know who wrote it and when.

Councilman Harjo stated that he wrote the bulk of the letter at 8:45 a.m. that morning. He expressed disappointment and concern regarding statements made by Councilwoman Wirkkala. He noted that she was within her rights to state her position on the donation and branding, but he believed the comments that followed were unprofessional and did not represent the City or the City Council. He said the donation was generous, although not yet finalized by the City or Pioneer Federal Credit Union, and that the wording used in her statements was not appropriate for the City and could harm the reputation of a long-standing business partner that had contributed significantly to the community for more than seven decades.

Councilwoman Wirkkala discussed the email she had sent to the CEO of Pioneer Federal Credit Union, along with the emails she had sent to the City Attorney.

Councilman Harjo stated that his concern was not that Councilwoman Wirkkala acted within her role as a Council member, but rather that her statements about Pioneer Federal Credit Union were unprofessional.

Councilwoman Wirkkala expressed frustration over the short notice for the meeting and for receiving the letter. She stated that she did not want a branded park, noting that constituents had shared the same view, and concluded by saying she would not sign the letter.

Councilman Brennan stated that he agreed Councilwoman Wirkkala could express her views, but he also had the right to disagree. He noted that the park was a long-term community project benefiting local children and added that he had not heard from any constituents opposing potential branding. He concluded that the park would provide a benefit to the community.

Councilwoman Garvey stated that communities relied on business donations and referenced parks in Boise, noting that without such contributions, they would not exist. She emphasized that Mountain Home was no different despite being smaller. She agreed that Councilwoman Wirkkala had the right to express her views but said the community would not want to jeopardize Pioneer Federal Credit Union's opportunity to fund Railroad Park. She also suggested removing the last sentence of the first paragraph, as it reflected opinion.

Councilwoman Wirkkala restated that constituents had shared their concerns with her, and she had conveyed those concerns in her role as a Council member.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to strike the last sentence of the first paragraph and proceed forward with signing the letter. Councilwoman Garvey seconded the motion. The vote goes as follows: Councilman Harjo; aye, Councilman Brennan; aye, Councilwoman Garvey; aye, Councilwoman Wirkkala; nay. The motion passed by majority vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1) Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(f) – to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

Councilman Harjo made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(f). Councilwoman Garvey seconded the motion. The vote goes as follows: Councilwoman Wirkkala; aye, Councilman Brennan; aye, Councilwoman Garvey; aye, Councilman Harjo; aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

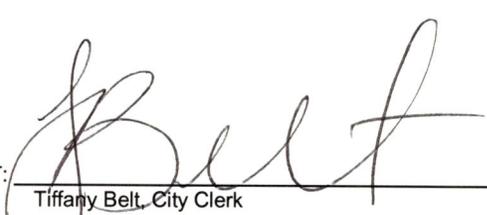
The Council entered into Executive Session at 9:50 a.m.

The Council came out of Executive Session at 10:09 a.m.

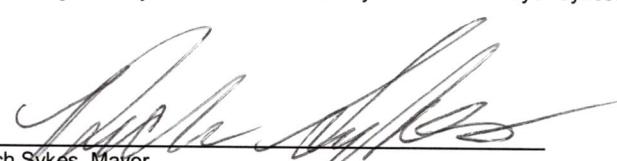
ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 A.M. by orders from Mayor Sykes.

ATTEST:


Tiffany Belt, City Clerk

Council Minutes – November 21, 2025


Rich Sykes, Mayor

