

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO,
HELD ON DECEMBER 9TH, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M.
AT MOUNTAIN HOME CITY HALL CHAMBERS
MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO

- ##### CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM
- ##### PUBLIC HEARING
1) Public Hearing on Fiber Optic Fees
- ##### PRESENTATION/GUEST
1) Rachel Klein to speak on behalf of Republic Service regarding the annual rate adjustment for garbage and recycling services.
- ##### RECOGNIZING PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE
- ##### CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION
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The Council of the City of Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho, met at the Mountain Home City Hall Chambers, 160 South 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho, on December 9th, 2025. A quorum was established with Councilwoman Garvey, Councilwoman Wirkkala, Councilman Brennan, Councilman Harjo being present. Mayor Sykes was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) Public Hearing on Fiber Optic Fees

The public hearing opened at 5:05 P.M.

The public hearing closed at 5:05 P.M.

PRESENTATION/GUEST

1) Rachele Klein to speak on behalf of Republic Service regarding the annual rate adjustment for garbage and recycling services.

Rachele Klein with Republic Services presented the City with their annual report and a PI request. She said that the annual rate adjustment for this year was by contract 5.36% but that they were asking for a 4.75% instead.

There was a discussion between Councilwoman Wirkkala and Rachele regarding the CPI increase in the waste collection contract.

There was a discussion between Councilman Brennan and Rachele regarding household hazardous waste collection events. Councilman Brennan asked if other communities held multiple events per year. Rachele noted that Meridian held weekly events, Boise three days a week, and Kuna once per quarter.

Councilman Brennan then asked about the estimated cost for the City to hold a second annual event, and Rachele offered to provide those numbers to him and the Council.

Councilman Harjo thanked Rachele for her time.

RECOGNIZING PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Kathy Brooks spoke about the water quality she had been experiencing and asked what the City was going to do to fix the situation.

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Councilman Brennan asked if Item 9 could be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councilwoman Wirkkala asked if Items 16 and 17 could be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to pass the Consent agenda pulling Items 9, 16, and 17 to new business.

Councilwoman Garvey seconded the motion. The vote goes as follows: Councilwoman Garvey; aye, Councilman Brennan; Councilwoman Wirkkala; aye, Councilman Harjo; aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Items removed from the Consent Agenda

9) Approve the agreement for Azuga and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Councilman Brennan said that this was the second time that this had been on the agenda and it was pulled the first time as well. He said that it lacked the details of cost.

Councilman Brennan made a motion for this to be tabled for a future agenda. Councilwoman Garvey 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.

16) Approve the Finding of Facts to amend the entitled R-4 PUD "Turner House Depot" with conditions.

Councilwoman Wirkkala stated that she voted nay during the September 23rd meeting and she said that she would keep her vote the same for Item 16 and 17.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the Finding of Facts to amend the entitled R-4 PUD "Turner House Depot" with conditions. Councilwoman Garvey seconded the motion. The vote goes as follows: Councilwoman Garvey; aye, Councilman Brennan; aye, Councilwoman Wirkkala; nay, Councilman Harjo; aye. The motion passed by majority vote.

17) Approve the Finding of Facts to amend the "Turner House Depot" preliminary plat with conditions.

Councilwoman Wirkkala stated same statement as previously said.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the Finding of Facts to amend the "Turner House Depot" preliminary plat with conditions. Councilwoman Garvey seconded the motion. The vote goes as follows: Councilwoman Garvey; aye, Councilman Brennan; aye, Councilwoman Wirkkala; nay, Councilman Harjo; aye. The motion passed by majority vote.

2) Action Item: Deliberation/Decision to provide City issued cell phones to seated elected officials.

Councilman Brennan said that in his eight years as a Council member, he had not felt the need to have a publicly issued cellphone. He also stated that with an issued cell phone, everything is tracked, to include your location and text messages would then become public record.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to deny providing City issued cell phones to seated elected officials other than the Mayor. Councilman Harjo seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Wirkkala stated that the letter received from Tiffany Belt, City Clerk, stated that staff was recently approached by members of council-elect inquiring whether the City provided cell phones for use in their official capacity. She then asked if the two council-elects would come forward to discuss.

Tiffany Belt stated that it was just an inquiry from one of the elects to the City IT Department just asking if the City provided cell phones. She stated that it wasn't council-elect asking for cell phones, rather just an inquiry as to whether they were provided or not.

Decker Sanders stated that he raised the question due to the fact of on the City website it showed the Council members and their email addresses and cell phone numbers. His inquiry was on whether they were City cell phone or private cell phone numbers.

Brendan McCarthy reiterated that it was not a request, it was just an inquiry.

Councilman Harjo reminded that there was a motion and a second on the table and called for the question. The vote goes as follows: Councilwoman Garvey; aye, Councilman Brennan; aye, Councilwoman Wirkkala; aye, Councilman Harjo; aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3) Action Item: Deliberation/Decision regarding Resolution #28-2025R regarding Fiber Optic Fees and authorizing signature of resolution.

Councilman Brennan asked city staff to confirm the monthly maintenance and operation rate of \$17.50/1 GBPS and whether the 10-gigabyte addition would be included.

Tiffany Belt explained that the only edits to the resolution were in the fiber section 1E, changing the first sentence from \$36 to \$20, and on the back page, removing bullets five and six while adding bullet four as a \$2,400 development fee requiring a development agreement.

Councilwoman Garvey made a motion to approve Resolution #28-2025R regarding Fiber Optic Fees and authorizing signature of resolution. Councilman Brennan seconded the motion. The vote goes as follows: Councilwoman Garvey; aye, Councilman Brennan; aye, Councilwoman Wirkkala; nay, Councilman Harjo; aye. The vote passed by majority vote.

ORDINANCE

1) Ordinance 1810 – Annexation of "Blue Yonder West".

Councilwoman Garvey made a motion to approve Ordinance 1810 and suspend the three-reading rule and hear the reading for its one and only reading time. Councilman Harjo seconded the motion. The vote goes as follows: Councilwoman Garvey; aye, Councilman Brennan; Councilwoman Wirkkala; aye, Councilman Harjo; aye. The motion passed by unanimous

vote.

The City Clerk read the Ordinance for its first and final reading.

Councilman Harjo asked, "Does the Council wish this ordinance to pass."

The votes goes as follows: Councilwoman Garvey; aye, Councilman Brennan; aye, Councilwoman Wirkkala; aye, Councilman Harjo; aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

2) Ordinance 1811 – to Zone R-4 PUD Blue Yonder West.

Councilwoman Garvey made a motion to approve Ordinance 1811 and suspend the three-reading rule and hear the reading for its one and only reading time. Councilman Harjo seconded the motion. The vote goes as follows: Councilwoman Garvey; aye, Councilman Brennan; Councilwoman Wirkkala; aye, Councilman Harjo; aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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3) Ordinance 1812 amending the R-4 PUD entitled "Turner House Depot".

Councilwoman Garvey made a motion to approve Ordinance 1812 and suspend the three-reading rule and hear the reading for its one and only reading time. Councilman Harjo seconded the motion. The vote goes as follows: Councilwoman Garvey; aye, Councilman Brennan; Councilwoman Wirkkala; aye, Councilman Harjo; aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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STAFF MEMOS

Councilman Harjo said regarding the Caselle memo, it would need to come back before the Council in order to enact payment and said that it would be an action item.

Councilwoman Garvey confirmed that the City must develop a 20-year CIP plan to stay compliant. She asked about past work with Galina and noted they can provide what is needed to update impact fees, though it is costly.

Tiffany said they started the process about three weeks ago with legal and the department. They expect to bring it back to the Council shortly after the first of the year.

FINAL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Wirkkala and Tiffany discussed Microsoft Teams Townhall and how it would be available to the community, however, tonight was a technical difficulty, and the stream did not work out. Going forward the stream would occur on Teams Townhall and then the following morning the video footage would be uploaded to YouTube.

Councilman Brennan reminded everyone that there would not be a second meeting for December, that the next Council meeting would be in January. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Councilman Harjo thanked everyone that participated in Shop with a Cop this year.

Paula Szafranski, City Treasurer, stated that due to the Christmas parade being cancelled on Friday due to weather, the tree lighting celebration would be taking place tomorrow night at 6:00 pm.

Councilman Harjo wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m. by orders from Councilman Harjo.

ATTEST: 
Tiffany Belt, City Clerk

