

# CITY OF CROUCH

Meeting of the City Council

December 10th, 2025

6:30 p.m.

**City Hall**

Garden Valley, ID 83622

## Minutes Regular Council Meeting

The public has the right to attend meetings, with the exception of lawful executive sessions.

**\*\*Changes on agenda are for emergencies only.\*\***

**Mayor-Trevor Schiefelbein**  
**Council President-Mike Hefner**  
**Shawna Martin**  
**Tom Wentz**  
**Steve Pedersen**

**Treasurer-Steve Raddigan**  
**Water Master- Terry Tucker-absent**  
**City Clerk- Bonnie Horsewood**  
**City Attorney-Geoff Schroader-by phone if needed**

### Open Regular Council Meeting 6:30

Pledge of Allegiance

- **Consent Agenda**
  - Review of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 12th, 2025
  - Review of Payables & Financials
  - (\*) Approve Consent Agenda- Member SM made the Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda, Member MH second the Motion. All: Yes, Motion passed.
- **Municipal Water System**
  - (\*) Watermaster Report- Terry was not at the meeting. Member MH tried calling Terry but no response. We need to make contact with him.
- **New Business**
  - (\*) Discussion/Decision Tony Free for grounds keeper at City Hall area- Tony Free would like to do the yardwork around the City Hall area. His fee was going to be \$400 during the Summer because it the peak season however he will offer \$250 because there is less to do in the Winter. Tony would like to plant plants in our garden sections along with mowing. He would just like to clean up the area and make it look nice. Tony has a vested interest as he was with the Christmas Tree, with this being central to his business. Tony would also like to do this to offset the cost of the water. He cannot split up the water to each business unit in his complex. The Mayor spoke to Geoff about this and went ahead and approved this but he would like to get the Council's opinions. Council Members said if Tony wants to plant plants, is he paying for them? Mayor said he will have to get more in depth about specifics of what the City will be purchasing and what Tony will be buying. Council's opinion is positive, need the fine details clarified. Will table this and put it on the Agenda for January. Mayor will follow up with Tony and get all the information needed to make a decision.
  - (\*) Discussion/Decision on floor repair by the furnace in Community Hall- The floor in the hallway by the furnace is spongy from previous leakage. Steve Raddigan asked if

this was a current problem or from past leakage. Member MH said that the drainage hose goes up 12' and is then dispelled outside. His question was, why was it done that way? Steve R. said because they did not want to go under the building. Possibly when the new floor is put in the drain hose can be put out from under Community Hall, not above. Kim said she had noticed the floor being weak and the wall behind the furnace looked like it may have had water on it. Bonnie will check our deductible on this. Member Steve Pedersen will look at this tomorrow. Table until January's meeting.

- (\*) Discussion on LOT projects- Discussions have been to refinish the Community Hall floor, walking path, Forrest Service Vault (potty), Community Hall outside. Member MH said that he and Steve R. had spoken to the property manager of "James Castle Park", Lilly, per say, if the City did all the footwork, surveying and the LOT Split, etc, would they be interested in turning that property over to the City. Lilly said yes! She would need a proposal with exactly how much of the land we would want. If we go ahead with the proposal and they agree, then we could go ahead and get a survey done, get quit claim back and forth, done! One idea as well, if we were to put in a Vault for the park, would they be willing to let us hook up to their septic tank? This is ONLY a question. There would be maintenance and on-going costs with some of these projects. The LOT will only be collected for 6 more years and hopefully it will stay in place. We should let them give us a number first and go from there. It would be a benefit for them and us as well. Member MH and Steve R. will get in contact with Lilly next week with the information from Council. Acquiring this property would be at the top of the list for LOT projects. It would be the most beneficial for the community. The walkway will still be on the list but it will take a lot more planning and working with the County. We could use more wiring for the city for usable outlets. We need to obtain numbers for all the prospective projects. We need to have a Public workshop after we obtain some numbers, possible in March. Kim asked what is going on with the roads here, potholes on Old Crouch Rd. It is still an issue with the County about this. Technically it is all private land. Member MH has been filling in the holes and will work on filling some of the holes.
- (\*) Discussion/Decision on Coats Construction Concepts Sign Permit Application- Mayor spoke with Geoff regarding this sign. No legal issue with approving it. Member SM made the Motion to approve the Coats Construction sign permit, Member MH Second the Motion. All: Yes. Motion passed.

- **Old Business**

- (\*)

- **Scheduled Delegations**

- (\*) Crouch/Garden Valley Museum Board Report- Kim reported that the Museum is officially closed for the Winter but if someone called and wanted to tour the Museum and it was accessible, no snow, she would be happy to give a tour. Kim found an app called Voice Map, which she is still learning about, which is on the internet. You make the map, which she has the map and they help you with the guiding, something like a digital tour guide. You have to make it but they have editors that help you. They have a fee people pay if they want to hear more history on a certain place. There is no up-front fee for the app, just this fee which they take 50% of that. You log on to the app and say you are in Garden Valley so what is up here to see. It will tell you various places, the history and significance of that place. It does all the places up here to see. She is verifying all that needs to be done for this. They are sending a letter to Al Fry regarding his concerns about the truck by City Hall. Eileen and Dawna put together an article in

the Idaho World. Mayor said they did a wonderful job on it. Kim has also collected information on the creation of the Museum. It will be in the next article.

- **Unscheduled Delegations**

- (\*) **Clerk Report-** Butch Davis from the Forrest Service advised that there is free firewood at the Banks Beach if anyone is interested in taking it. These are BIG logs. No permit or fee is required. He would like it to go to our community. Next month we will have a Public Hearing for Dr. Ballou's rezoning, and we received the Christmas light timers. We will get them put in. For the January meeting we will have to determine who will be the Mayor and I have received two applications for Council Member. Shawna's seat is up and Tom's when he says his is up, he is moving. Tom will have a 5 Year lease here for his business. Steve R. asked if Trevor was going to apply for Mayor again. He said yes if Council wants him. Steve said Council can only say yes if Trevor is willing to. He said yes, he is willing to be Mayor again. The Council has to discuss this position and appoint and approve him. He will fill out the need paperwork. We need this paperwork so that the statements you make can be verified. A gentleman had called regarding the RV park at 422 S. Middlefork Rd. He wants to put tiny homes in there, starting with 8-10. They are on chassis.' Mayor said he would likely need a CUP for that. This would be a Geoff question. There is a question about having to hook up to city water, septic issues and zoning as well. It is zoned Residential & Mixed Use too. The City cannot force anyone to hook up to city water. The Mayor wanted to add that he was Very Grateful for all the people who stepped up to help with all the Christmas decorations, the Star and all the extras! It turned out Amazing. The turnout was Impressive! Kim did light the tree before the Mayor could do the count (laughter). He also wanted to Thank Tracy Raddigan for encouraging him to say the prayer at the lighting! He considers Steve a mentor to him, politically speaking but he noticed a lot of ideas come from his wife and this was an exceptionally good one. Steve R. also said that closing the street was a Great idea! It was very safe for all the people attending. Everyone agreed on this.

- (\*) **Treasurers Report-**Submitted

- **Adjournment- 7:30 PM**

**Next Regular Council Meeting is January 14th, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

***ASTERISK (\*) ITEMS ARE ALL SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE CROUCH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.***