

CITY OF CROUCH

Meeting of the City Council

September 10, 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

Open Regular Council Meeting 6:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor asked before the Meeting begins that we give a moment of silence for the passing of Charlie Kirk. Mayor thanked everyone.

An issue was inadvertently left off of the Agenda. The Mayor asked for a Motion to Amend the Agenda. Member TW moved that this Governing Body, Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-204, Amend the Agenda for this Meeting as follows: Add Action item: Passage of Ordinance 2025-02 to correct legal description in Ordinance 2021-01. Member MH Second the Motion. All: Yes, Motion Passed.

• **Consent Agenda**

- Review of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 13th, 2025
- Review of Payables & Financials
- (*) Approve Consent Agenda- Member MH made the Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda. Member SP Second the Motion, All: Yes, Motion passed.

• **Municipal Water System**

- (*) Watermaster Report- The issue with our water testing missing from April-June was solved. We were in between Watermasters. All is good.

• **New Business**

- (*) Discuss Area of Impact-City Map- Council needs to discuss the Area of Impact boundary. Geoff explained what the Area of Impact entails and all details that go with it. Geoff suggested that the easiest and best area boundary would just be the city boundary of Crouch. That way people could still annex into the City if they wanted to. Our Resolution would say our Area of Impact would be the city boundary and we would send Boise Co. Commissioners/County Clerk, the City of Crouch map, then schedule a Public Hearing on it and they can either adopt it or not but we need to ask if they are

going to deviate on it, to let us know so we can have a sit down meeting. Member MH Made the Motion to Approve the Area of Impact, discussed by the Council, to be the City Limits of Crouch. Member SM Second the Motion. All: Yes, Motion Passed. Council approved the Resolution to be sent to the County with the attached City Map for the city boundary.

- (*) Property Line Adjustment (2)- Council discussed the Property Line Adjustment for Jeff Stoddard on 209 S. Middlefork Rd. Nancy Thomas, the property owner, was in attendance. She is wanting to adjust the property line on her property to create a one-acre lot. Steve Raddigan asked if we can create a separate parcel from an existing parcel without an existing easement to it? This new parcel would be landlocked. Mr. Stoddard said there is a recorded easement, although it is not shown on the map. Per Geoff, there is a requirement for lots to have access to public roads. There needs to be an easement for ingress and egress (for parcel B) for the driveway access which needs to be shown on a map. Mr. Stoddard said there is a strip of land by our water tank that is right by the lot in question which looks like it may be Caughlin's property. Council will have to table this until we get a recorded easement on a map. Mr. Stoddard asked how to get that done. Geoff said he will need to have someone draft up an easement document, a title company may have access to one or call a lawyer. Jeff asked about when that is completed, then what. The Mayor said once it has been completed, Council should not have any concerns about approving the Property Line adjustment. Mr. Stoddard will look into the strip of land that is by the property and see if that would be an option. It appears according to the online map, Diane Caughlin owns it. Will be on the agenda for October's meeting.

Next up is the Property Line Adjustment for Kraig Wees in Packer John. Council has all completed paperwork. Kraig explained what exactly he will be doing, per the Mayor's question. Mayor asked for a Motion. Member SM made the Motion to Approve the Property Line Adjustment at 39 Packer Court. Member MH Second the Motion. All: Yes. Passed.

- (*) Discussion/Decision on Employee Raise- Steve Raddigan said the \$22.50 is not the proposed rate, which was what he put in the budget, but it can go up to \$22.50, depending on Council's decision. Member MH made a Motion to raise the employees pay from \$20 to \$22.50 per hour. Member SP Second the Motion. All: Yes. Passed. Council needed to set an effective date for the raise. Council voted to begin as of October 1st. All: Yes. Passed. (Work done in October)

- **Old Business**

- (*) Discussion/ Decision to Approve FY2025/2026 Budget- Council had gone over the proposed budget last month but had some questions. Steve Raddigan only made one change. That was for the electric usage for the stirrer at the well. It increased from \$30 to \$100 per month. Mayor asked for a Motion. Member MH made the Motion to approve the FY2025-2026 Budget. Member SM Second the Motion. All: Yes, Passed.
- (*) Tim Fritzley-The Edge redraft- Geoff explained what this issue was regarding. All pertaining issues have been corrected. Mayor asked for a Motion. Member MH moved to suspend the rules and adopt this ordinance with a single reading tonight. Member SM Second the Motion. All: Yes. Motion Passed. Member MH moved the adoption of Ordinance 2025-02, correcting the legal descriptions erroneously attached to, and repealing, Ordinance 2021-01. Member SM Second the Motion. All: Yes. Motion Passed.

- **Scheduled Delegations**

- (*) Road Committee Report- Mayor asked if anyone has a street sweeper to sweep the rocks and sand off the side of the road between The Old Merc and the bridge. They get cleaned up but due to weather, vehicle traffic etc. they just return. Since the City doesn't own the street it's up to the business owner of that property to maintain it.
- (*) Crouch/Garden Valley Museum Board Report- Kim was sick so she was not here. Only question was when is the roof going to be started on. Member MH said he had spoken with him and he would be starting it right away.
- **Unscheduled Delegations**
- (*) **Clerk Report** – The Artisan Market people had asked if they could still set up around City Hall again next year if they needed to. They are going to see if they can set up at the gazebo but if they needed more space they would like to set up in town. Greg from GV Market told the Mayor that Starlight was going to take the gazebo. Council suggested that maybe the City could look into acquiring that property behind City Hall. Our alcohol (beer & wine) licenses expire on the 31 of December but the State & Co. expire August 31. Would it be ok if I change ours to coincide with State & County? The Mayor said sure just to prorate it for next year so they aren't paying more. Clerk If it would be ok to get some bids on staining or something to the siding on Community Hall. It is really dry and needs something done. Mayor said to get three bids for that. The plastic hanging at City Hall needs to be removed. Will get with Kim for that. Steve shared with Council that at the Chamber meeting last night they will no longer be doing the Christmas tree lighting & decorations. The Chamber is going to have their own Christmas tree lighting over at The Old Crouch Merc. Steve recommended checking the lights for any bad wires and just decorate it. Council members were not not happy that the Chamber is just dumping it on the city to remove the lights & decorations which take time and manpower. City will take care of it. Mayor asked Council to think about what we should do. Maybe just still have our tree as it has always been. Steve also reported that the Fall Festival is not a Chamber event. The Merc will be doing it. The Chamber will be giving them \$1000 towards it. City will not Be contributing any monies toward porta potties or dumpsters.
- (*) **Treasurers Report-** Submitted
- **Adjournment**

Next Regular Council Meeting is October 8th, 2025 at 6:30 PM
ASTERISK (*) ITEMS ARE ALL SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE CROUCH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Trevor Schiefelbein-Mayor

Bonnie M. Horsewood-Clerk

