

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Ave
Fallon, Nevada
February 3, 2026**

The Honorable City Council met at a regular meeting on the above date in the Council Chambers, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada.

Present:

Mayor Ken Tedford
Councilwoman Kelly Frost
Councilwoman Karla Kent
Councilman Paul Harmon
Chief of Staff Bob Erickson
City Attorney Trent deBraga
City Clerk Treasurer Michael O'Neill
Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee
Public Works Director Brian Byrd
Deputy Public Works Adrian Noriega
Deputy Public Works Marco Guerrero
Deputy Public Works Erik Fain
Chief Daniel Babiarz
Captain John Riley
Captain Jose Perez
City Engineer Derek Zimney
Director of Tourism Jane Moon
Emergency Manager Steve Endacott

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Tedford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the agenda had been posted in compliance with NRS requirements.

City Clerk Treasurer Michael O'Neill advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with the NRS requirements.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments. He noted that comments are to be general in nature, not relative to any agenda items. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place greeted the Council.

- Made comments regarding his timeline and experiences in the military.

No further comments were noted.

Consideration and possible approval of Council Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2025, November 4, 2025, December 2, 2025, December 5, 2025, December 16, 2025, and January 6, 2026.

Councilman Harmon motioned to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2025, November 4, 2025, December 2, 2025, December 5, 2025, December 16, 2025, and January 6, 2026, with no corrections or additions; seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Approval of Warrants

- A) Accounts Payable
- B) Payroll
- C) Customer Deposit

Councilwoman Kent motioned to approve the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants; seconded by Councilman Harmon and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Public hearing for discussion of possible projects to be funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program, for fiscal year 2026-2027.

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated The City proposes to submit one or more projects to be funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program, for fiscal year 2026-2027. The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss comments received on potential applications and approve and rank applications prior to submittal to the State. Proposed projects and estimated funding are listed below: Miscellaneous Sidewalk Improvements - \$150,000, Serpa Lift Station Rebuild - \$750,000. The CDBG Program is administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and is Authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act. The primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant Program is the development of viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities for people with low and moderate income. This Public Hearing is the third and final hearing in the CDBG process. I have attached summaries on the back of this agenda. The Serpa Lift Station as well as the proposed sidewalk to be replaced.

Councilwoman Kent inquired if both projects would be submitted to the CDBG.

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that is what the Council can discuss today. If we would like to submit one, or both, and rank them. In the past, we have ranked them and the CDBG rated our 2nd one higher in their scoring, and they funded the opposite. They do always ask when they award these, which one your Council rated the highest.

Councilwoman Frost inquired on the amounts we are asking to be funded.

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that we are asking for a higher amount. I think with the Front Street Project we got about \$750,000. When we did Broadway and Sherman, we got a little over \$800,000. So, it is kind of the upper end. I asked them what their allocation was. She said that they have not received it, but that she is anticipating 2.9 million for this year, is her anticipation. That is Jessica Sanders, who runs the CDBG Program.

Councilman Harmon asked if they are anticipating receiving funds this year.

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that was also his concern.

Councilman Harmon inquired if it was funded last year.

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated they were unsure. So, I emailed her a couple of days ago and she said that they are anticipating that they will receive funding.

Mayor Tedford stated that this is a good question. They are anticipating getting funded, but I don't know if the Federal Government has funded this yet. So, what we are trying to do is go through the steps as if it is going to be funded. If it isn't funded then no loss, but if it is, we are in line for these projects to be funded.

Councilwoman Kent inquired on CDBG funding more towards infrastructure or public use. Do we know what they are looking for?

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated we don't know. The teams of the RDAs, and the economic developments from the different areas, go after different things depending on the year. You put the best application you can out there and give a good presentation. We have had a lot of success with the sidewalk and street projects, as of lately. Other people had a variety of different projects approved.

Mayor Tedford stated that he believes if we submit both projects the CDBG could always refuse one but approve the other project. So, I don't think we have anything to lose to submit both projects this time.

Councilwoman Frost inquired on the Serpa Lift Station. Is there anticipation for more growth in that area?

City Engineer Derek Zimney agreed. There is a lot of room for development out there. I would say that it is also nearing the end of its useful life. It was constructed in 1988; it has had a good run over there. So, it is one that we have been watching, and anticipating needing to do some work on, in preparation for future development.

Mayor Tedford stated that there is some degradation of that lift station. It was built in the late 80's. There are some problems with it now. It isn't just about future growth; it is kind of a combination of things. Are there any other projects that have been put forward?

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that he hasn't received any. I also have not received any public comment through my office, on this one that has received eligibility through CDBG.

Mayor Tedford inquired about how Derek would rank these projects.

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that his recommendation would be to put the higher requested amount first. If they decide it is too much, or they grade the other one higher, usually there is a good chance that we could get the sidewalk project as a consolation. I would ask for Serpa Lift Station first.

Mayor Tedford agreed. This is just for discussion today, and general direction.

Councilwoman Frost stated that she believes it is important to have the Lift Station operating and rebuilt. I think we go for the higher requested project 1st and if we don't get that, maybe we might get the sidewalk project.

Councilman Harmon agreed. I know that he believes the sidewalks need to be replaced but if there are spots that are heaved up by tree roots or something like that, I am sure that we would go in and take care of those immediately. I believe the Lift Station is priority, in my opinion.

Mayor Tedford stated that he believes City Engineer Derek Zimney has some good direction. Are there any public comments?

No further comments were noted.

Fallon Police Department Monthly Report for December 2025.

Chief Daniel Babiarz presented the December monthly report. The report will compare the December 2024 crime, traffic stops, and traffic accident statistics to December 2025. Total calls-for-service this month were 671.

- Crime Summary: 3 total Domestic Battery; 2 Battery.
- Theft Calls: 14 total thefts for various items.
- Arrest Summary: 49 total arrests.
- Moving Citations/Traffic Warnings: 85 traffic stops were made; 19 issued citations.
- Public/Private Property Accidents: 27 total accidents.
- Animal Shelter Services: Total – 113; Churchill County – 75; City – 37; Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe – 1.
- Volunteers in Police Services: 107 and 1/2 contributed hours.
- Various training courses were provided for sworn-in and non-sworn-in officers.
- Police officers participated in several various public relations events.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any comments or questions.

Councilwoman Frost stated her appreciation to the Fallon Animal Control and their social media website. They have made changes and it shows that animals are being adopted, so you kind of get an idea of where they have gone and what has happened to those animals. They have really created some fun descriptions of the animals. They are enjoyable to read and are a positive thing for Animal Control and hopefully, it is leading to more adoptions.

No further comments were noted.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place greeted the Council.

- Continued his timeline/experiences in the military.
- Read Scriptures.
- Made comments regarding being a street preacher.
- Made comments regarding an 86 Letter.

Bob Bridges of 735 Carson River Drive greeted the Council.

- Made comments regarding the Police Report given by Chief Babiarz.
- Made comments regarding being comforted that many of the items in the report for December came back as zero reports in many areas, and how comforting it is.
- Compared to the reports from other months that show little to no reports on robberies and homicides.
- Made comments regarding the City looking good.
- Made comments regarding the streets being patrolled appropriately.
- Commended Officers, Chief of Police, Attorneys, and the Courts on the great job they are doing.
- Made comments regarding being thankful for living in Fallon, and it being a safe place to live.

No further comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any Council or staff reports.

No reports were noted.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Mayor Ken Tedford

Attest: _____
Michael O'Neill, City Clerk-Treasurer

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