



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM

9103 E Frederick Ave.

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2026 Strategic Theme: "Our Future. Our Water."

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Beese called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 5:59 pm. A quorum was present.

PRESENT

Mayor Shawna Beese
Council Member Shaun Culler
Council Member Dan Sander
Council Member Kelly Stravens
Council Member Andy Van Hees
Council Member Tina Seifert

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Stravens, Seconded by Council Member Seifert to approve the agenda.

Voting Yea: Council Member Seifert, Council Member Culler, Council Member Van Hees, Council Member Sander, Council Member Stravens

4. LOCAL AGENCY REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Congressional Gold Medal Recipient - Scarlett Kinville

Ms. Kinville shared her experience and volunteer work. Mayor Beese presented Ms. Kinville with the new award "Spirit of Millwood" pin. Mayor Beese thanked Ms. Kinville in keeping the spirit of leadership, service and love alive for our community.

5. OTHER PRESENTATIONS

6. DISCUSSION ITEM (no action)

a. Moratorium Update - Mayor Shawna Beese & Brian Werst

Mr. Werst provide an update on the Moratorium on Data Centers; noting we are proceeding down a path that could have significant impact on individual property owners and their right. Giving a reminder to elected officials to remain objective unbiased and maintain an objective appearance.

Mayor Beese shared Ms. Tainio will give a presentation at a public hearing that will review work plan options, detailing one being City Council to Planning Commission and second Planning Commission to City Council.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING ACTION ITEMS

In compliance with the requirements of the Washington State Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) the City accepts public comments concerning agenda items proposed for final action by the City Council ("Action Items"). Written public comments are accepted up to 24 hours prior to this meeting by (1) USPS mail to: City of Millwood, 9103 E Frederick Avenue, Millwood, WA 99206; (2) electronic mail to comments@millwoodwa.us, or; (3) direct at City Hall. All received comments are distributed to the City Council, Mayor, and City Staff prior to this meeting for review and consideration before action.

There were no Public Comments concerning action items or received prior to the meeting.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if necessary)

9. ACTION ITEMS FOR FIRST READING

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Consent Agenda

(1) Joint City Council - Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes July 14, 2026, (2) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes July 14, 2026, (3) July 2026 Dashboard, (4) July 2026 Check Register, (5) July 2026 Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Council Member Seifert to approve the consent agenda with edits of scrivener errors to the minutes, Seconded by Council Member Stravens.

Voting Yea: Council Member Seifert, Council Member Culler, Council Member Van Hees, Council Member Sander, Council Member Stravens

b. ORDINANCE No. 560 - Budget Amendment

Mayor Beese discussed Ordinance No. 560 the Final Budget Amendment of 2026, asking Council to approve new titles within the appendix, noting she would work within the budget that is approved and promised to come under budget. Explaining the operations manager position would be a split off the clerk's role, if an administrator was not found. Mayor Beese discussed minor changes on the revenue side of the budget listing several shortfalls. Mayor Beese discussed on the expense side we are within budget besides all but 3 items; one being the Argonne project being over mainly due to the Railroad, another being the SOA audit cost and lastly a comprehensive rate study for utilities.

Council Member Culler voiced concerned regarding allocation of time spent by the potential Data Specialist, noting serious concerns this person would be allocated to the enterprise fund by the auditor, because they would be doing enterprise work. Emphasizing concerns with raising the utility bill.

Mayor Beese explained the Data Specialist will initially evaluate the data of Springbrook on an administrative level on site and fix everything across all functions of the city, noting the first 90-days would be focused on Springbrook evaluation.

Council Member Stravens voiced support in moving forward with trusting the Mayor and staff.

Motion made by Council Member Sander to approve Ordinance No. 560 as amended with Council Member Seifert's edit of a Scrivner's error, Seconded by Council Member Stravens.

Voting Yea: Council Member Seifert, Council Member Van Hees, Council Member Sander, Council Member Stravens

Voting Nay: Council Member Culler

c. Approval of SAO Engagement

Motion made by Council Member Stravens to approve the SAO Engagement, Seconded by Council Member Culler.

Voting Yea: Council Member Seifert, Council Member Culler, Council Member Van Hees, Council Member Sander, Council Member Stravens

11. REPORTS (no action)

a. Acting Treasurer - Aaron Hall

Acting Treasurer Aaron Hall reported the SAO audit has started, the federal single audit is almost wrapped up, pending a few documents from Welch Comer. Mr. Hall reported the first payment is out for the Argonne Phase 2 Project. Council Member Stravens requested a special meeting to review the final results of the audit. Mayor Beese was in agreeance.

b. Clerk/Public Records and Code Enforcement – Bridget Gill

Ms. Gill reported working on coordinating with residents on completing backflow test, as final backflow notices were sent out, updating the website for the FDR project newsletters, completing records requests and following up with several code enforcement properties. Ms. Gill reported assisting Historic Preservation with preparing for manning the tent at Millwood Daze along with an upcoming Public Hearing for a nomination to the Millwood Register of Historic Places.

c. Facilities - Kyle Schiewe

Mr. Schiewe provided an update on the Argonne Project noting Northbound lanes are almost complete, traffic control has now switched to the Southbound lanes and demo of sidewalks and grinding up the old asphalt has begun. Mr. Schiewe explained the process of concrete treated base and strict scheduling needed. Mr. Schiewe reported receiving positive feedback on traffic being less than previous projects.

d. Utilities - Matt Erdahl

Mr. Erdahl reported all water samples came back good last month, including nitrate samples from New Park. Mr. Erdahl reported completing a sanitary survey with the Department of Health, which is done every 3-5 years, explaining they look at the water and wells and reported minor fixes on the outlet pipes were needed and completed. Mr. Erdahl reported working on several inspections for new services for sewer, along with discovering a water leak in the Trent and Dale Parking lot and working on backflow tests with Ms. Gill.

e. Planning - Amanda Tainio - Upward 7 Consulting

Ms. Tainio's report was included in the packet.

f. Legal - Brian Werst - Witherspoon Brajcich McPhee, PLLC

Mr. Werst had nothing further to report.

g. Mayor – Shawna Beese

Mayor Beese shared with Council coloring pages and kind notes received from local preschoolers, addressed to the construction workers on the Argonne Project. Mayor Beese reported the FDR change orders were signed and a copy was included for Council's review.

12. COUNCIL INFORMATION (no action or discussion)

a. FDR Change Orders

13. PUBLIC REMARKS

Public Remarks are an opportunity for citizens to address the Council, either in-person or by submitting their remarks to remarks@millwoodwa.us. We ask that in-person speakers limit themselves to two minutes and follow the Citizen Participation Guidelines Policy as posted on the

City of Millwood website www.millwoodwa.us/government#CityCouncil or available at City Hall prior to this meeting.

Mike Kaiser, 9306 Upriver Drive, shared him and his wife entered North Cement Rd driving to E Euclid when all of a sudden, they hit giant speed humps which sent him and his wife almost out of the vehicle. Mr. Kaiser asked Council who was in charge of that project, stating it seems they were put there to hurt and ruin people's cars, and concerned someone could be seriously injured.

Mayor Beese shared a public comment received via email: I'm sorry kickboxing never happened. Show me this is real. Karl D. Kistler.

Todd Beese, 8610 E South Riverway, shared the Millwood Farmer's is tomorrow and will be handing out free decorating supplies for Millwood Daze, Millwood Grocery and Spirit will be providing free Icees to first responders and Stockwell's is providing free cheeseburgers to first responders as well.

14. COUNCIL REMARKS

Council Member Stravens thanked staff for their hard work.

Council Member Sander shared details on seeing response work to recent fires at the fairgrounds and thanked staff for their hard work.

Council Member Van Hees thanked staff, noting he will see everyone in person next month.

Council Member Culler noted summer has been busy and it does not look like workload wise that will slow down in the fall, telling staff to keep up the good work.

Council Member Seifert thanked staff, Mayor Beese and Council.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. SET NEXT MEETING

- a. Set Special Meeting - Public Hearing for the Data Center Moratorium August 25th, 2026 at 6:00 PM

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Stravens, Seconded by Council Member Culler to adjourn the City Council Regular Meeting at 7:14 pm.

Voting Yea: Council Member Seifert, Council Member Culler, Council Member Van Hees, Council Member Sander, Council Member Stravens