



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

City Hall - 10769 W State Street, Star, Idaho

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Chadwick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION – Elizabeth Deems, Calvary Chapel Star

Elizabeth Deems offered the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS: Mayor Trevor Chadwick, Council President Jennifer Salmonsens, Council Members Kevin Nielsen, Kevan Wheelock and Steve Day.

STAFF: City Planning Director Shawn Nickel; City Clerk Shelly Tilton; City Assistant Planner and Sports and Recreation Director Ryan Field; City Engineer Ryan Morgan; Public Information Officer Dana Partridge and Star Police Chief Tim Haynes.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Star Road Report

Mayor Chadwick provided the Star transportation update; he discussed the Highway 44 widening project.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION ITEM) **All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of the Star City Council for reading and study, they are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Consent Agenda or placed on the Regular Agenda by request.*

A. Approval of Claims

B. Approval of Minutes: June 16, 2026, June 23, 2026, July 7, 2026

C. Stonecrest 2 Subdivision Annexation & Zoning, Preliminary Plat and Planned Unit Development Findings of Fact/Conclusions of Law

D. Rusty Flats Subdivision Rezone and Preliminary Plat Findings of Fact/Conclusions of Law

E. Ada County Highway District (ACHD) Temporary License Agreement for Plummer/Floating Feather Traffic Signal Cabinet Art Wrap

- Council Member Salmonsens made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of 5A Approval of Claims, 5B Approval of Minutes: June 16, 2026, June 23, 2026 and July 7, 2026, 5C Stonecrest 2 Subdivision Annexation & Zoning, Preliminary Plat and Planned Unit Development Findings of Fact/Conclusions of Law, 5D Rusty Flats Subdivision Rezone and Preliminary Plat Findings of Fact/Conclusions of Law with one change on the last page of the findings the date needs to be corrected and 5E ACHD Temporary License Agreement for Plummer/Floating Feather Traffic Signal



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Cabinet Art Wrap. Council Member Day seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Day – aye; Wheelock – aye and Salmonsens – aye. The motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Hearing

Mayor Chadwick opened the hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Council Member Nielsen joined the meeting.

Mayor Chadwick reviewed his 2026-27 budget presentation explaining reliable income which includes property taxes, sales tax/revenue sharing, liquor funds and franchise fees as well as mandatory expenses that include police, animal control, legal, city staff and liability insurance. Property taxes and forgone balance were discussed. Tax levy rates for the city from 2015 to current were provided and taxable value was reviewed. He said the estimated levy rate for 2026 is .000491 compared to .002192 in 2015. Impact fees, paid on building permits, were discussed; impact fee revenue for this budget is based on 750 residential building permits for the year, with 600 estimated in Ada County and 150 in Canyon County. ITD proportionate share, building and land use fees, sports and recreation programming fees, donations, Freedom Park rentals, court and code fines and police mitigation fees were discussed. Mitigation fees can be collected for public safety funding. Mayor Chadwick stated that fire mitigation fees were suspended with the levy passing, those fees could return if levies fail in the future to obtain necessary funding for the fire department. Other miscellaneous revenues were discussed. Expenses were reviewed including law enforcement, a contract with the Idaho Humane Society for animal control, staffing and employee salary and benefit costs, legal and professional services and liability insurance. Mayor Chadwick discussed parks and facilities development including concrete repair at Freedom Park, landscaping and irrigation at Roselands Park, paving of Riverwalk Parking Lot and remodel of the police substation on Pollard Road. Park impact fees can pay for some of the park development expenses. A building has been set aside for a historical museum at Freedom Park. Expenses for professional dues, committees, building, sports and recreation and building and grounds were reviewed. Capital expenses include vehicles, equipment and window replacement at City Hall. Mayor Chadwick stated the city has no debt and no bonds and explained that police expenses are paid for with property taxes and mitigation fees.

No members of the public spoke.

The public hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

Council Member Nielsen discussed the budget process, he feels it has been thorough and well thought out. He discussed continued investment in police and city staffing. He said the target for the city is 1 officer per 1000 citizens, this budget puts the city just over that ratio. He is supportive of the budget as presented.

Council Member Salmonsens reminded that all of the city's property taxes go toward police expenses; those only cover approximately half of those expenses.

Council Member Wheelock discussed the levy rate and explained that the taxes are going down with more people living here now to cover them. He is happy with the way things are being allocated in this budget.

Council Member Day stated that his taxes are less than they were in 2016. He said the police budget was discussed a lot as a council, and they make that a priority. He is pleased with the budget and the



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direction the city is going. He credited Mayor Chadwick for being so involved with his leadership of the city.

Council Member Nielsen said there are 3 things that drive the city's tax levy; he discussed home value, growth and the legislature restricting what cities can take which makes it very difficult for cities to fund basic services. Mayor Chadwick and others are working to overcome that challenge.

- Council Member Nielsen made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 budget as presented. Council Member Salmonsens seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye; Nielsen - aye. The motion carried.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2026-04 Declaring Intent to Recover Forgone Property Tax

Mayor Chadwick stated that a resolution is required to use forgone property tax.

- Council Member Salmonsens made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-04 A Resolution of the City of Star, Idaho declaring the intent to recover 1% of the city's forgone property tax balance in the amount of \$23,740 for Fiscal Year 2027 for the purpose of general maintenance and operations. Council Member Nielsen seconded the motion. Wheelock mentioned that 1% is all the city can collect, as allowed by the legislative restrictions that Council Member Nielsen was discussing. ROLL CALL VOTE: Day – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye and Nielsen - aye. The motion carried.

B. Ordinance 438-2026 Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Appropriations

- Council Member Nielsen made a motion to introduce ordinance 438-2026 and pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 50-902 the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three different days, with one reading to be in full, be dispensed with and that Ordinance 438-2026 be considered after reading once by title only. Council Member Day seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Day – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye and Nielsen - aye. The motion carried.
- Council Member Salmonsens made a motion to approve Ordinance 438-2026 An ordinance, to be termed the annual appropriation ordinance of the City of Star, Idaho, for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2026, and ending on September 30, 2027, appropriating sums of money in the aggregate amount of \$25,251,410.00 to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Star for said fiscal year; specifying the object and purposes for which said appropriations are made and the amount appropriated for each object and purpose; authorizing the certification to the County Commissioners of Ada & Canyon Counties, Idaho, the amount of \$2,388,564.00 property taxes to be levied and assessed upon the taxable property in the city; providing for publication; and providing an effective date. Council Member Wheelock seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Day – aye; Wheelock – aye and Salmonsens - aye. The motion carried.



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Mayor Chadwick thanked the 5 citizens that attended the hearing and mentioned that the State of the City will be held on Tuesday October 13th at 7:00 p.m. at Liberty Hall.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Chadwick adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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