



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

City Hall - 10769 W State Street, Star, Idaho

Tuesday, May 5, 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 – Sharon Ramirez, Calvary Chapel Star

Sharon Ramirez offered an invocation.

3. ROLL CALL

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

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

4. INFORMATION

Mayor Chadwick stated the state cancelled a lot of funding for highway transportation projects; he is working with Idaho Transportation Department and District 3 on the impacts. The City of Star Road Report will be provided next month.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. National Day of Prayer Proclamation

Mayor Chadwick read a National Day of Prayer Proclamation, declaring Thursday May 7, 2026 a National Day of Prayer. The National Day of Prayer is a public law established in the United States Congress in 1952 approved by joint resolution, signed by President Truman and amended by Congress and President Reagan with Public Law 100-307 in 1988.

6. 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

- Council Member Salmonsens made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Approval of Claims. Council Member Wheelock seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Day – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye and Nielsen - aye. The motion carried.

7. PUBLIC HEARING



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A. Municipal Code Amendment

Mayor Chadwick mentioned that all except for three of the Municipal Code amendments and Comprehensive Plan amendments are being tabled to July 21, 2026.

Mayor Chadwick opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Planning Director Shawn Nickel presented 3 amendments to the Unified Development Code. The first is a request for special exception from annexation inside the Area of Impact. A property owner within the county but adjacent to city limits may request an exception from annexation to allow the Council to determine if a property must be annexed into the city. There was discussion as to alternate wording and hookups to Star Sewer & Water. The second is a fencing waiver allowing up to 8 feet with specific conditions, these conditions were reviewed. The third updates temporary use standards to include "community" within the standards for arts, entertainment or recreation events. It would make farmers markets allowable as temporary use in commercial districts with conditions and time limits for this temporary use.

Joe Voss discussed higher fences that help with backyard privacy when neighboring properties aren't level but have some of the land gradient.

Ed Szeyller said developers in Heron River put the fences in and then houses were built higher than the area where the fences are built resulting in seeing into neighbor's homes; the intent is to allow privacy. Many of the homes are built near each other in the back of the homes so they are able to see into neighboring windows.

Sue Voss said the extra 2 feet would allow for an appropriate fence so that she isn't seeing her neighbors in their hot tub.

Lori Billaud has no privacy for her yard. She would like to have a requirement for a 6-foot minimum; most people are at least 5 feet tall so they can see over a fence shorter than 6 feet. Mayor Chadwick said that would have to be included in another amendment and hearing.

Mayor Chadwick closed the hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Council Member Nielsen discussed language he would like to have considered for the annexation exception that narrows the focus; it was clarified that the exception would only apply to lot splits; any other reason would go through the standard process.

- Council Member Wheelock made a motion to approve 8-1A-11 Request for Special Exception from Annexation inside an Area of Impact with the exceptions that were just noted – those changes being for lot split requests only. Council Member Nielsen seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Day – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye and Nielsen - aye. The motion carried.
- Council Member Nielsen made a motion to approve this change to our code 8-4A-11. Council Member Wheelock seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Day – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye and Nielsen - aye. The motion carried.



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- Council Member Salmonsens made a motion to approve 8-4C-6 and 8-4C-7 as presented here tonight. 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 table the Municipal Code Amendment to July 21, 2026. Council Member Wheelock seconded the motion. There was discussion about hearing 2 amendments in June rather than waiting until July, those two amendments pertain to rental registration that addresses corporate ownership of rentals and subdivisions that are intended to be all homes for rent, the amendment allows the city some control of that and addresses some housing availability for citizens and a sign ordinance that addresses signs placed on private property and city property without authorization. The motion was amended to what was originally stated with the amendments being tabled to July 21, 2026, with the exception of the rental registration and sign ordinances that will be tabled to June 16, 2026. Council Member Day seconded the amended motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Day – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye and Nielsen - aye. The motion carried.

B. Comprehensive Plan Map & Text Amendment

- Council Member Salmonsens made a motion to table the Comprehensive Plan Map & Text Amendment to July 21, 2026. Council Member Nielsen seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Day – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye and Nielsen. The motion carried.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. Ordinance 434-2026 Dayspring Church Annexation & Zoning with Development Agreement

- Council Member Nielsen made a motion to introduce Ordinance 434-2026 Dayspring Church Annexation & Zoning with Development and that 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 436-2026 be considered by 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 Nielsen made a motion to approve Ordinance 434-2026 Dayspring Church Annexation & Zoning with Development Agreement an ordinance annexing and zoning certain real property located in Star, Ada County, Idaho; more specifically located at 9701 W. Beacon Light Road, Star, Idaho; the property is owned by Dayspring Church Inc; establishing the zoning classification of the annexed property as Rural Residential with a Development Agreement (RR-DA) of approximately 8.03 acres; directing that certified copies of this ordinance be filed as provided by law; providing for related matters; and providing for an effective date. Council Member Salmonsens seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Day – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye and Nielsen – aye. The motion carried.



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B. Ordinance 437-2026 Amending Title 8 Unified Development Code of City Municipal Code

- Council Member Salmonsens made a motion to introduce Ordinance 437-2026 and that 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 437-2026 be considered after reading once by title only. Council Member Nielsen 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 437-2026 Amending The Star City Municipal Code, an ordinance of the City of Star, Ada and Canyon Counties, Idaho amending Title 8 of the Star City Municipal Code, providing for special exception to annexations, updating fencing standards, and updating temporary use standards, and providing an effective date. Council Member Nielsen seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Day – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye and Nielsen – aye. The motion carried.

C. Noise Waiver for Temporary Use Permit for Nampa Paving

Planning Director Shawn Nickel presented the request by Nampa Paving for a temporary use permit to allow nighttime import of fill material for raising elevation of the property that is being developed as Trailmark Station Subdivision. The request is for approval of a temporary waiver to the City's noise ordinance. Currently, the schedule for raising the elevation of the property includes approximately 6,100 trucks entering the site and placing fill material, which is then distributed over the area within this first phase of the development. The current time frame for this operation is 75-85 days. Each of these trucks would travel from a pit in Notus and travel east on Highway 20/26 to Star Road, then north to Joplin Road and into the site; once the west end of Joplin Road is reopened, that route will utilize Can Ada Road rather than Star Road. If approved on a temporary basis, trucks would work at night to import and distribute the material on-site. The estimated time frame working night would reduce the operation to approximately 30-45 days. Benefits of doing the work at night and conditions Nampa Paving provided were discussed; conditions of approval were reviewed. If the work is done during the day the loads would come from the Chaparral pit on Highway 16 and through downtown Star, night loads would allow use of the Notus pit.

A recess was taken to obtain advice from the city attorney with regard to applicant and public input.

Tyson Bird with Nampa Paving discussed the amount of material that needs to be brought into the development. He discussed truck traffic that will jam at intersections in Star from the number of truckloads, he stated it isn't safe; he feels working at night makes it safer for the community. Material will be placed, tested and watered as it comes in. Neighbors will hear the noise, it will carry, but this will make it shorter term. Traffic, loads, compression brakes and impacts were discussed. Shawn stated the waiver can be reviewed and ended if conditions are not complied with or if there are violations of the conditions or too many negative impacts and complaints from the public; he anticipates the city will get calls.



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Craig Shoemaker discussed concerns with bright lights and backup beepers on the trucks. He agrees it is safer to travel at night and have less trucks on the road. He wonders what happens when it is a week into it and no one can sleep. He feels Nampa paving could have their own policing of the compression brakes and recommended a solution of pointing the truck's backup flashing lights and beeping away from homes.

Deena Shoemaker wondered if it could be tried to ensure people can sleep. She realizes both are bad options. She worries about the horse property in the area. She sees a lot of accidents at the intersection of Can Ada and Star Roads. It was stated that Council reserves the right to reconsider or withdraw the waiver. Authorizing staff to make the decision was discussed.

Police Chief Haynes discussed enforcement of compression brakes, they must witness the incident or have someone report the occurrence and sign the ticket; concerns can be called in to the emergency or non-emergency number.

The allowable timeframe, neighbors having a right to use their property for zoned purposes without negative effect, compression brakes and redirecting or mitigating lights and sound were discussed. Pros and cons on both sides of the decision were reviewed.

- Council Member Nielsen made a motion to approve this Temporary Use Permit with the added stipulation that we are authorizing city staff in conjunction with the Mayor at his discretion in consultation with legal counsel to choose to end this Temporary Use Permit if deemed necessary without having to come back at a formal council meeting, so that authority is there, also that the applicant does post somebody who takes record and positive identification of every truck that comes in to ensure compliance with the Temporary Use Permit. Council Member Wheelock seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Day – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye and Nielsen – aye. The motion carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Chadwick adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.