



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

City Hall - 10769 W State Street, Star, Idaho

Tuesday, April 21, 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 – Tamara Le, Calvary Chapel Star

Tamara Le offered an invocation.

3. ROLL CALL

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

STAFF: City Clerk Shelly Tilton; City Treasurer Michelle Meyer; Assistant City Planner and Sports & Recreation Director Ryan Field; City Engineer Ryan Morgan; IT Director Shane Dale and Star Police Chief Tim Haynes.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Police Chief Report

Chief Tim Haynes presented a March report for last month as well as an annual report for 2025. He reviewed offenses, case report types and police activity including calls for service and proactive policing. There was a jump in juvenile activity that he attributes to better weather bringing kids out as well as a lot of e-bike issues. Traffic citations were discussed. There was a spike in drug activity. Code 3 calls were reviewed. Highlights for 2025 were presented; in that, Chief Haynes discussed staffing changes, crime statistics, juvenile related calls, traffic accidents, mental holds and arrests. Commissioned Training and Specialties were discussed. Budgets for each of the cities in Ada County were reviewed with the City of Star having the lowest cost of service. The differences between infractions, as well as speeding and code enforcement were discussed.

B. Quarterly Financial Report

Treasurer Michelle Meyer presented the quarterly financial report, reviewing revenues and expenses and stating that the city is on track with budgeted amounts and has a stable financial position with expenses and revenues that closely align with the budget. Mayor Chadwick mentioned the property taxes are due to acquisition of property. General fees include passports and dog licensing.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Christiansen with Middleton City Council discussed e-bikes. He attended a meeting with Eagle officials regarding e-bikes. He is going to work on this for Middleton as it has become a challenge. Chief Haynes stated that current codes are good, it is just a matter of catching them. Mark would like to hear of



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any ideas the mayor and council have. Mayor Chadwick said e-bikes are often discussed at his monthly town hall meetings.

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

B. Approval of Minutes: April 7, 2026

- Council Member Salmonsens made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of 6A the Approval of Claims and 6B the Approval of Minutes for April 7, 2026. Council Member Wheelock seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Day – aye; Wheelock – aye and Salmonsens – aye. The motion carried.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Downtown Visioning Plan

Mayor Chadwick opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Mike Williams with South Beck & Baird presented the Downtown Visioning Plan discussing an open house that was held and providing responses from the online survey; those responses included that the existing downtown is dominated by traffic, difficult to access and not pedestrian friendly. Residents desire a walkable, visually cohesive gathering place, designed for people first, residents want to preserve the small-town character, increase green space and have a designated outdoor space to gather, residents want more restaurants and no additional drive-thrus in downtown. Downtown amenities such as benches, bike parking, lighting and streetscapes are important, existing roadways and parking areas are not sufficient and residents want their community life to be visible and active. Based on community input, separate and distinct districts were identified. Mike provided an overall districts and corridors map. He reviewed a market assessment that was done analyzing Kuna, Mountain Home, Haily and Ammon and discussed the benefits of an Economic Development Coordinator to lead implementation and pursue funding. A second open house allowed the community to see what was developed from the input received at the first open house. Mike reviewed key features and proposed uses for each district; State Street Corridor, Star Road Corridor, The Art District, The Village District and The River District. Implementation strategies and funding were discussed.

Denise VanDoren commended everyone involved in putting this together, she thinks it is a wonderful start, and the district idea is great. She wanted to confirm there would be a separate public hearing for the design standards, it was confirmed that would be included at a future hearing with the intent that each district would have design standards and uses identified; it was stated that if the plan is adopted tonight applications would be held until the standards are set. Denise would be interested in being a part of the design committee. Partnership or coordination with local churches for open space and pathways, etc. was discussed. Urban renewal as a funding source was discussed.



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Richard Tinsley thanked the mayor and council for the work done at Freedom Park, he feels it is a good park. The Art District area, the older section, needs some improvements done on sidewalks and to be spruced up for more appeal and historic feel; he said people want to feel the old town of Star.

Steve Burton said he expected to hear more about an architectural theme. Mayor Chadwick stated that setbacks and design standards will be set in a separate meeting. He asked about connectivity with access across the highway.

Rich Girard participated in a couple of discussions regarding this, he discussed traffic and stated he sees Main Street as more of a pedestrian and business corridor than Star Road which will be a busy highway.

Mike Williams said mountain rustic is a commonly recommended theme. He discussed sidewalks and pathways for connectivity. Sidewalks and private property rights as well as lighting options for crossing the highway were discussed. Parking for north and south sections as well as height standards were discussed.

Vision of the downtown area, including greenspace and the corridor as a way to hold on to a small-town gathering type of feel was discussed. The historic veteran's square area may be removed and called the plaza.

Mayor Chadwick closed the hearing at 9:21 p.m.

- Council Member Salmonsens made a motion to approve the Downtown Visioning Plan as presented except for the change to remove the Historic Veteran's Square section and to add the plaza activity node. There was no second to the motion. There was discussion about including the linear path in the motion, the pathway/sidewalk may be meandering. Council Member Salmonsens amended the motion to add that further discussion will be had on the linear path in the River District. Council Member Wheelock seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Day – aye; Wheelock – aye and Salmonsens - aye. The motion carried.

8. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Chadwick adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.