



CITY OF STAR, IDAHO
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

City Hall - 10769 W State Street, Star, Idaho
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Chadwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION – Council Member Kevin Wheelock

Councilman Wheelock led the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL

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

STAFF: City Clerk Shelly Tilton; City Treasurer Michelle Meyer; Building & Grounds and Parks Maintenance Supervisor Bob Little and Police Chief Tim Haynes.

One member of the public was present.

4. FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Police Chief Tim Haynes reviewed budget needs for the police department. He reviewed a summary of the current budget. He discussed staffing and scheduling; the department is fully staffed for approved positions. Equipment and operational requests were discussed. Enhanced location cameras that tie into information systems used by neighboring cities as well as in vehicle cameras were included in the request. The request for the fiscal year is a \$150,000 increase from the current budget. Options to increase staff were provided; Option 1 includes adding 2 Detectives with one being a School Resource Officer, Option 2 includes adding 2 Detectives and a Detective Sergeant, the third option includes adding those three positions as well as 2 Patrol Deputies. The current Detective Sergeant handles a lot of the grants and planning for large events in the community to ensure coverage. This takes him away from supervision duties, he would like one Sergeant to handle the Proactive Policing and Code Enforcement and another Sergeant to manage supervision of the Detectives and the administrative duties. Chief Haynes would like Star to be the lead on investigations. Investigation types and hardships some of the cases have on the Detectives were discussed. Chief Haynes outlined patrol and administrative roles for deputies. Population growth rates were discussed. Operational expenses including supplies, equipment, maintenance, training and professional services were reviewed. A scout card system was discussed; the cards could be issued to crime victims as a way of calling for help. Mayor Chadwick reviewed funding, including property tax and mitigation fees for the police budget. Impact fees could fund vehicles for the 2 new officers. Each option for additional staffing were discussed; the most preferred being Option 2.



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Buildings & Grounds and Parks Supervisor Bob Little reviewed the budget request for Parks and Buildings & Grounds. He discussed the increase in acreage and buildings as well as staffing over the past several years. Bob reviewed vehicle usage and the need for additional vehicles as well as utility vehicles to allow cleaning and maintenance staff to travel between locations, some staff use their personal vehicles. Some of the equipment could be impact fee eligible. Storage of equipment was discussed.

Possible capital projects to include in the budget include Roseland's Park, Police Substation Remodel, Freedom Park concrete, Historical Museum, Star Gazer Pocket Park, Colts Height Park, Stevens Park and City Hall window replacement.

Mayor Chadwick discussed a new fund created for the city's impact fees.

Sponsorship of the Scouts by the city was discussed.

The next budget workshop will be held June 23rd.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Chadwick adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.