

HOMEDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Homedale City Hall
31 W. Wyoming Street

August 13 , 2025

6:00p.m.

Council Meeting Minutes

Presiding: Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Council Present: Aaron Tines, Steve Atkins, Kim Murray, Mike Aebischer

Staff Attending: Alice E Pegram, Jeff Eidemiller, Jacob Hyer

Guests: See Attached

Attorney: Paul Fitzer

Approve Agenda Discussion/ Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the agenda; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full council.

Approve Council Meeting Minutes from the July 9th and July 24th , 2025, Meetings:
Discussion/Action:

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the July 9th meeting minutes, Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full council. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the July 24th meeting minutes, Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilwoman Murray seconded. Motion carried by full council.

Republic Trash: Bill Pastoor: Checking in. Bill Pastoor was checking in to be sure everything was going. He did add they had a turnover but hopefully everything will be better now. Jacob asked about a larger dumpster at the RV Park starting next year. Jeff mentioned people are dumping their trash in City dumpsters. Bill did mention we have a new recycle bin at City Hall.

Homedale Assembly of God Church. Extreme Tour (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 17th) Discussion/Action;

and Car Show (All Day – Saturday - October 4th): Discussion/Action:

Pastor Ivar spoke to the Mayor and Council about these two dates. Jacob said he was trying to get power reinstated to the park.

LOT SPLIT: 211 AND 219 N. 4TH Street West: Discussion/Action: Sarah Machinski talked to the Mayor and Council about the property and requested a lot split running east and west. (see attached) Lot sizes will be 6,250 sq ft. The homes were built in the 1940s. Jacob said they need to make sure the two homes are not connected to the same sewer. After much discussion, the homes were built in the 1940's. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve a variance of the 7,000 sq ft lot size allowing the east/west lot split on a special situation due to the lots being split even, set backs are met and they clear water and sewer hookups with Jacob. Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full council.

Police Report: Jeff reported on their activity last month. (see attached)

New SRO officer – discussion/action – Jeff announced Clayton Cart had resigned. Jeff added he has a couple of applications for the patrol job and one from someone who is post certified and has experience as an SRO. He added he has one application for ordinance enforcement officer.

Discussion/Action on Police Dog – Danny Zenor presented the Mayor and Council with paperwork on a proposal for a new dog. (see attached) He explained Ruger is almost 10 years old and they need to start training a new dog. He is looking at a male Belgian Malinois, it is still a pup and the price is \$500. He is willing to raise the dog and do the training. He would work as a drug and tracking animal. Expenses for the dog, would be the initial \$500 plus monthly food, annual shots and zero training. Councilman Tines mentioned they would need certified training for court cases. Jeff asked for permission to purchase the dog, Councilman Tines said he would make that motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Mayor Christoffersen said motion carried.

Mayor Christoffersen recognized Liset for her work as the new SRO, she is planning a splash day at Bette Uda Park. She stated she got with the Fire Dept., the schools and HPD and are having a “splash” day, it will include a dunk tank, water toys, popsicles and introduce some of the kids to the police department.

Public Works Report: Jacob gave his monthly report. (see attached)

He asked the Mayor and Council about summer hours for himself and his crew. Mayor Christoffersen said someone would need to be here until 5:00. (8:00 to 5:00) The Council agreed to the varied hours.

He made them aware the County was in the process of redoing the boat ramp, probably starting in October. He brought up the dumpster by the boat ramp, people are dumping dead fish in it, he would like to bring in a smaller container that they could dump it daily. It was mentioned to put a sign up stating no dumping fish.

Council told Jacob how grateful they were on how they handled the major water break

Radio read Meters – discussion/action – Jacob would like to go ahead and get started with the radio read meters. (see attached) this is for 108 meters, and he would start replacing some in certain areas, and any new subdivisions would be required to have them. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the two attached invoices totally \$29, 804.92, Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

He said the island would have power and city water next year.

City Hall Update: P & Z Report: (see attached)

Alice announced the pool lost a little over \$16,000 dollars this year and in the last 17 years has lost \$213,000. Average annual loss for the pool has been \$12,725.

Expense wise, the pump had to be overhauled, and a vacuum was purchased. Jacob said there is a leak that needs to be addressed, it is losing over 6 feet of water a week, the water is going into the park and then lift station. The continuation of the pool was discussed vs. a splash pad. Jacob said he could get some bids and maybe we could get some donated items, splash pad, etc. Mayor Christoffersen suggested we take it to the citizens on a pool vs splash pad. Alice mentioned getting help was becoming a serious issue. Changing the hours was also discussed.

Alice said the online bill pay was working great. She added if you sign up, enter your email, we can send out group emails.

Attorney Report: no report

Engineer Report: Andrew Kimmel spoke on several projects.

Water: they are making the changes/questions DEQ had on the application. He added they would be resubmitting in a day or so; the electrical engineer was making a couple of changes. He added that with the latest issue of the broken water pipe, he would like to review the water plan to see if they needed to make same adjustments/additions.

Wastewater. He said they did a walkthrough today, a couple of programming issues; some of the other issues will be resolved by the contractor.

Mayor and Council Member Report: Mayor Christoffersen announced we have a meeting October 16th with Canyon County on the Area of Impact. We are still waiting for the meeting with Owyhee County.

Developing an emergency plan was discussed; due to the water line breaking and us going on a boil notice.

Councilman Aebischer discussed the Delamar Mine Company, they are looking for an office space and a park and ride lot of probably 5 acres. (to park approx. 100 cars) They are looking for approx. 11-year availability.

Discussion/Action; Possible 4-Way Stop at East 1st Street and East Owyhee and other Homedale Intersections:

Councilman Tines spoke about the need for the additional stop sign at East 1st and East Owyhee; he feels it's a safety issue by the day care and the high school. Jeff said he felt every road within two blocks of a school should be a four way stop.

Councilman Aebischer and Councilwoman Murray asked about a four way stop at 2nd and California. After much discussion about the number of small kids and the speeding vehicles on California it was agreed on.

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the requested stop signs; Councilman Aebischer made the motion and Councilwoman Murray seconded. Motion carried by full council.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Homedale School District. Discussion/Action: This is the contract with the schools and HPD; Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the contract; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full council.

Discussion/Action: Owyhee County Sheriffs Dept Dispatch Contract.

The need for this was discussed; Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the Contract with Owyhee County Sheriffs Dept., Councilman Aebischer made the motion and Councilwoman Murray seconded. Motion approved by full Council.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED FY2026 BUDGET: Mayor Christoffersen closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing. He asked for any public comments; none were given. He closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance for FY26; Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to waive the 3 readings; motion carried by full Council.


Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance for FY26, Councilman

Approve the Bills Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the bills; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilwoman Murray seconded. Motion carried by full council.

Mayor Christoffersen adjourned the meeting.



Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Attest: 

Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk