

Town of Metaline Falls
Regular Public Meeting Minutes
March 10th. 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers

11 people in attendance, Selkirk Sun Recording

All council Present

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

* An agenda amendment was requested; the council would like to add Wastewater Rates, Utility Tax Ordinance, and Community Garden. Amendment and Agenda accepted, motioned by Blake McAnerin and seconded by Fran Maxwell. *

Meeting Minutes: Tabled until next month's meeting, former Clerk-Treasurers meeting minutes incomplete.

Mayor, Sherice announced that she has opened the Town of Metaline Falls Clerk-Treasurer position. The position will be open for four weeks; anyone can mail or drop off a resume during business hours. In the meantime, she has asked Jade MacArthur to fill in as interim Clerk-Treasurer. Sam McGeorge motioned to approve the Interim Clerk-Treasurer, Mark Lockwood seconded the motion. All in favor. No oppositions noted.

Guests: Bill Bisson- Metaline Falls Bigfoot Festival.

Bill Bisson addressed the council with an update on the Metaline Falls Bigfoot Festival Event set to be happening in June of 2026. Bill provided the council with an ariel map that included Vendor spots, 5k Race, and Car show. A non-profit has been set up with the State of Washington for the Bigfoot Festival. The Bigfoot Committee would like to use the Softball Field area for parking again. He requested to use the town garbage cans and traffic cones to shut the streets down. Along with the festivities the committee would like to offer dry camping, increasing times for the vendors to stay open. He will have more information in next month's meetings relating to insurance and what they will have to offer for the Town of Metaline Falls.

County Reports:

- Sheriff's Report: Glen Blakslee present, the Town of Metaline Falls had 13 calls for service.
- Fire District 2: Chief, Blake McAnerin present, the town of Metaline Falls had 10 Calls for service.
- Pend Oreille County Commissioner: Commissioner Brian Smiley present, he spoke on the developing Transportation Benefit District (TBD) he is working on. The newly developing board will need to have a person from each town present. The meetings would start quarterly and then eventually will be held annually. He announced the County has hired a new Public Works director and they are very excited about that. The hiring process has been very successful this year for the county. Commissioner Smiley also added that the rockslide on Sullivan Lake Road is being cleaned up and the Lake road has been shut down for 12 hours but could be up to three days.

Maintenance Report: Monte Rice, the towns maintenance man updated the council and let them know Versatile Industries will be starting Wednesday March 11th on the towns drywell project in Lehigh Circle.

Old Business:

- Councilman, Mark Lockwood gave an update on the towns website he and mayor Sherice have been working on. Mark was able to get the domain; Metalinefalls.gov secured and has been working with the council getting new email boxes set up. He has been working with outside vendors to possibly get Bill Pay set up through the town's new website.
- Metaline Falls Community Garden gave an update to the town council. They have a couple fun events planned and would like to touch base with the town concerning insurance and fencing.
- Councilman, Mark Lockwood spoke about an excel rate spreadsheet he has prepared for the towns wastewater projected budget. The town council agreed to set up a council budget workshop, scheduled for Sunday March 15, 2026.
- The council had a discussion concerning a utility tax on the gross revenues from the sale of electricity and water, and wastewater collection, and treatment and solid waste disposal services.

***** Mayor, Sherice McAnerin announced the Council will convene into an Executive session Per RCW 42.30.110 (c) to consider the selection of city owned property for 10 minutes. Executive session called to order at 7:50 P.M. All Council, Interim Clerk, and Maintenance tech. present. Executive Session closed at 8:00P.M.*****

Regular scheduled council meeting called back into session at 8:00P.M. by Mayor, Sherice McAnerin.

After a discussion about the purchase of the town property, the council has decided not surplus and sell town property located by the Pend Oreille Apartments. It does have two sewer cleanouts located on the property and the council agreed to protect the cleanouts by placing eco blocks around the cleanouts. Motioned by Blake McAnerin and seconded by Tess Parker. All in favor.

New Business: Mayor Sherice McAnerin requested the Edward Estrada be taken off the Towns Money Market and Business Checking accounts at Wheatland Bank. She requested that interim Clerk-Treasurer, Jade MacArthur be added to the town's Money Market account and the town's Business Checking Account at Wheatland Bank. Councilman Sam McGeorge motioned to accept taking Edward Estrada off the Money Market account and Business Checking account and for Interim Clerk-Treasurer Jade MacArthur to be added the towns Money Market account and Business Checking account at Wheatland Bank. Councilman Fran Maxwell seconded the motion, all in favor. No opposition.

Ordinance NO. 358 was presented to be repealed, Tess Parker motioned to repeal Ordinance No. 358 and Mark Lockwood seconded the motion, all in favor. No opposition.

Ordinance NO. 359 was presented to the council for adoption, Tess Parker motioned to adopt the new Ordinance No. 359 and Blake McAnerin seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposition.

Council Reports:

- Mayor: Ed was let go on Saturday and I asked Jade to help us out.
- Fran: Nothing to report
- Mark: Nothing to report
- Sam: Assisting the mayor while everything has been happening and she settles in.
- Blake: Nothing to report
- Tess: She provided Cash Flow statements for the council.

Accounts Payable: Jade MacArthur presented Accounts Payable, Sam McGeorge motioned to accept accounts payable, and Mark Lockwood seconded the motion.

Treasurers Report: Jade MacArthur presented a quick Treasures report. Sam McGeorge motioned to accept Treasures Report and Fran Maxwell seconded the motion.

***** Mayor, Sherice McAnerin announced the Council will convene into an Executive session Per RCW 42.30.110 (1) concerning Personnel Matters for 30 minutes. Executive

session called to order at 8:15 P.M. All Council, Interim Clerk present. Executive Session closed at 8:43P.M.****

Regular council meeting called back into session at 8:43 P.M. by Mayor, Sherice McAnerin.

Fran Maxwell motioned to Adjourn Regular Council Meeting, Sam McGeorge seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Mayor, Sherice McAnerin

City Clerk-Treasurer