Town of Metaline Falls

Regular Public Meeting Minutes

September 8th, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

5 guests in attendance, Selkirk Sun Recording

Present: Mayor Sherice McAnerin; Council Members Fran Maxwell, Mark Lockwood, Blake McAnerin, and Sam McGeorge; Maintenance Director Monte Rice; Assistant Clerk Tess Parker. Clerk/Treasurer Jade MacArther was absent.

Meeting Called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Blake McAnerin made a motion to accept the agenda; Councilmember Fran Maxwell seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Guests:

Sandy Nguyen inquired about removing a strand of barbed wire from the top of the fence bordering the community garden in order to accommodate the addition of a hot wire. The Town will attempt to communicate with the property owner about the possibility.

Meeting Minutes:

Councilmember Fran Maxwell made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 11th, 2026 regular meeting. Councilmember Blake McAnerin seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Mark Lockwood made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 25th, 2026 special meeting. Councilmember Sam McGeorge seconded; motion passed unanimously.

County Reports:

- Sheriff Glen Blakeslee reported 13 calls for service. He shared that the undersheriff is retiring at the end of the year and will be replaced by current Captain Morgan Johnson. A new deputy who will be based in the north county is graduating from the academy this week.
- Fire District 2: Deputy Chief Blake McAnerin reported that Metaline Falls had 14 EMS calls.

- County Commissioner Brian Smiley reported that the County's consultants for the Comprehensive Plan update are nearing the end of the public participation phase, and that there is currently a survey available online. Commissioner Smiley explained that the plan is required by the state and that it helps those in the county live together without conflicts from different uses of land. He emphasized that proper planning is important for economic development. Councilmember Mark Lockwood asked Commissioner Smiley for an update on the Transportation Benefit District. The commissioners decided not to include the TBD on the ballot for the general election this year; it is otherwise moving ahead as planned and should be ready to be put on a ballot next year.

Maintenance Report: Maintenance Director Monte Rice reported that the old fluorescent lights in the Visitor's Center train car are failing and need to be upgraded. He also reported expanded use of the lots leased from the Town by the Pend Oreille Apartments.

Accounts Payable: Assistant Clerk Tess Parker presented Accounts Payable and Expense Vouchers:

- August Accounts Payable: Councilmember Mark Lockwood made a motion to approve August Accounts Payable; seconded by Councilmember Fran Maxwell; motion passed unanimously.
- September Accounts Payable: Councilmember Mark Lockwood made a motion to approve Accounts Payable from September 1st-8th; seconded by Councilmember Fran Maxwell; motion passed unanimously.
- Expense Vouchers: Councilmember Sam McGeorge moved to approve expense vouchers for August; seconded by Councilmember Mark Lockwood; motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for August is delayed and will be presented at the next regular meeting.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sherice McAnerin reported that Girl Scout Havyn Mathes has been working on the flower bed by the Town Hall. A bench and a free library, utilizing the old phone booth, are included in the plan as well.

Council Reports:

- Councilmember Fran Maxwell: Nothing to Report
- Councilmember Mark Lockwood: Reported that he has been coordinating with Fish and Wildlife regarding the delivery of the bear-proof food storage and garbage can for the hiker/biker park; it should be delivered on September 15th.
- Councilmember Sam McGeorge: Nothing to Report.

- Councilmember Blake McAnerin: Nothing new to report. He would like to thank the Pend Oreille County Auditor's Office for the new ballot box that was installed outside Town Hall.

Old Business:

- Council Position 5:
    - The Mayor received a letter of resignation from Councilmember Jon Lindman. Councilmember Fran Maxwell made a motion to accept the resignation; Councilmember Mark Lockwood seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.
    - Kary Mays submitted a letter of interest for the vacant council position 5. Councilmember Fran Maxwell moved to appoint Kary Mays to the position; Councilmember Mark Lockwood seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.
    - Mayor Sherice McAnerin administered the Oath of Office for new Councilmember Kary Mays.
- Investment Policy: Councilmember Mark Lockwood presented a draft resolution of an investment policy for the Town. He asks that the council review it and be ready to discuss it at the workshop on September 22nd. He hopes to have it ready for a vote at the October regular meeting.
- Bigfoot Festival electric upgrade: Bill Bisson requested an update on the possibility of installing additional electric near the Depot in the park. Mayor McAnerin reported that she has be in communication with the Port and that, if electrical work is done, the lease of the park property would need to be reviewed and updated, though the specifics are not known at this time. Councilmember Blake McAnerin moved to allow the Bigfoot Festival Committee to move ahead with design and cost estimates to be voted on by council in the future. Councilmember Sam McGeorge seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- The Town has received submissions from engineering firms for the Wastewater Lift Station Relocation project. The council requested more time to review the submissions before selecting a firm.

Public Comment:

- Selkirk Sun representative asked for clarification regarding Town's monthly workshop, which takes place on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m..

Adjournment: Councilmember Blake McAnerin moved to adjourn meeting; Councilmember Fran Maxwell seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:11p.m..

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Mayor Mayor Pro-tem

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Clerk-Treasurer