Town of Metaline Falls

Regular Public Meeting Minutes

October 13th, 2026, at 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

7 guests in attendance, Selkirk Sun Recording

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Blake McAnerin made a motion to make an amendment to the agenda and adding "Bookkeeping/software" under New Business. Council member Fran Maxwell seconded the motion.

Guests: Carole Richardson, Pend Oreille County Public Works director, presented the upcoming short-term six-year transportation planning document. It prioritized upcoming projects in the county and how the county planned on funding the projects.

Meeting Minutes: Councilmember Blake McAnerin motioned to approve all of Septembers meeting minutes, Councilmember Mark Lockwood seconded the motion.

County Reports:

- Deputy Dispenza was present along with the new "North End" deputy; deputy Hannah. The Town of Metaline falls had 12 calls for service for the month of September.
- Fire District 2: Division Chief Blake McAnerin reported that Metaline Falls had 13 EMS calls for the month of September.
- County Commissioner-Absent

Maintenance Report: Maintenance Director Monte Rice reported that the town needs a new lawn mower. The mower deck on the existing mower has fallen apart with repairs made two years ago, the deck will most likely not be fixable for full-time use again. Monte has looked into commercial mowers and has estimates close to $10,000.00.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sherice McAnerin reported that the town has three abandoned vehicles, One vehicle was towed and two were moved by the owners. There is now a Free Library in the garden bed located on the side of the town hall building. The free library will be registered online for anyone to utilize. Mayor Sherice thanked the Beautification Committee for all their hard work this year. Janet Sullivan, Alicia Seaney, Kary Mays, Pam Richardson, Lindsey Nathis, Michelle Whites, Rosemary Daniels, and Robin Whitty. They have finished watering the flowers for the summer and have been working hard at restoring the Christmas Elves. She noted that she will be gone from the Office for the Month of October. Fran Maxwell will be Mayor, Pro-Tem.

Accounts Payable: Clerk-Treasurer, Jade MacArthur presented Accounts Payable and Expense Vouchers:

- September Accounts Payable: Councilmember Sam McGeorge made a motion to approve September Accounts Payable; seconded by Councilmember Kary Mays; motion passed unanimously.
- Expense Vouchers: Councilmember Blake McAnerin moved to approve expense vouchers for September; seconded by Councilmember Sam McGeorge; motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report: : Councilmember Sam McGeorge moved to approve the Treasurers Report; seconded by Councilmember Mark Lockwood; motion passed unanimously.

Council Reports:

Councilmember Fran Maxwell: Garden Looks nice
Councilmember Mark Lockwood: Reported he has received the weed cloth for Hiker-Biker park and is donating that to the park. He has drafted a thank you letter to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the generous donation of the bear boxes. The towns website payment is coming due.
Councilmember Kary Mays: nothing to report
Councilmember Sam McGeorge: He has been working alongside the Mayor regarding the "hospital property". He requested that $5,000.00 be pre-approved should they need to investigate further. Sam McGeorge made a motion to approve the $5,000.00; Blake McAnerin seconded the motion.

Councilmember Blake McAnerin: Reported on upcoming events in the area.

Old Business: The council discussed and selected a professional engineer and land surveying service for the upcoming Sewer Lift Station Project. By a unanimous vote the council voted to approve James A. Sewell and associates for the Sewer Lift Station Project. Kay Mays motioned to approve, and Sam McGeaorge seconded the motion.

Councilmember Sam McGeorge motioned to approve and accept Resolution 2026-06 *investment policy;* Councilmember Fran Maxwell Seconded the motion. All in favor. No Opposition.

Councilmember Mark Lockwood Motioned to accept and approve Resolution 2026-05 *disbursement policy;* Fran Maxwell seconded the motion. All in favor. No Opposition.

Councilmember Sam McGeorge motioned to approve and accept Ordinance 362, budget amendment; Councilmember Mark Lockwood seconded the motion. All in favor. No opposition.

New Business: Councilmember Mark Lockwood would like to search around for potentially new accounting software. Possibly find something more affordable than Springbrook.

Public Comment:

- Selkirk Sun- wanted to thank the town for holding the debates!

Adjournment: 7:08P.M.

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Mayor Mayor Pro-tem

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Clerk-Treasurer