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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Special Session: 6:30 p.m. 29 October 2026 – Greenleaf City Hall

AGENDA:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

4. Discussion regarding the Greenleaf Water Facility Plan, including presentation of evaluated alternatives, consideration of written comments, receipt of verbal testimony from the gallery, and questions from the community regarding the plan.

5. Consideration of the Greenleaf Water Facility Plan. [ACTION ITEM]

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**
   9.1 Any other business

10. **MINUTES REVIEW**
    10.1 Recess to allow the clerk to finish draft minutes for this meeting, if needed
    10.2 Consideration of minutes for this meeting **[ACTION ITEM]**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**
    11.1 Adjournment **[ACTION ITEM]**

1. Meeting called to order

Mayor Ryan Schnuerle called the meeting to order at approximat5ely 6:34p.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ryan Schnuerle led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

☒ Seat 1: Jim Haley	☐ Seat 2: Rob Fisher	☒ Seat 3: Kathryn Ralstin
☒ Seat 4: Dan Hyer	☒ Mayor: Ryan Schnuerle	

Also Present:

☒ City Clerk	☐ Public Services Director	☐ Police	☐ Fire
☒ City Attorney	☒ City Engineer	☐ City Treasurer	

The meeting was available to be joined via computer, tablet, or smartphone at: https://meet.goto.com/CityofGreenleaf/council-mtg, or via telephone United States: +1 (571) 317-3112 Access Code: 142-571-637

Michael Miller and Paul Fitzer attended by videoconference.

Linda Young and Mark Ehrhart were in the gallery. Mark thanked Council for responding to his letter about water quality.

4. Discussion regarding the Greenleaf Water Facility Plan, including presentation of evaluated alternatives, consideration of written comments, receipt of verbal testimony from the gallery, and questions from the community regarding the plan.

City Engineer Mike Martin presented the facility plan to Council. Please see slides for detail (Greenleaf Public Meeting Presentation 2026-10-29.pdf).

Discussion occurred during the presentation. Mark Erhart recommend that the city require that future development participate in resolving water system issues caused or made worse by growth.

Mike presented and discussed current capacity and capacity for future growth.

Discussion of City of Caldwell over-appropriation occurred.

Discussion of water rights and future reasonable anticipated future need (RAFN) process occurred.

It was noted that fire flow is designed to fight a fire at the one largest building, for both quantity and duration.

Mike presented seven (7) alternatives for water quality improvement in the draft facility plan to address high manganese levels, with discussion throughout.

Engineering process for selecting and evaluating alternatives was also discussed, including consideration of multiple alternatives to avoid bias before life cycle and cost analysis is applied.

Mike highlighted the recommended alternative, and described the DEQ emerging contaminant grant with principal forgiveness through the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality potential for this alternative.

Next steps and timelines were discussed. Alternative #1 has been scored high enough to receive funding. Formal application is due in January. Environmental Review is estimated to take about 6 months. Funding and construction could take a couple of years.

It was noted that the agenda packet included information regarding public comment period and publication of notice, and written comment received.

Discussion followed regarding well drilling.

Question was asked by Linda Young from the gallery if there is enough property at the Harmony site such that if a new well per alternative #1 does not completely solve the manganese issue, then would a filtration system 'fit' on the footprint? Mike answered yes, there should be room for filtration if needed at the Harmony site, and lower manganese well water from a deeper well should reduce the amount of filtration needed in this scenario.

General discussion followed regarding wells and water quality.

The clerk was directed by Mayor to discuss setting a monthly timeframe for flushing the water system with the Public Services Director, weather permitting, such as during the 3rd week of each month.

General discussion followed, including that Blondie's Coffee Shop's soft opening is scheduled for this weekend.

City Engineer Amy Woodruff related the trend in leveraging irrigation facility plans and improvement of irrigation systems to reduce potable water demand as irrigation water systems improve.

5. Consideration of the Greenleaf Water Facility Plan. [ACTION ITEM]

It was clarified that selection of a facility plan alternative was desired by staff. Discussion followed, including potential future grant opportunities, growth, and H389(2021).

Dan Hyer moved to accept alternative #1 in the water facility plan. Kathryn Ralstin seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

9.1 Any other business

There was none.

10. **MINUTES REVIEW**

10.1 Recess to allow the clerk to finish draft minutes for this meeting, if needed

No recess was taken. Council discussed the minutes through review.

10.2 Consideration of minutes for this meeting **[ACTION ITEM]**

Jim Haley moved to approve the minutes. Kathryn Ralstin seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

11.1 Adjournment **[ACTION ITEM]**

Dan Hyer moved to adjourn. Jim Haley seconded. The motion received unanimous approval and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:08p.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee C. Belt
City Clerk
City of Greenleaf

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