

**CITY OF IONE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**Ione City Hall**  
**January 13, 2026**  
**6:00pm**

**Present:** Jesse Shoemake, Mayor  
Sabrina Bailey Cave, Council Chair  
Brian Spivey, Councilor  
Mark Patton, Councilor  
Shad Hass, Public Works  
Elizabeth Peterson, City Administrator  
Scott Carter, Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)  
Larry Myers, Anderson Perry & Associates (AP)

**Via Zoom:** Michael Skow, Councilor  
Bill Ledbetter, Anderson Perry & Associates (AP)

**Absent:** Brian Spivey  
Jason Carson

**Guests:** Monty Crum, Landowner  
Shirley Dozier, Citizen  
Ann Milder, Citizen  
Joseph Milder, Citizen  
Taranna Patton, Citizen

**Meeting Call to Order:** Mayor Shoemake called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Peterson completed roll call.

**Sheriff's Report:** Criminal Sargeant Carter presented the MSCO statistics for December 2025:

- 51 Incidents
- 37.5 Patrol Hours
- 35 SRO Hours
- 30 Area Checks

Criminal Sargeant Carter reported that the MCSO has received complaints regarding juveniles.

**Permit and Public Request(s):** None

**Public Comment(s):** None.

**Review of Minutes:** The minutes from the December 9, 2025 meeting were reviewed by the Council. Councilor Patton moved to accept minutes as written. Councilor McMinn seconded the motion.

**Vote:** All Ayes (Bailey Cave, McMinn, Patton, Shoemake, Skow)

**Financial Reports and Bills:** The November 2025 financials were attached to the agenda. The council reviewed the financial reports and monthly bills. November 2025 deposits totaled: **\$226,983.16** and September 2025 bills totaled: **\$69,957.67**. Council Chair Bailey Cave moved to accept the financials as presented. Councilor McMinn seconded the motion.

**Vote: All Ayes (Bailey Cave, McMinn, Patton, Shoemake, Skow)**

## **Old Business:**

### **Sewer System Update – (Bill Ledbetter, Engineer, Anderson Perry & Associates).**

Mr. Ledbetter updated the Council on the Wastewater Project and our contractors. (Please see attached agenda notes from Mr. Ledbetter.)

1. Swaggert Brothers (SBI) have completed the main line piping.
2. Open trenches are being filled as requested by AP and the City.
3. 1720 feet collection pipe over the last month.
4. SBI is continuing pressure testing and all tests have passed.
5. Bruce Johnson Construction (BJC) is installing tanks and hooking them up to the system.
6. Contracted completion of project is April 26, 2026.
7. SBI will be backing up BJC installing tanks once they complete their current jobs
8. restoration and asphaltting to happen in the Spring of 2026.
9. AP reviewed a change order for BJC remobilizing back to worksite. The amount requested was not justified; therefore, AP is working on a reasonable amount.
10. SBI submitted a change order for an extension of 27 days. AP rejected this change order as everything is on schedule at this time. If an extension is needed it will be addressed at a later date.
11. Change order will be submitted to abandon the 4,000-gallon tank found at the school.
12. New small change orders will be submitted for tanks under decks that are not accessible and must remain in place. These will be filled CDF (controlled density fill).
13. There are no major change orders currently in the works.

**Discussion on Public Holding Tank and RV Chemical Impact.** Councilor McMinn raised a question regarding the possibility of providing a holding tank for public use. In response, it was clarified that chemicals commonly found in waste from recreational vehicles (RVs) can cause significant damage to the sewer system infrastructure. These chemicals not only pose a risk to the proper functioning of the system but also result in increased maintenance and repair expenses. Due to these factors, the introduction of a public holding tank is a concern for both environmental impact and system costs.

### **Sewer Rates for Residents, Businesses, Non-Profit, RV Parks, and Food Establishments.**

During the meeting, the Council addressed the above agenda item and determined that a thorough review of the financial information was necessary before proceeding with any decisions. Consequently, the Council agreed to table the discussion and postpone action until the next scheduled Council meeting on February 10, 2026.

**City French Drain Located at Second Street Across from City Hall.** Mr. Ledbetter addressed the Council regarding the ongoing problem involving the French drain, which has resulted in flooding both on the neighboring property and along the street. To better understand the situation, Mr. Ledbetter spoke directly with the landowner and discussed the history and operation of the drain. Through this conversation, it was determined that sediment originating from the septic system is contributing to the drainage issue. In response, SBI was contacted to assist with draining and flushing the French drain. Mr. Ledbetter is currently considering two potential solutions to resolve the problem. He will continue to evaluate these options and provide a report on his findings and recommendations to the Council at a future meeting.

**Review and Approve Abandoned, Derelict and Nuisance Vehicles -Ordinance 2025-06 Replacing Ordinance VT-1 – 2005.** The City Council conducted a review of the updated ordinance addressing abandoned, derelict, and nuisance vehicles. After considering the revisions, Councilor Patton made a motion to accept the ordinance as revised. Councilor McMinn seconded the motion.

**Vote: Ayes (McMinn, Patton, Shoemake, Skow) Nays (Bailey-Cave)**

**Emert Booster Station Update**

Councilor McMinn provided an update regarding the Emert Booster Station. After assessment, it was determined that the services of Blue Mountain Plumbing were not required. Additionally, a change from schedule 40 to schedule 80 pipes was discussed. It was noted that replacing schedule 40 with schedule 80 piping would result in a break at the connection points between the two types of pipes. Furthermore, attention was drawn to the electric phase 3 power inverter. The Council agreed that the inverter should be removed from its current location in the ground and relocated to a position where it would be more effective.

**New Business:**

**Local Government Investment Pool Account (LGIP).** The Council addressed the possibility of creating a Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) account for the City of Ione. The primary goals for establishing this account are the preservation of principal, ensuring liquidity, and achieving a reasonable yield. During the meeting, Council Chair Bailey Cave distributed an information sheet about LGIPs provided by the Oregon State Treasury, outlining the key features and benefits of the program. Following a review of the information, Councilor Patton made a motion for the City of Ione to formally establish an LGIP account. Councilor McMinn seconded the motion.

**Vote: All Ayes (Bailey Cave, McMinn, Patton, Shoemake, Skow)**

**T-Mobile Hometown Grant Submission.** Ms. Peterson informed the Council that she had submitted an application for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant. The requested grant amount is \$50,000, which would be used to update the Legion Hall to meet ADA standards. The selection process for the grant will take place in February. If the City is not chosen as a recipient, the grant application will be resubmitted in March 2026.

**Mayor’s Report:** No report given.

**Council Comments:** No report given.

**Adjournment:** Being as there is no other further business before the council, Mayor Shoemake adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



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Jesse Shoemake, Mayor

Attested by:



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Elizabeth Peterson, City Administrator