

CITY OF IONE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Ione City Hall
April 14, 2026
6:00pm

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

Via Zoom: Bill Ledbetter, Anderson Perry & Associates (AP)

Absent: Michael Skow, Councilor

Guests: Shirley Dozier, Citizen
Betty Gray, Citizen
Linda LaRue, 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.

Morrow County Sheriff's Office Report. Scott Carter, Criminal Sergeant with the Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), presented the Council with activity statistics for March 2026. These figures reflect law enforcement efforts and community safety activities completed within the city during the month.

- A total of 41 hours were dedicated to patrol duties, ensuring ongoing police presence and response throughout the city.
- School Resource Officer services accounted for 6 hours. It was noted that Deputy Stutzman was on paternity leave during this period, resulting in reduced coverage.
- There were 44 total incidents recorded, highlighting the range of calls and situations managed by MCSO personnel.
- Additionally, 17 area checks were performed as part of the department's proactive efforts to monitor and maintain safety throughout the community.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the March 10, 2026, meeting were reviewed by the Council. Councilor Carson moved to accept minutes as written. Councilor Spivey seconded the motion.

Vote: All Ayes (Bailey Cave, Carson, McMinn, Patton, Shoemake, Spivey)

Public Comment:

1. Mrs. LaRue inquired about the Council's plans for Horseshoe Park and expressed concern on behalf of Mrs. Betty Rietmann, whose residence is located adjacent to the park. She also asked when the decision regarding the park had been made. Mayor Shoemake stated that the City Council had reached that decision at a previous meeting. In addition, Mrs. LaRue inquired about the continued use of the horseshoe pits. The Council indicated that it had discussed relocating two of the pits to the far end of Ione City Park. The City Council reiterated that the park is being prepared to serve as a Vendor's Square, offering a designated area for vendors to operate and hold events. In addition, there are plans to include RV hookups as part of the park's enhancements.
2. Mrs. Betty Gray addressed the Council regarding the 250th Anniversary Fourth of July Celebration and requested that the City consider providing financial support to local businesses participating in the event.
3. Ms. Shirley Dozer addressed the Council regarding a recent call from City Administrator Elizabeth Peterson asking whether she had any knowledge of sheep or goats being kept in the neighborhood. Ms. Dozer stated that, if she has concerns, she will contact the city herself. She asked that Ms. Peterson not call her with similar inquiries, explaining that she has a good relationship with her neighbors. She also said that she does not feel comfortable coming to City Hall to discuss issues with Ms. Peterson.

Permit and Public Request(s): None

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. Change Order No.13: Interest for Late Payments

Change Order #13 was presented to the City Council for approval. This change order specifically requested that the City of Ione pay interest on all late payments associated with project expenses. The need for this request stemmed from the government shutdown in 2025, which prevented LaDonn McElligott of USDA Rural Development from reviewing or signing payment requests. As a result, payments from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the State of Oregon were not processed within the standard net 30-day timeframe. Once funds were deposited in the City's bank account, the City ensured prompt issuance and delivery of payments to SBI.

2. Change Order No. 14: Project Extension Request

Bill Ledbetter of Anderson Perry & Associates (AP) addressed the City Council regarding a request from Swaggert Brothers, Inc. (SBI) for additional time to complete their contracted project. SBI asked for an extension of the project's timeline, assuring the Council that this would not result in any extra cost to the city. After considering the request, the Council approved an extension, allowing the contractor until July 1, 2026, to finish the project. However, the approval was contingent upon the contractor agreeing to cover AP's fees incurred during the extended period. This was originally approved at this meeting but was revoked unless the above conditions were met.

3. Paving Contractor Update

Bill Ledbetter, representing Anderson Perry & Associates, will coordinate with Swaggert Brothers, Inc. (SBI) regarding the selection of paving contractors for the ongoing project. At present, SBI will engage a contractor different from the one initially proposed in their original bid. Should this change in contractor be confirmed, the City Council will be required to review and formally approve the updated contract.

Mr. Ledbetter presented PMR#18 for payment to the Council which has a payment due of \$261,209.14. The breakdown is as follows: Anderson Perry - \$18,867.30 and Swaggert Brothers - \$226,785.84

Councilor Carson moved to accept PMR#18 for payment of \$588,210.92. Councilor McMinn seconded the motion.

Vote: All Ayes (Bailey Cave, Carson, McMinn, Patton, Shoemake, Spivey)

Purchasing Policy. The Council reviewed the Purchasing Policy and Resolution 26-01, which had been tabled from the March 10, 2026, meeting.

The proposed revision would increase the threshold for purchases requiring a public bid from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The City Administrator will continue to seek three bids when possible and document those efforts. If three bids cannot be obtained, the reason will be documented in the record. Council Chair Bailey Cave opposed the proposed policy. The submitted policy was reviewed and edited by City Attorney Wyatt Baum. Councilor Carson moved to approve the policy as presented, and Councilor Spivey seconded the motion.

**Vote: (5-1) (5-For: Carson, Minn, Patton, Shoemake, Spivey
(1-Against: Bailey Cave)**

Sewer Rates for Residents, Businesses, Non-Profit, RV Parks, and Food Establishments. Tabled from the April 14, 2026, meeting. The Council agreed on the following rates:

- Residential Rates: \$50.00
- Business Rate: \$50.00
- Non-Profit Organizations: \$50.00
- Restaurants and Deli: \$100.00
- RV Parks: \$10 per hookup
- Mobile Home Park: \$ 150.00 plus \$10 per RV hookup

Financial Reports and Bills: March 2026 financials were attached to the agenda. The council reviewed the financial reports and monthly bills. March 2026 deposits totaled: **\$1,187,943.12.** and March 2026 bills totaled: **\$431,421.18.** Councilor Patton moved to accept the financials as presented. Councilor Carson seconded the motion.

Vote: All Ayes (Bailey Cave, Carson, McMinn, Patton, Spivey, Shoemake)

Legion Hall Lease Agreement. The topic was tabled until The Legion returns the proposed lease with any changes.

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New Business:

Budget Meeting Calendar. Ms. Peterson handed out calendars for May and June asking Council to return them to her with dates they would not be able to attend a budget meeting.

Addition of Check Signers. Tabled till the May 12, 2026, meeting.

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 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jesse Shoemake, Mayor

Attested by:

Elizabeth Peterson, City Administrator