

**CITY OF IONE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Ione City Hall
August 11, 2026
6:00pm**

Present: Jesse Shoemake, Mayor
Sabrina Bailey Cave, Council Chair
Jason Carson, Councilor
Michael Skow, Councilor
Elizabeth Peterson, City Administrator
Shad Hass, Public Works

Absent: Bruce McMinn, Councilor
Mark Patton, Councilor
Brian Spivey, Councilor
Scott Carter, Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)
Larry Myers, Anderson Perry & Associates (AP)

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

Guests: Brooke Baker, Citizen
Heath Baker, Citizen
Shirley Dozier, Citizen
Gayle Eynetich, Citizen
Taranna Patton, Citizen
Steven Palmer, Commander, American Legion Post 95
Kerry Peterson, American Legion Post 95, Citizen
Conrad Tworek, American Legion Post 95, Citizen

Call to Order: Mayor Shoemake called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ms. Peterson conducted roll call.

Morrow County Sheriff's Office Report: Scott Carter, Criminal Sergeant with the Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) presented to the Council the July 2026 activity statistics. The report summarizes law enforcement services and community safety efforts completed within the city during the month.

- **Patrol duties:** Deputies completed 32.5 hours of patrol to maintain a consistent law enforcement presence and support timely response throughout the city.
- **School Resource Officer services:** MCSO provided 20 hours of School Resource Officer support.
- **Incident response:** Personnel recorded 23 total incidents, reflecting the range of calls and situations handled during the month.
- **Area checks:** Deputies conducted 8 area checks as part of proactive efforts to monitor conditions and help maintain community safety.

Approval of Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the July 21, 2026 meeting. Councilor Carson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Council Chair Bailey Cave seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously. (Bailey Cave, Carson, Shoemake, Skow)

Public Comment(s):

1. **Water sales and city water supply:** Shirley Dozier asked the Council about the sale of water and its potential impact on the City's water supply. Ms. Peterson reported that the State of Oregon measures the City's static water levels annually. Those levels have remained consistently around 15 feet below ground level. The city well is approximately 675 feet deep, and the lowest recorded level in the past 25 years occurred in 2002, when it was approximately 17 feet below ground level.

Permits and Public Requests: None

Old Business:

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

Mr. Ledbetter provided an update on the wastewater project and contractor activity. Supporting details are referenced in the attached agenda notes.

1. General Construction

- All construction elements are complete.
- A Substantial Completion walkthrough was held on July 27, 2026. The project was found to be substantially complete, and a substantial completion punch list was provided to the Contractor.
- The Contractor is working on addressing Substantial Completion Punchlist Items

2. Schedule

- As of August 10, 2026, the Contractor estimated a week's worth of work remaining to complete the substantial completion punch list items.

3. Current Contractual Deadlines

- Substantial Completion – July 31, 2026 (Achieved)
- Final Payment – August 30, 2026

4. Application for Payment (AFP)

- AFP No. 22 is currently under review by AP and the Contractor.

5. AP – City Budget Check-In

- For the Council's knowledge, the following are current remaining project budgets, based on the current agreement between the Owner and the Engineer which includes Amendment No. 8:
- Construction Engineering: \$16,400
- Resident Project Representative: \$13,500
- Record Drawings: \$9,600

6. Contractor's Warranty Bond

- **Warranty bond coverage:** Mr. Ledbetter explained that, after the project is complete, Swaggart Brothers plans to close operations except for one employee who will remain employed for one year to satisfy the warranty bond requirements. During the warranty period, the City may submit a written appeal to the contractor and Swaggart Brothers if Swaggart Brothers does not respond to a concern. If the matter remains unresolved, the city may pursue collection on the bond.

Legion Hall Acquisition. Steven Palmer, Commander of American Legion Post 95, addressed the Council regarding the potential acquisition of Legion Hall. He stated that no decision has been made at this time about whether to transfer the property to the City. The Post plans to hold a meeting to discuss the matter further.

French Drain Flooding on Second and Spring Streets. No updates.

New Business:

Amending the Nuisance Ordinance. Ms. Peterson informed the Council that the city has received several complaints about the use of compression, or “Jake,” brakes within city limits. She noted that the City does not currently have an ordinance addressing this issue and asked whether the Council would like to consider amending the Nuisance Ordinance to include related provisions. She was instructed to bring a revised version to the next meeting.

General Election. Ms. Peterson informed the Council that five positions will be up for re-election during the November General Election. Individuals currently elected to those positions must file by August 18, 2026. Individuals who were appointed to their current positions have until August 25, 2026, to file. She will provide the SEL 101 for candidates to be placed on the ballot.

Financial Reports and Bills. Council reviewed the August 2026 financial reports and monthly bills attached to the agenda. August 2026 deposits totaled \$ **\$1,904,813.90**. June 2026 bills totaled \$ **2,025,609.39**. Councilor Skow moved to approve the financial reports and bills as presented. Councilor Carson seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously. (Bailey Cave, Carson, Shoemake, Skow)

Mayor’s Report: No Report.

Council Comments: No Report.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mayor Shoemake adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Shoemake, Mayor

Attested by:

Elizabeth Peterson, City Administrator