

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Ronan City Council

July 8, 2026

MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ronan convened on July 8, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., at Ronan City Hall. Those present were: Mayor Ryan Corum, Council present: Ellen Kaphammer, Larry Hall, Julie Moore, Lindsay Myers, Mark Nelson, and Micah Robertson. City Attorney Ben Anciaux, Police Chief Rob Jacobson, Public Works Director Dan Miller, Clerk-Treasurer Kaylene Melton, and Deputy Clerk Gwen Zolber were also present.

ORDER/PLEDGE

Mayor Ryan Corum called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

Mark made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 22, 2026 Regular Meeting. Lindsay seconded the motion. Brief discussion was held. The Mayor called for a vote. Larry abstained due to being absent from the June 22 meeting. Ellen, Julie, Lindsay, Mark, and Micah voted in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jannel and Corey Kamarainen asked if anyone had received complaints about the 4th of July activities and fireworks. None were reported at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Claims

Discussion was held. The Council reviewed the list of claims owing as of July 8, 2026. Julie made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, as listed. Larry seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Larry, Julie, Mark, and Lindsay voted in favor. Micah opposed. Motion carried.

2nd Chance Saloon & The Pheasant Lounge

Discussion was held. Mark made a motion to approve application for Street Closure between 1st and 2nd Avenues in front of 2nd Chance Saloon and the Pheasant Lounge for Pioneer Days "Street dance and activities" from 12:00 P.M. July 31, 2026, - 3:00 A.M. August 2, 2026. Larry seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Larry, Julie, Mark, and Lindsay voted in favor. Micah opposed. Motion carried. It was later noted that the Open Container Permit verbiage was not added correctly onto today's Agenda, so that portion has been moved to the July 22, 2026 City Council meeting for a vote.

Pioneer Days Co.	Discussion was held. Larry made a motion to approve application for Street Closure of Main Street between 2 nd and 3 rd Avenues for Pioneer Days “wheelchair race” from 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M., Saturday August 1, 2026. Lindsay seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. All voted in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.
Chamber of Commerce	Discussion was held. Julie made a motion to approve application for Open Container Permit for the annual “Crab Fest” event, at the Lake County Fairgrounds, July 31, 2026, from 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Mark seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Larry, Julie, Mark, and Lindsay voted in favor. Micah opposed. Motion carried.
Anndreya Konecny	Discussion was held. Julie made a motion to approve Anndreya Konecny’s Application for Open Container Permit for a Wedding/ Reception at the Ronan Community Center on September 12, 2026, from 3:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. Lindsay seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Larry, Julie, Mark, and Lindsay voted in favor. Micah opposed. Motion carried.
Pioneer Days Co.	Discussion was held. Lindsay made a motion to approve Applications for: A. Open Container Permit for “Pioneer Days Rodeo Beer Garden” August 1, 2026 from 5:00 P.M. until 12:00 A.M., and August 2, 2026 from 2:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.; and B. Street Closure of Main Street for “Parade on Main Street” August 2, 2026, Main Street, from 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. Julie seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Larry, Julie, Mark, and Lindsay voted in favor. Micah opposed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction to CSKT Disaster and Emergency Services	Introduction of McKennah Andrews, Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator for Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.
Vehicle Title Authorization	Discussion was held. Larry made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign over vehicle title #G920074 for a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria that was previously owned by the City and subsequently acquired by the current owner from a junk yard. Lindsay seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. All voted in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.
Mission West Grant Draw #1	Discussion was held. Julie made a motion to authorize funds to be issued to Mission West Development for the Draw #1 funds received for Adaptive Use Grant MT-MMS-CG-25-006 in the amount of \$28,189.43. Larry seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. All voted in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mission West Brownfields Phase II	The item was tabled to allow time to investigate potential costs involved with moving forward into the Brownfields Phase II project.
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Dumpster in Easement	The item was tabled to allow the Mayor and Public Works Director to assess the situation and determine the best location for the dumpster. If resolved, the item will not be placed on future agendas.
Overtime Pay	Discussion was held. Lindsay made a motion to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's request to be paid subsequent overtime hours accrued during the period July 1, 2026 to August 1, 2026, up to a maximum amount of \$5,000.00. Larry seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. All voted in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.
Preliminary Budget Discussion	Discussion was held. Larry made a motion to approve the adoption of the wage proposal submitted to Council by the Finance Committee for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, effective July 1, 2026. Lindsay seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. All voted in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.
Public Records Request Discussion	The item was tabled to allow the Council to review the effective date and compliance requirements in the recently passed House Bill 100 regarding public records requests.
Police Department Continued Discussion	Discussion was held. It was determined that this matter will be referred to the Inter-Government Relations Committee, comprised of Council members Ellen, Mark, and Larry, for review and recommendation.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Micah: Discussed Council overreach, the scope of the Chair's authority, and perceived bias in calling time for discussions. He shared his opinion that the city should adopt the Sheriff's suggestions, and questioned the purpose of the Council's committee to address the issue the Sheriff raised.

Ellen: Everything is good after the hiccup with the sewer system, which the lift station handled perfectly. She finished by thanking Chief Jacobson.

Larry: Stated that the responsibilities and duties of the Council encompass budget and anything associated with the budget, which includes paying for the Sheriff's services. The Mayor's role is Administrative/Executive.

Julie: Thanked everyone with the City for all their work. Wants and believes the issue with the Sheriff's office can be worked out. Noted the personal attacks against the Ronan Police Department have "gotten terrible" and doesn't understand where it's coming from. A "gentleman's agreement" has been in place in the past, and the Sheriff's office has given conflicting messages regarding whether the dispute is financial, and all facts need to be considered. She then expressed concern over the Ronan Police Department's reputation, stated the department is highly capable, and referenced the City Attorney's previous inquiry on how to repair it.

Lindsay: Expressed total agreement with Julie's viewpoints. Thanked Jannel and Corey Kamarainen for the "fantastic" and "very safe" fireworks on the 4th of July, and appreciates all they are trying to do for the community, adding that Ronan is fun in the summer, so let's be safe and

have fun.

Kaylene: Noted that many people are enjoying the new activities. She mentioned a local business owner thought the Council opposed the street dance, and that the owner explicitly stated they would not contribute to Pioneer Days unless a street dance is held.

Dan: Thanked the Council and everyone and added that there is much going on, and everyone is a pleasure to work with through it all.

Ben Anciaux: To piggyback on what Dan said, Ronan has a good group – take advantage of it.

Chief Jacobson: Thank You for the increases, competitive wages help to keep the good police officers we have.

Mayor Corum: Requested that his cell phone number not be shared, as a member of the public contacted him on his personal phone number. He said when a mayor takes office, they are not given a manual that tells them everything they need to know, and the goal is to learn, do better, and move on, adding that he and Mark have had several “hard” conversations, and answers don’t always come as quickly as people would like. He also commended the Ronan Police Department for finding a missing special needs child within 10 minutes.

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ellen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Ryan Corum, Mayor

Attest:

Gwen Zolber, Deputy Clerk