

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Ronan City Council

August 12, 2026

MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ronan convened on August 12, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., at Ronan City Hall. Those present were: Mayor Ryan Corum, Council present: Larry Hall, Ellen Kaphammer, Lindsay Myers, Mark Nelson, and Micah Robertson. Police Chief Rob Jacobson, Sargent Brandon Smith, Public Works Director Dan Miller, Clerk-Treasurer Kaylene Melton, and Deputy Clerk Gwen Zolber were also present. Council member Julie Moore was absent.

ORDER/PLEDGE

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

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Allen Corneliuson spoke regarding the executive role of the Mayor.

Linda Finkle advised that motorists are speeding on surface streets. She inquired about the possibility of adding city-wide speed limit signage or alternative speed-control measures that do not require additional manpower.

Corey Kamarainen representing The 2nd Chance Saloon asked for feedback regarding the recent Pioneer Days events. Attending Council members and meeting attendees noted they had only heard positive remarks, and the City confirmed that no official complaints have been filed.

Clifton Hayden, candidate for City Attorney introduced himself, provided his resume, provided a contract with proposed scope of work, as well as answered questions asked by Council members.

CONSENT AGENDA

Claims

Discussion was held. The Council reviewed the list of claims owing as of August 12, 2026. Larry made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, as listed. Mark seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Larry, Mark, and Lindsay voted in favor. Julie was absent. Micah opposed. Motion carried.

Lake County
Republicans

Discussion was held. Mark made a motion to approve the Open Container Permit application for a Lincoln Reagan Trump Fundraiser Dinner from 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M on September 20, 2026, at the Ronan Community Center. Lindsay seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Larry, Mark, and Lindsay voted in favor. Julie was absent. Micah opposed. Motion carried.

St. Luke Healthcare

Discussion was held. Ellen made a motion to approve the Open Container Permit application for an End of Summer B.B.Q. from 3:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. on August 26, 2026, at the Ronan City Park Pavillion. Lindsay seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Larry, Mark, and Lindsay voted in favor. Julie was absent. Micah opposed. Motion carried.

Lake County
Democrats

Discussion was held. Mark made a motion to approve the Open Container Permit application for a dinner from 5:30 P.M.-9:00 P.M. on August 30, 2026, at the Ronan Community Center. Lindsay seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Ellen, Larry, Mark, and Lindsay voted in favor. Julie was absent. Micah opposed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

New Court Hours

The Honorable Allysen Jones advised the City Court hours have changed to better accommodate the work schedules of community members who must attend court. Court hours will now be Monday and Wednesday evenings from 4:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Hearings will be held Wednesdays during the scheduled City Court hours.

Court Prosecutor

Chief Jacobson introduced Michelle Sievers, Deputy Lake County Attorney, as a candidate for the open City Court Prosecutor position. Sievers provided an overview of her professional legal experience and proposed fees, and will provide the City with a formal proposal.

Local Government
Services Packages

The selection and vote on Local Government Services Packages was postponed to the August 26, 2026 City Council meeting.

Police Award
Presentation

During a special presentation, Police Chief Jacobson presented Sergeant Smith with an award honoring his ten years of dedicated service to the citizens of Ronan.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2026-06

Discussion was held. Mark made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 2026-06 to allow for the annexation of the lagoon property. Larry seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. Micah, Ellen, Larry, Mark, and Lindsay voted in favor. Julie was absent. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Update: Inter-Government Relations Committee

The Committee advised they and the Mayor met with the Lake County Commissioners resulting in a “Gentleman’s Agreement”. For no additional cost while Ronan is down an officer, the County will provide coverage between 3:00 A.M.–7:00 A.M., leaving any City-appropriate investigations and follow-up for the Ronan Police Department to complete. Additionally, while on duty, the School Resource Officer is available for backup to Ronan police officers. At this time there is no expectation of an MOU nor an end date to the “Gentleman’s Agreement”, but there is an expectation of teamwork and communication from both agencies.

Mission West Grant Draw #2

Mission West Development withdrew the current request to authorize funds to be issued for Draw #2 on the Adaptive Use Grant MT-MMS-CG-25-006 in the amount of \$27,123.29, and will resubmit at a future date.

Overtime Pay

The Clerk-Treasurer's update and request for a vote regarding overtime instructions from August forward were postponed to the August 26, 2026 City Council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Micah: Listened to the audio of the Committee and County Commissioner’s meeting and it was a good meeting.

Ellen: We are moving forward and trying to get things calmed down. Thanked the Lake County Commissioners for meeting with the Committee and having the conversation. Appreciates Chief Jacobson, Congratulations to Sergeant Smith-good job. Thanked Public Works, saying everything looks nice. And Thanks all around.

Larry: Given the extensive construction and escalating traffic issues, commissioning a comprehensive traffic study is highly beneficial to evaluate all roadway and frontage road options. This overview will help coordinate Highway Department and City responsibilities to manage current and expected traffic flows effectively.

Mark: Appreciated the Lake County Commissioners meeting with the Inter-Governmental Relations Committee, it was a good meeting.

Lindsay: Looking forward to everything calming down. Annual ask to Ronan Police: please keep an extra eye on “the littles” as they cross the streets, especially as the school year begins.

Kaylene: The Annual Finance Report (AFR) is almost complete. Once the AFR is completed and submitted, the audit can begin. Will need to vote on a new levy at the next Council meeting on August 26, with the Public Hearing just prior. The preliminary budget is in the works.

Dan: Unsure if there was a lightening strike or if there was a bird strike, but there was a power surge at the lagoon that caused cost-significant repairs to the system components and we are asking insurance to cover. Had the first visit from H2O to the water treatment plant, which found a few issues, and will guide Ronan on how to fix. Their next visit will be to update the programming, and then will be back online by fall or early

winter. Still have one seasonal position open that may turn into a full-time role if the budget allows.

Chief Jacobson: Proud of our Agency and the people who are a part of it – Thank you to the officers who are here tonight, and their friends and families who came in support Sergeant Smith on his ten years with the City of Ronan Police Department.

Mayor Corum: Got a grant for the fire department for \$7,500.00. Learning the Mayoral role is a challenge, and each month is grateful he made it through and sees it as a learning, as it's a difficult job. Working on moving forward to a mutually agreeable resolution with the Lake County Sheriff, so please be patient, as there are two government entities involved, and the process moves slow.

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., preceded by the Preliminary Budget Public Hearing at 5:45 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:

Ryan Corum, Mayor

Attest:

Gwen Zolber, Deputy Clerk