

**CITY OF GRANT
WORKSHOP MINUTES**

DATE : August 4, 2026
TIME STARTED : 5:02 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 6:20 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT : Councilmembers Cremona, Rog, Anderson,
Cornett and Mayor Giefer
MEMBERS ABSENT : None

Staff members present: City Planner Jennifer Haskamp, City Attorney Amanda Johnson and Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Lacey Smieja.

The workshop meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Mayor Giefer.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**POTENTIAL ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

Staff indicated that after the last workshop meeting about this subject, it was discovered that more work would need to be done to ensure the ordinances were updated and consistent than originally thought. Staff brought the item back for further discussion to ensure that the Council would like staff to move forward with presenting the changes. During the discussion it was confirmed that staff should move forward with preparing draft ordinance amendments that would remove the contiguous lot ordinance, add language to distinguish between platted and unplatted lots and tailoring the language to reduce the number of instances in which a variance would be required for platted lots, along with any other necessary changes to provide consistency throughout the code.

The draft ordinance amendments will be brought to the September meeting for council review and discussion. A public hearing is also required.

PRELIMINARY 2027 BUDGET

Administrator Smieja presented a draft budget outline for the Council to review. A change to gravel road maintenance was discussed after Smieja had conversations with Road Supervisor Ken Johnson and grading contractor Brian Kline. For the last several years, the process has been to apply calcium chloride to the most traveled gravel roads in the City 3 times per year, some of the roads two times per year, some once per year requiring a cost share from the residents, and some not at all.

The new proposed plan would apply calcium chloride to the most traveled roads in the City 3 times per year (approximately mid-May, mid-June, mid-August), all roads in the City one time per year (mid-June), and a majority of roads in the City twice per year (as determined by the Roads Supervisor based on the condition of roads; mid-June and mid-August). The overall cost of grading would go down because the condition of the gravel roads should be better; so while there is an overall increase in the maintenance cost, the road conditions will improve and we should see less gravel and

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1 maintenance costs in future years. The biggest change with the new plan will be that the resident cost
2 sharing program will be discontinued.

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4 The Council agreed that the new plan seemed to make sense and they would like to see more details
5 about which roads would be impacted and better cost estimates at the next budget meeting. They
6 agreed that overall, this will provide a more equitable allocation of resources and city services.

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9 Workshop discussion and meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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11 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting on September 1, 2026.

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Lacey L. Smieja
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer



Jeff Giefer
Mayor