

CITY OF GRANT
WORKSHOP MINUTES

DATE : July 10, 2026
TIME STARTED : 10:03 a.m.
TIME ENDED : 11:55 a.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT : Councilmembers Cremona, Rog, Anderson,
and Mayor Giefer
MEMBERS ABSENT : Council Member Cornett

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 10:30 a.m. by Mayor Giefer.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**POTENTIAL ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

Staff discussed potential amendments to the variance requirements of substandard lots. Staff proposed making changes to the ordinances to include a tiered structure that would consider lot size, date of lot creation, and ordinance standards at the time of creation. Regardless if a property required a variance to build or was permitted by right, they would still need to prove buildability, including setback requirements and primary and secondary septic siting. The changes will affect a small percentage (~<5%) of all parcels within the City. And, no changes would affect lots created after the current lot size and density restrictions were enacted in 1983 (5.0-acre minimum lot size; density restrictions of 1 dwelling unit per 10 acres).

Council provided direction to staff to draft ordinance updates that will incorporate the tiered structure for substandard lots, delineating which lots would still need to go through the variance process. This will allow for a clearer understanding of the ordinances, as well as be less costly, for current and prospective property owners, and will reduce staff and Council time and resources processing variance applications.

Workshop discussion and meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting on August 4, 2026.



Lacey L. Smieja
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer



Jeff Giefer
Mayor