

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 04.01.2026
Time: 6:00 pm
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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call – Mayor Anderson
- II. Agenda corrections or additions
- III. Approval of 02.04.2026 & 02.18.2026 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Business from the Audience - This is for Mosier residents and anyone else to express concerns, needs, or opportunities. Please keep your comments succinct and under two minutes. You may bring in written materials for the Council and Staff to review. The Chair can assign the issue to a future Council meeting, or to an appropriate Council or staff member. Please realize we cannot always offer a response immediately but will give the matter due consideration. We encourage the participation of all stakeholders in our community.
- V. BUSINESS
 - a. Consolidated Fee Schedule / Utility Rate Increase – Monica Morris, Finance Director
 - b. General Updates - Lisa Gambee, Wasco County Commission
 - c. MCS Solar Pavillon Project – Michelle Dawkins, Mosier Community School
 - d. Water System Project Update – Colleen Coleman, Special Projects Coordinator
- VI. City Updates / Reports / Upcoming Meeting Topics
- VII. ADJOURN

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MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING



Date: February 04, 2026
Time: 6:00 pm
Meeting called to order by: Mayor Anderson at 6:01 pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Council: Mayor Witt Anderson, Noah Estes, Lydia Koerner, Charlie Cannon, Ron Wright, Gary Lindemyer, Brenna Campbell

Staff: City Manager Andrea Rogers, City Recorder Amy Szilagyi, Special Projects Coordinator Colleen Coleman, City Planner Jaime Crawford, Finance Director Monica Morris, City Attorney Lura Westmeyer

AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: None

SUMMARY: Council conducted a public hearing regarding proposed skate park rules and safety policies. Topics included operating hours, prohibited activities, enforcement expectations, possible fencing, restroom placement, surveillance cameras, and establishing a process for reviewing complaints. Council also supported a volunteer project management agreement to assist with project coordination and implementation.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Mosier (Jacob's) Skate Park – Rules, Regulations and Policies: Volunteer Project Manager Lee Campbell presented and reviewed the proposed skate park policies, rules, and additional recommendations for Council consideration, noting that the City's insurance provider, CIS, completed a risk assessment informing the working group's recommendations.

Working Group Member Comments: Jayne Elken expressed support for the proposed rules and noted that broader area safety issues had been discussed with Main Street Mosier, including potential video surveillance and fencing along Mosier Creek. Planner Jaime Crawford reported that a site plan review is underway, that the design includes space for a potential porta potty, and that any fencing within the creek's sensitive area would require land use approval. Mike Sloan, representing Main Street Mosier, stated that the working group found its meetings productive and agreed to continue meeting at least annually, or as needed, to review issues and provide recommendations to the Council, noting that topics such as fencing could be revisited in the future if warranted.

Council Questions to the Committee

Mayor Anderson inquired about enforcement of skate park rules, including prohibitions such as "no glass." Lee Campbell explained that rules would be posted, with no ongoing supervision due to limited local police presence and liability concerns, and that public concerns could be reported to the City. Mike Sloan noted that peer pressure and self-enforcement are typical at skate parks, supplemented by a City contact number.

Jayne Elken emphasized that posted rules and incident documentation create a "paper trail" given limited police presence. Councilor Cannon asked about camera costs and potential cost-sharing with ODOT; Campbell noted cameras are not in the current budget, but archived footage could be useful. City Manager Andrea Rogers described citywide security camera exploration and coordination with ODOT and the Sheriff on traffic issues.

Planner Crawford suggested fire or police review of the rules; Campbell confirmed CIS had provided a risk assessment and rules could be forwarded to fire, with Jayne noting the City would manage agency coordination. City Attorney Westmeyer clarified that the Council's action is policy approval, not a land use decision. Jayne added that simple video surveillance could serve as a deterrent.

Public Comment

Mark Paine inquired about adding a rule addressing graffiti and tagging; Lee Campbell explained that the committee had discussed the distinction between urban art and graffiti, noting safety concerns from paint on the skate surface, but no rule was included and further discussion was welcomed. Matt Haase noted that skaters typically self-police debris and questioned the need for surveillance, to which Jayne Elken responded that limited surveillance was proposed due to minimal local police presence and informed by practices at larger parks. Joey Ciprari summarized emailed comments, recommending pets be leashed, children under 12 be accompanied by an adult, and signage encourage community self-policing, while raising questions regarding traffic, lighting, camera operation, and a committee member's past opposition. Jayne confirmed her support for the facility, and Lee Campbell clarified that the park is planned for dawn-to-dusk use with no additional lighting to address neighborhood concerns and hazards, noting existing ambient streetlight coverage, and that Jayne's role on the rules committee was valuable to policy development.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING 6:39 pm

Council Deliberation

Mayor Anderson thanked Main Street Mosier, committee members, and facilitator Emily, noting the proposal reflected working group consensus. He supported adding a pets-on-leash rule and inquired about graffiti language. Councilors and committee members discussed requiring children under 12 to be accompanied by an adult, sign design and readability, and signage examples from other skate parks, with graffiti language suggested to focus on safety impacts. Campbell and Sloan noted the rules are a "living document" with future updates possible via decals. The Council approved the rules as amended, adding leashed pets and adult supervision for children under 12, while deferring graffiti language to the working group's first periodic report. City Manager Rogers confirmed that insurer-recommended recreational immunity language would be incorporated consistent with state law and other City parks.

MOTION: Made by Councilor Wright that the Council approve the rules, regulations, and policies for the Skate Park as presented tonight and amended by discussion to include rules in regard to keeping pets on leash, having kids 12 years old and under being accompanied by an adult, and addressing the risk and liability with the input received from CIS and consistent with the City's recreational immunity. Councilor Cannon seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

Ayes: Anderson, Estes, Koerner, Cannon, Wright, Lindemyer, Campbell

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Meeting Adjourned 6:50 pm

ACTION ITEMS:

Main Street Mosier Working Group / Project Managers:

- Develop and provide proposed signage for the skate park, including spacing for future amendments and ideas about addressing graffiti versus art, for Council review.
- Review and potentially make recommendations to City Council regarding additional safety measures (e.g., fencing, signage by green chairs) at future (semi-annual or annual) meetings.
- Address the issue of graffiti/art in the first report and review process (e.g., within 6 months) and bring recommendations back to Council as appropriate.
- Pass the proposed skate park rules to the fire department (and possibly other relevant agencies) for review and comment before final posting.

- Consider and implement the addition of rules regarding pets on leash and minors under 12 accompanied by an adult to the skate park rules/signage.

City Manager Rogers:

- Ensure correct recreational immunity and liability language is included on skate park signage and, if needed, on signage at other city parks.
- Follow up with insurance provider regarding volunteer liability coverage for the skate park project managers and for potential future volunteer work parties.
- Respond to Jane Elkin’s email and forward to City Council as indicated.

Witt Anderson, Mayor

Amy Szilagyi, City Recorder

Approved by City Council on _____

DRAFT



Skate park rules!

From Joey Ciprari <ljciprari@gmail.com>
Date Wed 2/4/2026 3:35 PM
To Amy Szilágyi <Recorder@cityofmosier.gov>

Rules to add is:

- Pets should be leashed to avoid injury
- minors under 12 should be accompanied by an adult or guardian.
- See something, say something! Speak up for wrong doing in our community!

Questions:

Is there any measures taking place to slow down speeds on the road near the skatepark?

Will there be lights?

Who would be surveillance officer or operator if cameras installed?

Concerns:

Jayne tried to dismantle the dream of a skate park in the community with a lawsuit, I don't think it's right for her to be on the board if she is against it in any way, she tried to also create a coup to stop the plans and building.

Please make her resign from the skatepark committee if she doesn't have good intentions or bring anything to the table.

Does the city council have authority to ask her to step down or question her intentions for being involved? Thank you so much for your time!

Louis (Joey) Ciprari
978-726-7431



Questions and concerns regarding skate park construction please forward to CC

From jee at gorge.net <jee@gorge.net>

Date Wed 2/4/2026 3:03 PM

To mainstreetmosier <mainstreetmosier@gmail.com>; Witt Anderson <witt.anderson@cityofmosier.gov>; Andrea Rogers <Manager@cityofmosier.gov>; Amy Szilágyi <Recorder@cityofmosier.gov>

Hello Everyone (please forward to CC members):

I have several questions and comments. I will be attending the meeting tonight, however in case these topics do not get answered or we don't have time for comment, please email me the answers and response. Thank-you!

1) Given that UP construction was an unforeseen event, I'd like to confirm the City has reached out to grant folks to notify that UP presence could and likely will affect the construction process and ability for City to complete project as originally thought.

2) Where can the public access the grant requirements and timeline for Mosier skatepark?

3) I also want to confirm City has a mutually agreed upon plan with UP regarding construction. Many residents realize that these 2 projects realistically cannot coexist without hardship and inconvenience for both parties...I am hoping the City realizes this, and has moved forward to negotiate agreements with UP, or ideally defer construction for the safety of the project and the kids.

4) I am eager to understand how we as a City are realistically planning that we can construct a park among major UP project....And if able to construct, how can we open the park, and deem safe for kids....alongside large trucks, RR, bridge construction? Again I hope City has reached out to Grant people, and if City has already handled all these concerns, I know that many residents would love to hear the City's specific plans because many have concern.

5) There are signs re "Trucks Entering and Exiting Road"...Is UP only going to use this loop road for the next 2 months and give up? Hopefully so, and you have an agreement signed and confirmed. As of 3 weeks ago, the contractors in residence knew nothing about a skatepark.

6) Given the above unforeseen situation...I as a taxpayer understand that City is planning on leveraging cash to forward payments to Dreamworks pending reimbursement. Should the UP project affect construction, and we cannot complete per Grant requirements....I do not want my tax money paying for a luxury item, which may not be able to be recovered, when we as a community face an above-average number of emergencies such as power outages and fires which may require the funds. Please assure me and other concerned tax payers that our funds will not be leveraged to pay for a luxury item we may not be able to get fully reimbursed for.

I assume and hope these concerns have already been handled; if so I will appreciate knowing the information. When I ask these questions I have not yet received answers which quell my concerns.

Thank-you so much!

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING



Date: February 04, 2026
Time: 6:50 pm
Meeting called to order by: Mayor Anderson at 6:52 pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Council: Mayor Witt Anderson, Noah Estes, Lydia Koerner, Charlie Cannon, Ron Wright, Gary Lindemyer, Brenna Campbell

Staff: City Manager Andrea Rogers, City Recorder Amy Szilagyi, Special Projects Coordinator Colleen Coleman, City Planner Jaime Crawford, Finance Director Monica Morris, City Attorney Lura Westmeyer

AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: Andrea requested to add an item for approving the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Dreamland, which will be discussed alongside the volunteer agreement.

SUMMARY: The City Council approved the January 7th meeting minutes as amended. Scott Hagee informed the council that the Mosier Emergency Operations Plan was approved, and he offered to share the document. Nicole Beechler introduced herself as a candidate for County Commissioner and expressed interest in the city's affairs. Jayne Elkin mentioned an email she sent regarding questions that will be forwarded to the City Council. Charlie raised concerns about Google's data centers and their impact on the Columbia River's temperature. Scott clarified that the centers do not use Columbia water. Lydia discussed ongoing issues with mail being returned due to incorrect addressing, and Witt offered to address the problem with Senator Merkley or postmaster Joe Atwood.

APPROVAL OF 01.07.2026 MINUTES: Mayor Anderson reported minor typographical corrections to the January 7 minutes, including correction of "Joint Youth Facility" and the spelling of a name.

MOTION: Councilor Lindemyer moved to approve minutes as amended. Councilor Wright seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

Ayes: Anderson, Estes, Koerner, Cannon, Wright, Lindemyer, Campbell

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

OPEN MEETING

Public Comment

- Commissioner Scott Hege: Reported that Wasco County approved its Emergency Operations Plan, which includes Mosier, and offered to share the document with the City; the plan outlines community and agency responses to future emergencies.
- Nicole Biechler: Introduced herself as a candidate for County Commissioner and highlighted her family's long-standing ties to Mosier.
- Jayne Elken: Noted she had submitted questions via email; Mayor Anderson confirmed that he and the City Manager had reviewed the email, and a response would be provided and shared with Council.
- Councilor Charlie Cannon: Inquired about environmental oversight regarding Google data centers in The Dalles and potential impacts on Columbia River water quality. Commissioner Hege explained that Google draws water from municipal and well sources, not directly from the Columbia, and that discharges meet EPA requirements; he offered to provide additional information.
- Councilor Lydia Koerner: Raised concerns about local postal service, including returned packages addressed with both street addresses and PO Boxes. Mayor Anderson and Councilor Ron Wright noted similar experiences,

discussed possible escalation through Senator Merkley's office, and considered direct contact with postal officials. A member of the public suggested residents may qualify for a free PO Box and recommended speaking with the Mosier post office manager.

1. **Resolution: FY 2026-27 Budget Calendar:** Finance Director Monica Morris presented the proposed Fiscal year 2026-27 City Budget Calendar. She requested Council approval to schedule an additional Budget Committee meeting on April 15, which Council confirmed as feasible. City Manager Rogers invited residents to volunteer for the Budget Committee, emphasizing limited time commitment, and Morris indicated she would provide a notice for the City's website, local newspaper, and radio to recruit volunteers and outline participation requirements.

MOTION: Made by Councilor Estes that City Council meet for a Budget Committee meeting on April 15th. Councilor Cannon seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

Ayes: Anderson, Estes, Koerner, Cannon, Wright, Lindemyer, Campbell

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

2. **Stormwater Plan Update:** Jody Behr, of YSM Solutions, provided a status update on the City's stormwater management plan, reporting that all stakeholder comments have been received, addressed, and responses are being returned. She outlined next steps, including coordination with Willamette Partnership planners on development code revisions, with adoption targeted for May–June. Behr highlighted Section 17, which lists recommended projects to support future funding, including education, water quality testing and treatment, addressing direct pipe discharges to Mosier and Rock Creeks through potential county and ODOT partnerships, capturing and using downtown spring water for vegetation and development solutions, and ongoing maintenance and education initiatives. Councilors were encouraged to review stakeholder comments and contact staff with questions.

Mayor Anderson asked about arranging a field site visit for Council to view priority stormwater project locations and about Council's opportunity to review stormwater code revisions prior to adoption. Behr agreed to coordinate the site visit and stated planners will prepare draft code language and developer guidance templates and recommended a Council work session for detailed review.

Planner Jaime Crawford asked about the code revision process, noting this was her first notice that Willamette Partnership would draft code changes. Special Projects Coordinator Colleen Coleman explained that Willamette Partnership will prepare draft code language, conduct public outreach, and assist with adoption due to grant funding limitations. Crawford indicated she will assist with adoption as needed.

Councilor Lydia Koerner asked about ODOT's role and timeline. Councilor Ron Wright asked whether stormwater requirements would apply to residential development. Jody explained the City coordinated early with ODOT to establish compatible stormwater criteria, noted the Washington Street project will serve as a test case, clarified that DEQ funded the planning grant and ODOT is supportive but not a formal stakeholder, and stated the plan applies to all new development citywide while encouraging voluntary retrofits for existing development.

Councilor Wright expressed support for the concept but emphasized the need to distinguish mandatory and recommended measures and ensure requirements remain cost-conscious. Mayor Anderson added the need for clear examples, cost comparisons, and thorough Council review before adoption. Coleman noted the plan is intended to provide consistent and cost-effective compliance options and suggested using recent residential projects as case studies. Crawford added that stormwater requirements must meet nexus and proportionality standards under federal law. Behr agreed to provide project examples, cost comparisons, and additional project labeling in the plan for clarity. Council consensus was to proceed toward adoption with additional workshops, site visits, and detailed review of code language and cost implications before final decisions.

3. **General Planning Updates:** Planner Jaime Crawford provided a planning update, noting staff are resolving several code violation cases administratively, with appeals coming to Council. She

reported that Mosier received a \$45,000 DLCD grant from the Housing Accountability and Production Office to prepare housing-related development code amendments, explaining that recent state housing laws have left many communities, including Mosier, out of compliance. Because residential development is allowed in all zones, the City can simplify and streamline its code, moving content better suited to policy documents, as demonstrated in the June transportation system plan amendment. Jaime requested that Council consider appointing a Technical Advisory Committee for the project and asked councilors to identify community members, inside or outside Mosier, to advise on future development over the next 25–50 years.

Mayor Anderson expressed support for using a committee approach similar to the skate park rules working group, requested a clear definition of the TAC's mission, scope, expected deliverables, and meeting schedule, asked that assignments be summarized for potential members, suggested posting the TAC description and meeting expectations on the City website, and encouraged councilors to consider serving. City Manager Rogers noted the \$45,000 budget requires a carefully scoped project, and she and Jaime Crawford committed to preparing a detailed scope outlining tasks, timelines, and outputs within the grant. Councilors, including Ron Wright, expressed interest and requested clarification on what is achievable with available funding. Crawford estimated approximately six TAC meetings, including a workshop and formal Council adoption hearing, and confirmed the project will be tailored to stay within budget. Crawford requested councilors identify potential members and confirmed a written scope will be provided at a future meeting.

4. **Volunteer Project Management Agreement/Construction Agreement – Jacobs Park (Skate Park Project):** City Manager Andrea Rogers explained that this is the City's first use of volunteer project coordinators, describing the qualifications of consultants John Grim and Lee Campbell, and recommended Council approve the agreement to provide volunteer project management for the skate park project. Mayor Anderson and Councilor Ron Wright expressed support, noting the model provides professional assistance at no cost and could be used for future projects. Councilor Noah Estes asked for clarification on liability coverage for volunteers; Rogers confirmed that volunteers are covered under a safe policy, with nominal costs, and that the agreement establishes proper liability protections for the City. Council consensus was reached to proceed, and Mayor Anderson called for a motion.

City Manager Andrea Rogers reported that, following prior council approval of grant funding and the skate park budget, she has been working with the City Attorney to prepare a formal construction contract with Dreamland Skateparks that defines scope of work, roles, and required protective language for the City. She requested authorization for the City Manager to enter into that contract once drafting is complete due to time constraints.

MOTION: Made by Councilor Cannon that Council authorize the City Manager to enter into volunteer service agreements with John Grim and Lee Campbell for project management at Jacob's Park. Councilor Koerner seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

Ayes: Anderson, Estes, Koerner, Cannon, Wright, Lindemyer, Campbell

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

MOTION: Made by Councilor Lindemyer that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with Dreamland for construction of the Skate park as outlined in the contract to be developed by the City Attorney. Councilor Estes seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

Ayes: Anderson, Estes, Koerner, Cannon, Wright, Lindemyer, Campbell

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

5. **City Activities Updates/Reports:**

- City Manager Rogers: Reported on ongoing initiatives, including weekly coordination with staff and Finance Manager Monica Morris on finance and administrative processes, adding the Mosier Streetscape project to ODOT’s regional priority list, and attending the CIS conference on risk management and HR practices with City Recorder Amy Szilagyi.
- Mayor Anderson: Noted that the League of Oregon Cities spring conference will be held in Pendleton and encouraged councilor attendance, noting potential scholarship support and past benefits from similar events. He reported that he and Fire Board representative Rob Miller plan to visit the state Capitol to advocate for joint-use facility funding and that Representative Helfrich has submitted a \$4.5 million capital construction request for the Mosier Joint Use Facility as his top priority, with Senator Drazen also supporting it. He cautioned that success would depend on the legislative process, economic conditions, and lottery revenue forecasts but described the request’s priority status as very positive news.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 pm

ACTION ITEMS:

City Manager Rogers:

- Work with Jody/Colleen to schedule and conduct a site walk for Council to review high-priority stormwater management projects
- Work with Jody/Colleen to organize a working session for Council to review and discuss proposed stormwater code updates prior to adoption.
- Work with Jody/Colleen to provide examples and cost information for nature-based stormwater solutions for Council review.
- Post notice/inquiry on city websites and local media to recruit citizen members for the housing code update advisory committee.
- Post notice/inquiry on city website and in local media to recruit citizen members for the housing code update advisory committee.

City Planner Crawford:

- Draft and provide a clear scope of work and role description for the housing code update advisory committee, including expected time commitment and deliverables, for Council and public recruitment.

Witt Anderson, Mayor

Amy Szilagyi, City Recorder

Approved by City Council on _____

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING



Date: February 18, 2026
Time: 6:00 pm
Meeting called to order by: Mayor Anderson at 6:01 pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Council: Mayor Witt Anderson, Noah Estes, Charlie Cannon, Ron Wright, Gary Lindemyer, Brenna Campbell

Excused: Lydia Koerner

Staff: City Manager Andrea Rogers, City Recorder Amy Szilagyi, City Attorney Laura Westmeyer

AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: None

SUMMARY: The Mosier City Council held a special meeting to consider waiving performance and payment bond requirements for the Dream Landscape Parks LLC skate park contract. The City Attorney reviewed ORS 279C.390, noting that the public works bond is mandatory, while performance and payment bonds may be waived. Staff indicated that requiring bonds would necessitate reductions to other project components. Risk factors discussed included the contractor's history, absence of subcontractors, progress-based payments, short construction duration, and favorable municipal references. The Council unanimously approved waiving the bonds. Updates were also provided on Budget Committee recruitment, Joint Use Facility legislative funding, upcoming logging truck traffic, and regional water supply concerns related to the Google data center and proposed reservoir expansion in The Dalles.

OPEN MEETING

Public Comment - None

- 1. Dreamland Skate Park Contract – Waiver of Performance and Payment Bonds:** City Manager Andrea Rogers explained that the special meeting was called to consider waiving the performance and payment bond requirements for the Dreamland skate park contract as a cost-saving measure within the grant-funded budget. She reported that Project Manager John Grimm, based on his experience and familiarity with Dreamland, assessed waiving the bonds at minimal risk, noting he had never had a bond called. Rogers added that Dreamland does not subcontract this project, grant funds are disbursed progressively, the City previously waived bonds for the Rock Creek restoration project when the contractor could not obtain them, and that bond costs were estimated at 3–3.5% (~\$20,000) versus 1.5% (~\$10,000) for a letter of credit, requiring reductions elsewhere in the budget.

City Attorney Laura Westmeyer explained that Oregon law requires a public works bond for contracts over \$100,000, while performance and payment bonds—which secure project completion and protect subcontractors, including prevailing wage obligations—may be waived; She noted the Dreamland contract is a not-to-exceed \$552,000 guaranteed maximum price, with drafted language on liquidated damages and alternative security pending Council direction.

Councilor Gary Lindemyer, City Manager Rogers, and Mayor Anderson reported that reference checks from Driggs, Idaho; Culver and Bay City, Oregon; and Gresham, Oregon indicated positive experiences with Dreamland, including long-term project durability, repeat use, and comfort with waiving performance bonds; Rogers confirmed Driggs has worked with Dreamland for over 20 years.

The Council discussed waiving bond requirements for the Dreamland project, noting reduced financial exposure due to no subcontractors, progress-based grant payments, the contractor's reputation, and the project's short four-month duration. Councilor Cannon suggested using STR funds for support, and Councilors Noah Estes and Brenna Campbell concurred, emphasizing the capped contract price and limited risk, expressing comfort with proceeding.

MOTION: Made by Councilor Lindemyer for the City to waive the requirement of Dreamland Skateparks, LLC to provide any performance or payment bond as a term of the public construction project for the Skatepark Project, pursuant to ORS 279C.390 and description. Councilor Campbell seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

Ayes: Anderson, Estes, Cannon, Wright, Lindemyer, Campbell | Nays: None | Abstentions: None

City Activities Updates/Reports:

- City Manager Rogers: The City is recruiting Budget Committee members to equal the number of councilors, with at least one citizen interested and invitations sent to former members. She encouraged councilors to recruit residents, noting no prior experience is needed, but members must be Mosier residents. The first meeting is set for April 15, 2026. City Recorder Szilagyi confirmed an application has been provided and requested to post the budget calendar and application on the City website.
- Mayor Anderson: Reported that he and Fire Board member Rob Miller testified before the Capital Construction Subcommittee in Salem supporting a \$4.5 million Joint Use Facility request and met with key legislators and staff. They emphasized existing facility deficiencies, the project's construction-ready status, \$4 million raised locally, and community benefits. He noted competition for limited funds and advised Council to consider contingencies, including the Fire District proceeding independently, with further discussion following the legislature's anticipated early March decision.
- Councilor Campbell: Reported that Green Diamond logging will begin next week on Huskey and Elder Roads, lasting about four weeks with increased truck traffic and additional summer work; drivers have been instructed to minimize speed, noise, and disruption. City Recorder Amy Szilagyi is preparing a public notice and may coordinate with Campbell for further contractor details.
- Councilor Cannon: Raised exploratory concerns about regional water use, noting low snowpack, potential irrigation curtailments, and proposed reservoir expansion and data center cooling in The Dalles, questioning prioritization of agriculture over industrial use. Mayor Anderson noted a formal Council position would require verified information and jurisdictional clarity, citing that the expansion addresses municipal needs, not Google. City Manager Rogers suggested the Mosier Watershed Council as an appropriate forum, and Councilor Estes confirmed no Council action is proposed.

Meeting Adjourned 6:45 pm

ACTION ITEMS:

City Council:

- Recruit and encourage citizens to apply for the Budget Committee

City Recorder Szilagyi:

- Publish notice regarding upcoming increase in logging traffic
- Publish Budget Committee calendar, timeline and application



Staff Report

Meeting Date: April 01,2026

Agenda Item: Consolidated Fee Schedule for FY2026-27

Reported by: Monica Morris, Mountainside Services, LLC – Finance Director in Collaboration with Amy Szilagyi, City Recorder and Andrea Rogers, City Manager

Fiscal Impact: Increase in utility related fees, minor increases in other areas

Recommendation: Receive information

Background:

The City of Mosier provides a limited range of municipal services to the community. The Consolidated Fee Schedule aggregates such fees which are to be adopted by City Council resolution for city services.

The fee schedule is a component of financial analysis and budget preparation. Fees should be adjusted in the spring to support budget planning. Other than utility rates, fees were recently updated in October 2025, the first time since 2018. The fee schedule is now appropriately scheduled and presented for your review.

Proposed changes for the July 2026-June 2027 Consolidated Fee Schedule include:

Planning – The land use planning process in the State of Oregon is complex. To properly process land-use applications, the city must rely upon professional consultants. Due to budget restrictions, the city finds it necessary to transfer the costs to the applicant. This process is referred to as cost recovery. Because this cost is passed through to the applicant, the only fee the city will charge is an application fee. This is for administrative staff time of receiving the application, reviewing for completeness, tracking the application, processing the invoices, and billing for professional services. In addition, Chapter 15.07.220 of the Municipal Code allows for deposits of significantly more complex applications to be collected.

The fee is currently \$350.00 and raised 7.1% to \$375.00.



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Utilities – The Consolidated Fee Schedule will have all fees for transparency thus the utility rates are included in this schedule. Requested rate changes are submitted in a separate report.

System Development Charges – The one-time fees imposed on new development, redevelopment, or intensification of use offset impacts on public infrastructure. These state- governed charges need to be reasonable and proportionate. These fees were not consistently addressed in the last 10 years, therefore falling behind. In addition, the city has continued significant projects improving the utility infrastructure. These fees are increased by 8%.

Transportation Utility Fee – This fee is dedicated to the maintenance and repair of local streets and transportation infrastructure. The fee is increased by February 2026 construction CPI of 2.7%.

Recommended Council Action/Decision/Motion (if any): Receive the Consolidated Fee Schedule, prepare for a public hearing at the next council meeting.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
1	City of Mosier Consolidated Fee Schedule							Fee Set by Code	
2	FY 2026-2027								
3					Proposed	Adopted			
4	Administration				FY 2026-27	FY 2025-26	Chg	Mun. Code	
5				Administrative Labor (payable in 1/4 hr increments - after 1st 1/4 hr)	50.00	50.00	0.0%		
6				Interest Charge, Past Due Payables	9%	9%	0.0%		
7				Online Payment Processing Fee		-			
8				Returned Payment Fees	40.00	40.00	0.0%		
9									
10	Business Registration								
11				Food/Beverage Cart Permit (Annual Renewal)	125.00	125.00	0.0%		
12				Liquor License (Annual Renewal)	25.00	25.00	0.0%		
13				Short-Term Rental Operator Permit (Bi-Annual Renewal)					
14				Violations - Civil Enforcement	500.00	500.00	0.0%	2.10.080	
15	Cemetery								
16				Grave Marker Installation *when separate from Interment	125.00	125.00	0.0%		
17				Interment *administrative fee, does not cover actual burial	125.00	125.00	0.0%		
18				Plot Purchase (State Rd & Pioneer Cemeteries)	775.00	775.00	0.0%		
19				Recording Fee	125.00	125.00	0.0%		
20				Site Supervision during Interment (city employee)	250.00	250.00	0.0%		
21				Violations - Civil Enforcement	500.00	500.00	0.0%	2.10.080	
22	Fire								
23				Burn Permit	0.00	-		8.35.060	
24				Violations	300.00	300.00	0.0%	8.35.070	
25	Parking								
26				Parking Permit - Daily - Rock Creek Park	6.00	6.00	0.0%		
27				Parking Permit - Annual - Rock Creek Park	85.00	85.00	0.0%		
28				Violations	-	-			
29	Parks & City Property								
30				Park Use Permit (Special Event)	100.00	100.00	0.0%		
31				OLCC Event Sign off	10.00	10.00	0.0%		
32	Planning								
33				All Planning Applications (covers submission only) (1)	375.00	350.00	7.1%		
34				Annexation	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
35				Appeal Land Use Decision to City Council	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
36				Boundry Line Adjustment	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
37				Building Site Plan Review	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
38				Code Interpretation	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-	15.04.040	
39				Conditional Use Permit	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
40				Comprehensive Plan Amendment	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
41				Land Partition	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
42				Land Use Compatability Statement	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
43				Lot Line Adjustment / Abandonment	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
44				Manufactured Dwelling Placement	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
45				Nonconforming Use Verification	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-	15.04.010	
46				On-Site Inspection (per visit)	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
47				Pre-Application Conference (2)	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
48				Similar Use Determination	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-	15.04.030	
49				Site Development Permit	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
50				Site Plan / Design Review	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
51				Subdivision	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
52				Temporary Use Permit	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
53				Variance (requires public meeting)	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-	15.04.020	
54				Zone Change	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
55				Zoning Verification Letter	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
56				Public Works Permit	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
57				(1) All Planning Applications may be subject to a required deposit to be collected prior to processing the application.					
58				(2) MMC 15.07.030 requires a pre-application conference be completed prior/concurrent to application submission.					
59	Public Records								
60				Administrative Labor (payable in 1/4 hour increments)	50.00	50.00	0.0%		
61				Copies					
62				Digital - Email	Admin Time	Admin Time	-		
63				Digital - Thumbdrive	cost of drive + admin time	cost of drive + admin time	-		
64				Photocopies	0.50	0.50	0.0%		
65				Other Public Records Charges (3)	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
66				Postage (4)	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	-		
67				(3) Any charges from 3rd parties, including the City Attorney, Engineer, Planner, necessarily incurred by requests for public records shall be reimbursed.					
68				(4) Any postage or packing charges incurred by the City shall be reimbursed.					
69	Short Term Rentals								
70				Application Fee	350.00	350.00	0.0%	5.20.060	
71				Appeals	Actual Cost	1,800.00	-		
72				License (bi-annual renewal)	350.00	350.00	0.0%	5.20.050	
73				Transient Room Tax (of gross rents charged)	0.08	8%	0.0%		

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
74				Violations - Civil Enforcement				
75				1st Violation	500.00	500.00	0.0%	5.20.110
76				2nd Violation	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.0%	
77				3rd Violation		Revocation	-	
78				Signs, Banners & Murals				
79				Sign Permit (Bi-Annual Renewal)	200.00	200.00	0.0%	CHAPTER 8.20 SIGN CODE
80				Violations - Civil Enforcement	500.00	500.00	0.0%	2.10.080
81				Violations / Fines / Penalties				
82				*maximum fine, per instance, listed*				
83				Civil Enforcement	500.00	500.00	0.0%	2.10.080
84				Nuisances	500.00	500.00	0.0%	8.01.060
85				Outdoor Lighting	300.00	300.00	0.0%	8.30.040
86				Single Use Plastics	200.00	200.00	0.0%	8.65.040
87				Public Water System	300.00	300.00	0.0%	11.01.120
88				Sewer System	300.00	300.00	0.0%	11.02.500
89				Utilities				
90				Water Operator Response (non-routine & landowner side of pipe only)	Actual Cost	125.00	-	
91				City Water external usage set up/breakdown fee	Actual Cost	250.00	-	
92				Violations - Public Water System	300.00	300.00	0.0%	11.01.120
93				Violations - Sewer System	300.00	300.00	0.0%	11.02.500
94				Resumption of Water Service - If property has been off the system:				
95				Less than 1 year	750.00	750.00	0.0%	
96				1-2 years	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.0%	
97				2-3 years	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.0%	
98				3+ years	Full SDC	Full SDC	-	
99				Water meter monthly base rate				
100				3/4" (Residential)	55.83	51.69	8.0%	
101				1"	139.55	129.21	8.0%	
102				1.5"	279.12	258.44	8.0%	
103				2"	444.90	411.94	8.0%	
104				3"	893.17	827.01	8.0%	
105				4"	1,395.57	1,292.19	8.0%	
106				6"	2,791.12	2,584.37	8.0%	
107				8"	4,465.76	4,134.96	8.0%	
108				Water Consumption Rate: All Users				
109				0 - 6,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	2.48	2.30	8.0%	
110				6,001 - 14,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	3.29	3.05	8.0%	
111				14,001 + gallons per 1,000 gallons	4.14	3.83	8.0%	
112				Sewer Monthly Base Rate				
113				Single Family Residential	82.24	73.43	12.0%	
114				Multi-Family Residential (per unit)	82.24	73.43	12.0%	
115				Schools	410.61	366.62	12.0%	
116				Commercial (Including B&B)	123.38	110.16	12.0%	
117				Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)	61.67	55.06	12.0%	
118				Non Profits (< 10,000 gallons water use)	61.67	55.06	12.0%	
119				Bulk Water Purchase				
120				Daily Access Fee	250.00	250.00	0.0%	
121				0-2,000 gallons per load	10.00	10.00	0.0%	
122				2,001 - 5,000 gallons per load	25.00	25.00	0.0%	
123				5,001 - 10,000 gallons per load	50.00	50.00	0.0%	
124				10,000 + gallons per load	75.00	75.00	0.0%	
125				System Development Charges (SDC)				
126				*Charged upon meter installation				
127				Parks	1,701.32	1,575.30	8.0%	
128				Water	4,399.49	4,073.60	8.0%	
129				Sewer	4,670.35	4,324.40	8.0%	
130				Stormwater	1,705.86	1,579.50	8.0%	
131				Streets	4,727.27	4,377.10	8.0%	
132				Mosier Bluffs addtl SDC Charge	4,588.49	4,248.60	8.0%	
133				Total Residentaion SDC's	17,204.29	15,929.90		
134				Total SDC's for Mosier Bluffs	21,792.78	20,178.50		
135				Transportation Utility Fee				
136				3/4" Meter	6.92	6.74	2.7%	
137				1" Meter	17.10	16.65	2.7%	
138				1.5" Meter	34.30	33.40	2.7%	
139				2" Meter	54.97	53.52	2.7%	
140				6" Meter	343.10	334.08	2.7%	



Staff Report

Meeting Date: April 1, 2026

Reported by: Monica Morris

Agenda Item: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Utility Rate Increases

Fiscal Impact: estimate of \$23,031 in the Water Fund and \$35,827 in the Sewer Fund

Recommendation: Accept the rate increase information and schedule a public hearing.

Background:

A comprehensive review of the Water and Sewer Utility Funds indicates that previously projected rate increases are no longer sufficient to maintain operational solvency and infrastructure reliability. Staff recommends an adjustment of 8% for water services and 12% for sewer/wastewater treatment services, driven by extraordinary inflationary pressure on materials, operational contract costs, and infrastructure debt payments.

In 2020, Council approved a 10-year rate plan based on then-current economic data and city driven financial data. Since that time, several unforeseen variables have shifted the utility's financial requirements:

- **Operational Costs:** The price of critical treatment chemicals and repair materials, equipment, and operational contracts has increased since the last study. The contracts themselves had these changes:
 - 2024 a vendor change was made via a RFP. The previous contract with Jacobs ended and the new contract with Treatment Equipment Company (TEC) started with a 34% annual increase.
- **Regulatory Mandates:** New state and federal requirements for [e.g., water quality/emissions] have necessitated unplanned capital expenditures such as the UV System.
- **Infrastructure Reliability:** Recent projects include Well #5 and PRV at Senior Center with new telemetry, WWTP upgrade, and replace UV System. While grants are secured project costs are not 100% covered and have matches required. Otherwise, debt is secured and requires annual payments and reserve amounts to be held.



The "why" behind this increase is centered on **safety and service continuity**. Failing to adjust rates now will result in:

- **Depleted Cash Availability:** Projections and historical actuals show both Utility Funds failing to be sustainable.
- **Higher Long-Term Costs:** Delaying maintenance typically leads to emergency repairs that cost 3-4 times more than planned maintenance and replacements.
- **Reduced Reliability:** Increased risk of service outages and water quality issues.

The fiscal impact is:

<u>typical residential</u>	<u>current monthly bill</u>	<u>proposed monthly</u> <u>bill</u>	<u>difference</u>
water	\$51.69	\$55.83	\$4.14
sewer	\$73.43	\$82.24	\$8.81
Total	\$125.12	\$138.07	\$12.95

These rates would go into effect July 1, 2026.

In addition to rate adjustments, staff are working diligently to find ways to reduce or mitigate costs. Efforts include reviewing current contracts (ex. meeting with TEC), scrutinizing all spending for efficiency (ex. evaluating any requests for legal and engineering services), and exploring alternative solutions to minimize financial impacts (connecting with Mid-Columbia Community Action for household utility assistance).

Recommended Council Action/Decision/Motion (if any):

Receive this information and approve a public hearing for the next city council meeting, May 6, 2026.

City of Mosier

Utility Rate Study, Rate Design, and SDC Calculation: Water Utility

Water Rate Schedule

Across-the-Board Rate Schedule	Existing 2020	ATB 2021	ATB 2022	ATB 2023	ATB 2024	ATB 2025	ATB 2026	ATB 2027	Requesting 2027
Annual System-Wide Rate Increase		11.00%	11.00%	10.00%	3.00%	2.00%	2.00%	1.50%	8.00%
							current rates	increase following the study	requested increase
	<i>Implementation date:</i>	1/1/2021	7/1/2021	7/1/2022	7/1/2023	7/1/2024	7/1/2025	7/1/2026	7/1/2026
Fixed Monthly Charge by Meter									
3/4 Inch	\$35.59	\$39.50	\$43.85	\$48.24	\$49.68	\$50.68	\$51.69	\$52.47	\$55.83
1 Inch	\$88.97	\$98.76	\$109.62	\$120.58	\$124.20	\$126.68	\$129.22	\$131.16	\$139.56
1.5 Inch	\$177.94	\$197.51	\$219.24	\$241.16	\$248.40	\$253.37	\$258.43	\$262.31	\$279.10
2 Inch	\$283.63	\$314.83	\$349.46	\$384.41	\$395.94	\$403.86	\$411.93	\$418.11	\$444.88
3 Inch	\$569.42	\$632.06	\$701.58	\$771.74	\$794.89	\$810.79	\$827.01	\$839.41	\$893.17
4 Inch	\$889.71	\$987.58	\$1,096.21	\$1,205.83	\$1,242.01	\$1,266.85	\$1,292.18	\$1,311.57	\$1395.55
6 Inch	\$1,779.42	\$1,975.16	\$2,192.42	\$2,411.67	\$2,484.02	\$2,533.70	\$2,584.37	\$2,623.14	\$2791.12
8 Inch	\$2,847.05	\$3,160.23	\$3,507.85	\$3,858.64	\$3,974.39	\$4,053.88	\$4,134.96	\$4,196.98	\$4465.76
Volume Charge: per 1,000 gallons									
0-6,000 gallons	\$1.58	\$1.76	\$1.95	\$2.14	\$2.21	\$2.25	\$2.30	\$2.33	\$2.48
6,000-14,000 gallons	\$2.10	\$2.33	\$2.59	\$2.85	\$2.93	\$2.99	\$3.05	\$3.10	\$3.29
14,000+ gallons	\$2.63	\$2.92	\$3.24	\$3.57	\$3.67	\$3.75	\$3.82	\$3.88	\$4.13

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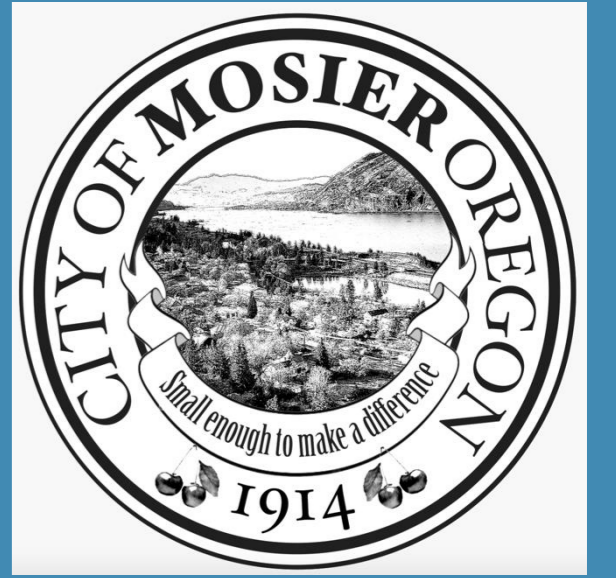
	Estimate Year End Jul 2025-Jun 2026	Actual Spent Jul 2024 - Jun 2025	<u>other city increases-</u> <u>informational only</u>	<u>current rates &/or increases</u>
Water Service Fees	287,891.00	279,165.00	Madras	53.77+2.88 every 748 gall
Expenditures			Boardman	10% inside limits
Operation Contract TEC	84,000.00	22,497.00	Prineville	3%
Utility Billing Service City of HR	13,233.00	12,936.00	North Plains pop 3400	84.00 water only
Utilities-power,wtr,etc	19,859.00	10,069.00	Rainier pop 1900	15%
All Other operation costs	93,779.89	143,496.00	Pendleton pop 17,000	5.25%
Debt	109,708.00	109,708.00		
Total Expenditures	320,579.89	298,706.00		
	(32,688.89)	(19,541.00)		

City of Mosier
Utility Rate Study: Sewer Utility
Sewer Rate Schedule

Across-the-Board Rate Schedule	Previous 2019	Existing 2020	ATB 2021	ATB 2022	ATB 2023	ATB 2024	ATB 2025	ATB 2026	ATB 2027	Requesting 2027
Annual System-Wide Rate Increase			4.00%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	12.00%
								current rates	increase following the study	requested increase
	<i>Implementation date:</i>		1/1/2021	7/1/2021	7/1/2022	7/1/2023	7/1/2024	7/1/2025	7/1/2026	7/1/2026
Monthly Sewer Charge										
Single Family Residential	\$65.54	\$65.54	\$68.16	\$69.18	\$70.22	\$71.28	\$72.34	\$73.43	\$74.53	\$82.24
Multi-Family Residential	\$65.54	\$65.54	\$68.16	\$69.18	\$70.22	\$71.28	\$72.34	\$73.43	\$74.53	\$82.24
Schools	\$327.23	\$327.23	\$340.32	\$345.42	\$350.61	\$355.86	\$361.20	\$366.62	\$372.12	\$410.61
Commercial (Including B&B)	\$98.32	\$98.32	\$102.25	\$103.79	\$105.34	\$106.92	\$108.53	\$110.16	\$111.81	\$123.38
Accessory Dwelling Unit	\$49.15	\$49.15	\$51.12	\$51.88	\$52.66	\$53.45	\$54.25	\$55.07	\$55.89	\$61.68
Non Profits (<10,000 gallons water use)	\$49.15	\$49.15	\$51.12	\$51.88	\$52.66	\$53.45	\$54.25	\$55.07	\$55.89	\$61.68

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	Estimate Year End Jul 2025-Jun 2026	Actual Spent Jul 2024 - Jun 2025	<u>other city increases-</u> <u>informational only</u>	<u>current rates &/or increases</u>
Sewer Service Fees	298,560.00	292,548.00	Sisters pop 3500	\$5.61 mo increase
Expenditures			Cannon Beach	40% increase over 5 years
Operation Contract TEC	168,370.00	138,668.00	Waldport	rate stabilization discussion
Utility Billing Service City of HR	13,550.00	12,791.00	Independence	8.70% increase
Utilities-power,wtr,etc	13,135.00	13,255.00	Silverton	8.70% increase
All Other operation costs+equip	128,581.00	134,049.00	Ashland	40% over 5 years
Debt	146,026.00	146,026.00	Dufur	\$73.00 current, 2026 not posted yet + 15.00 Capital Reserve/DEQ Assessment
Total Expenditures	469,662.00	444,789.00	Maupin	\$56.00 from 24/25 sched
	(171,102.00)	(152,241.00)	Boardman	CPI increase
			Prineville	3% increase
			Madras	\$74.30 current rate



CITY OF MOSIER

Infrastructure Projects Report

April 1, 2026

Mosier Center Joint Use Facility

1. Project is shovel ready with permits, construction drawings and preliminary bid of \$8 million construction.
2. Requests to State Legislature for construction gap funding in February 2026 was unsuccessful
3. Current funds in hand - \$4.2 million
4. Soft costs spent - \$1.8 million (architect/engineer /legal /public outreach, fundraising)
5. Grants and Fire District Loan canceled due to sunset dates - \$1.75 million
6. OR Dept. of Energy for Solar Array and Battery backup was not selected P
7. Possible federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant opportunity available for pilot infrastructure.





Phase 2

Phase I

Washington Street Sidewalk

1. Phase I – Final engineering design of sidewalk, stormwater bioswale and parking along the east side of Washington Street.
2. Phase I stops at ODOT Hwy 30 right of way.
3. Schedule – Grant extended to January 2028, to allow Phase I to be engineered, permitted and built.
4. Phase I Budget - \$250,000 for design, permit and construction
5. Phase I spent to date - \$55,785 on schematic design / permitting / ODOT final ADA negotiations
6. Phase II funding - City will apply for a second ODOT SCA grant to design and the build bi-directional ADA ramps in 2027/08.

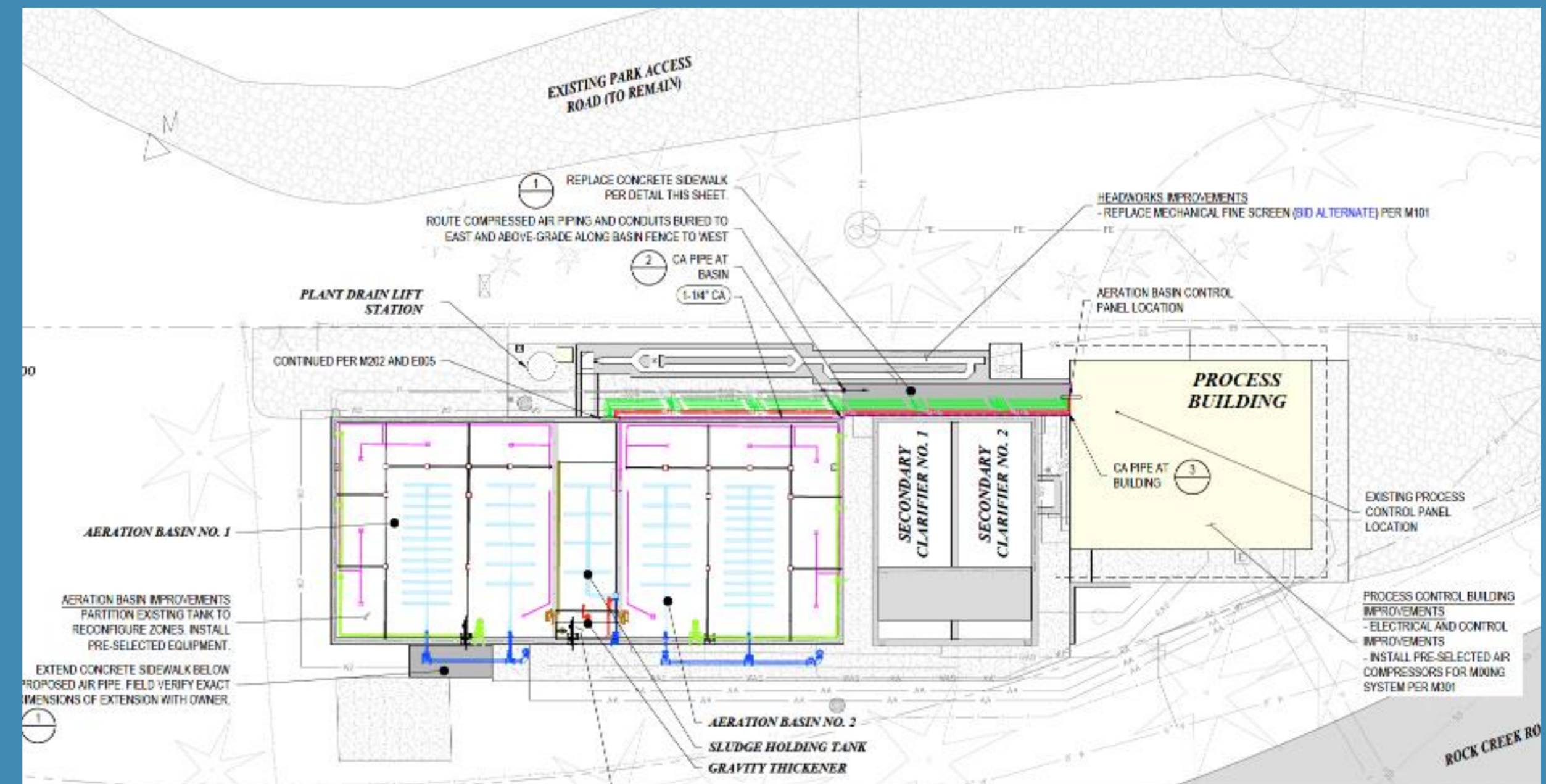
Water System Improvements

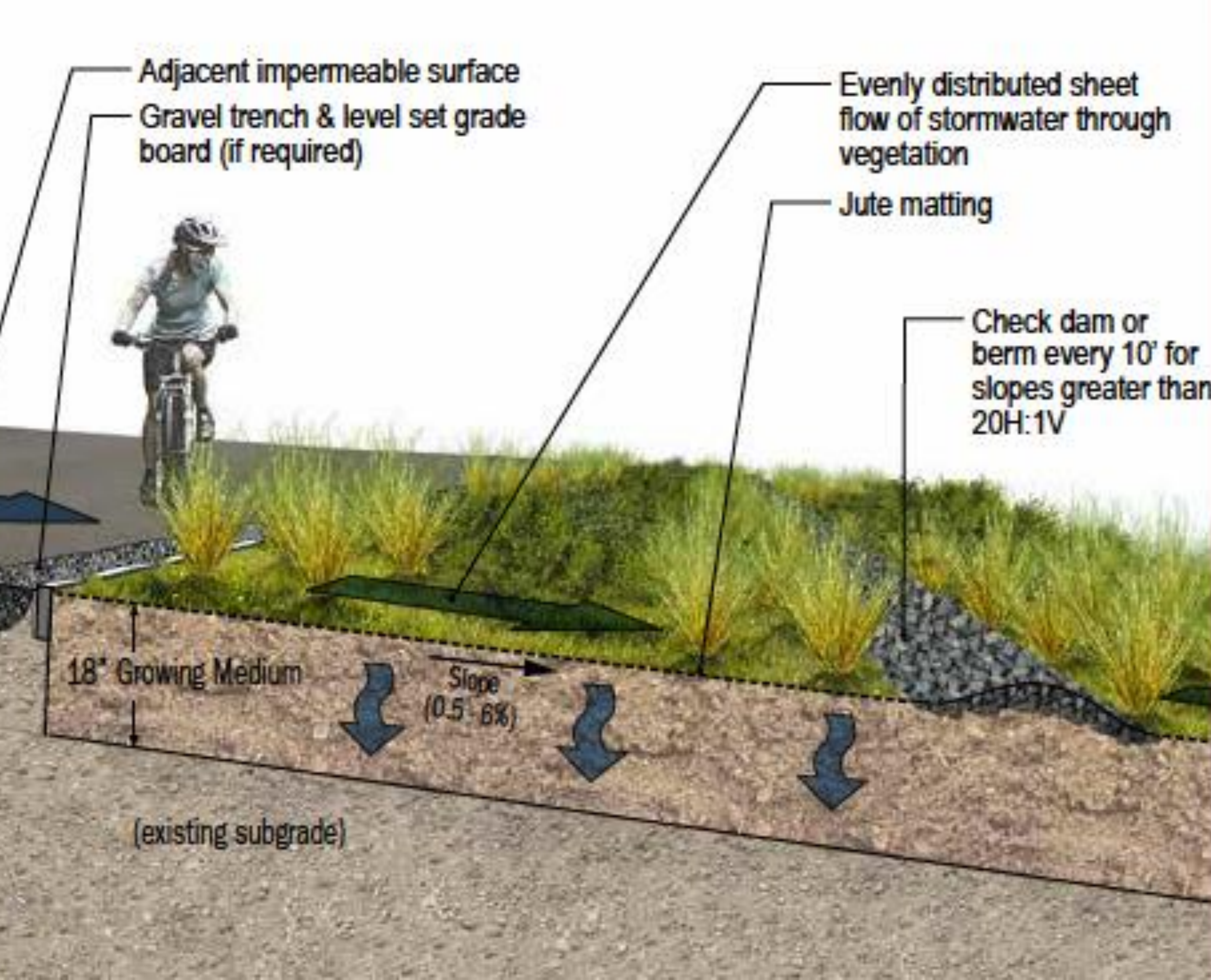
1. Scope includes Eastside Booster Pump Station, Telemetry, Communications and Emergency Backup Well #5
2. Budget - \$2.34 million, Spent to Date \$1.9 million
3. Funded by EPA and USDA (reimbursable loan/grants)
4. Project is 85% complete, Final Project Closeout 9/30/2026
5. Construction completion of Well 5 expected June 2026
6. Permanent public utility easement on Clarkson property filed at Wasco County 9/23/25
7. Currently fitting the pitless unit, pump, fencing and laying asphalt
8. Exploring using contingency funds of \$140,000 for generator or facility (electrical and concrete pad) for future or portable generator.
9. Bi-monthly team meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Currently attended by RH2, GSI, Well driller, USDA, water ops and Colleen
10. Thanks to Ron, Witt and Gary for their expert construction observation info and photos



Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

1. New UV System complete and in use (effluent disinfection).
2. Compliance with DEQ complete
3. AJAX contracted to complete larger retrofit of facility for \$1,846,156.
4. Scope – upgrade aeration system, sludge basins, mixing equipment, clarifiers and solids handling equipment.
5. Operations during construction will utilize current single aeration basin while constructing retrofit of second basin. Then perform the switch to the upgrade while constructing the second basin.
6. Budget: \$2,466,589
7. Funding: Business Oregon Grant - \$2.5 million
8. Spent to date - \$454,558
9. Construction completion - 09/30/2026
10. Grant closeout - 12/01/2026





Mosier Stormwater Plan

1. JUF Stormwater design and O&M manual complete
2. Washington Street stormwater design completed to 90%
3. Transportation System Plan update complete
4. Hydrology/Hydraulics of commercial dist. Complete
5. Next Steps: Final ordinance update and submission to DEQ and Washington Street final.
6. Budget - 100,000
7. Spent to Date - \$78,000



Mosier Bike Hub

1. Construction complete Spring 2025
2. Design included restroom, retainer wall, stairs mini-plaza and streetscape with stormwater improvements / plantings, permitting, signage, bench, and bike equipment
3. Budget: - \$400,000
4. Total Design, Construction & Admin Cost - \$597,320
 1. Engineering – \$127,401
 2. Landscape Planting Plan - \$2,400
 3. Construction - \$306,050
 4. Restroom & Utility Hookups - \$158,746
 5. Admin / Accounting /Public Notices - \$2,723



EV Charging Station

1. Completed Spring 2025
2. Design included two fast car chargers and one bike charger
3. Grant Budget - \$322,500
4. Total Design & Construction Cost - \$329,621
5. City Cost - \$322,500 due to \$7,121 reimbursement from Full Stop Charging
6. Operations & Maintenance: Full Stop Charging
<https://www.fullstopcharging.com/>

Feb. 4, 2026

To the mayor and city council of Mosier,

Almost exactly one year ago, I wrote a plea to all of you who are in positions of leadership in Mosier. I warned about the advancement of Fascism in USA and the danger of militias. Today, if you've been paying attention, it should be obvious that this warning was not insane. The militia that is currently very active today is obviously ICE. The advancement of the formation and power of Fascism should also be obvious. If not, you're in some kind of state of denial. Or you're a Fascist. In my plea, I clearly asked you as leaders to take an official, clear, and reasonable stand. Basically I asked you all to simply say "No."

I didn't hear from any of you in any form whatsoever after my plea one year ago. I know of no official stand of this sort. Did I miss something? Maybe I did. If so, I must apologize.

A lot of people appear to have their heads in the sand or are in some sort of metaphorical comfortable fetal position. "Don't bother me; I'm retired! We're volunteers! It will all blow over! The pendulum will swing back! Just wait until the next election!" Etc. I actually have heard all these expressions. And I think you're wrong. Martial law can be declared. Or the elections will be some kind of farce. I have a hunch for the latter, given history. Russia is a good example of this. Maintaining the illusion of Democracy is the safer position. Suspending elections is foolish.

I will dumb my plea down and spell it out, in hopes that it will be easier to understand and accomplish. I propose the following statement:

"We, the leaders and tax-paying citizens of Mosier hereby declare the organizations of ICE, Border Patrol, and all other federal law enforcement agencies to be unwelcome in our peaceful town, unless we leaders specifically need and request their presence in enforcing the laws of the United States. Additionally, we hereby declare our staunch support for all other municipalities, mayors, leaders, and tax-paying citizens who deem ICE to be unnecessary, unwelcome, and even destructive and terroristic in their efforts. We specifically support Minneapolis at this time. We are small and have little hope of resisting violence with physical struggle. However, like the people of Minneapolis, we will not be intimidated."

Isn't it interesting that there are no ICE activities in "Republican" municipalities? In my opinion, other than efficiently carrying out deportation activities, the main goal of ICE is to intimidate the general populace into submission and break all of our moral compasses, with daily outrageous acts. We must resist intimidation, bullying, and the breaking of our morals. What is happening ought not be normalized. Do not let them break your moral compass! Silence in a fetal position is consent!

You may feel or think “We are a population of 500. We have no effective power!” I say this is a statement of learned helplessness. And it is exactly the type of feeling that these bullies wish to ingrain into our psyches.

*We have police activity in my neighborhood. I do not know for sure about any ICE activities. But residents here are indeed scared enough to assume it. **I am not sure we can depend on Wasco County Sheriff to protect us from ICE.** I have evidence of my doubt, should any of you wish to listen to it on record. I am not joking or making this up. Do any of you care? This kind of doubt only encourages vigilantism, which is highly questionable, in terms of ultimate outcomes.

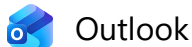
Once again, I invoke the Mosier slogan: **“Small enough to make a difference!”** We have power. We have the power of the story of “David v. Goliath”! Do you think people will notice when the smallest municipality takes a stand of defiance? Do you believe that other cities will notice and gain strength and conviction? Today we have a golden opportunity for a ploy of the written word to make a great positive effect!

Although this quotation is often attributed to Edmund Burke, it is John Stuart Mill who coined it in modern times (1867). However, it is actually as old as human history, and forms of it can be found from ancient times:

“Let not any one pacify his conscience by the delusion that he can do no harm if he takes no part, and forms no opinion. Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing. He is not a good man who, without a protest, allows wrong to be committed in his name, and with the means which he helps to supply, because he will not trouble himself to use his mind on the subject.”

Bad men depend on this type of passivity in order to destroy. I urge the council to act now in consideration and discussion. I am happy to donate my time and effort in this endeavor.

Sincerely,
Brian T. Barrett, RN
204 Center Street
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For City of Mosier Leadership: The Mark Kelly Case Is Bigger Than It Seems

From Brian Barrett <surferbrian@gmail.com>

Date Tue 2/10/2026 9:41 AM

To Amy Szilágyi <Recorder@cityofmosier.gov>

If Pete Hegseth succeeds in punishing Mark Kelly, it could significantly expand the Pentagon's legal powers over military retirees—and curb the First Amendment rights of some of the very people who have fought to defend such freedoms, Missy Ryan reports. https://www.theatlantic.com/national-security/2026/02/pete-hegseth-mark-kelly-court/685911/?gift=FWHUtcF0-cBrgwcpXwQz3WVWH4LyITpctTvB2PxD8pM&utm_source=email&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=social

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 There is no hiding from these people. Even in retirement. After reading this article, you will understand this clearly.

Stuff like this is just one of countless reasons why ALL city leaders need to stand up for ALL other embattled city leaders, across the country. If we all stand up for each other, we will dwarf the power of the bullies. "Hiding" in our little town is not going to work. There is no "hiding" from these people. It isn't going to "just blow over" or "pendulum will swing back", "just wait! 2026 elections will blow them out." etc. Shunting people like me to (ineffective and moribund) protest groups like the local Democrats is shifting responsibility of leadership. It is the avoidance of the exercise of power AND responsibility. Democratic leadership at least owes constituents a response. Otherwise, it is taxation without representation. One would think that a response could occur rather quickly, the smaller the community. So far, in a year, I have heard crickets only. This is unacceptable in what is supposed to be a representative Democracy.

Yes, it is the role of leadership to do what it can in order to truly represent constituents, as long as it is not too onerous. And my proposals are not onerous at all, requiring merely a discussion, constructing a simple (defiant!) paragraph, a motion to vote, a vote, making a record, and then notifying the general public and local and regional media (newspapers). It is not too late to be vocal with support for other American city leaders and to project scorn for federal bullies who are obviously making war on Blue cities. The smallest of cities could stand as a brave example to the rest of city leaders across the country. Be brave! You will feel empowered after taking and making a vocal stand. That feeling will not be imaginary. It is real and comes from genuine power: the Power of Leadership and the Power of the Pen. Or will you continue to be cowed by blowhard bullies? **Silence=consent.**

Learned helplessness spells doom. That is what I see currently, throughout the general populace and in leadership. People crawling into booze bottles, curling up in metaphorical fetal position, not wanting to talk about it, criticizing those who do talk as "overreactive" and "harshing my Gorge mellow", etc. and just "taking it" (the almost daily punishment of morale). Lack of true action is an action and a choice made. We are not powerless. We can be true leaders. "Hiding" in the Gorge is not



Concerned Resident of Mosier

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Dear City of Mosier,

As a long time resident of the City of Mosier, I want to reach out about some things that I am concerned about. Please address the following concerns with the City Council members:

Item 1: Need of a Dog Leash Law

I walk along the train track trail on a regular basis. On most occasions I witness people with their unleashed dogs. The last few times I walked the trail, people's dogs ran up to me. I am very nervous when unknown dogs run up to me, let alone touch me. On the last occasion, the person's dog ran up AND touched me. I put both of my arms up across my chest to protect myself, while the owner said nothing. As we near the busy summer months, when Mosier becomes full of pedestrians and hikers, this becomes a growing concern. It is my hope that the City will soon enforce regulations regarding this issue and place clear signage to its effect.

Item 2: Growing Cat Population

I live on Riverside Street. For the past several years, I have understood that a litter of cats was born along Highway 30 just north of where I live. I heard recently that another litter was born under a home in the same vicinity. There are new adult cats spotted on our property on a weekly basis. Many people living on Riverside have cats, and I am familiar with the majority of my neighbor's cats. I have no idea if the "new" unknown cats have homes. It is my sincere hope that the City will get involved to investigate this situation. If many of these cats do not have owners, they need to be fixed to help control the growing cat population.

Item 3: Pooling Water Beneath the Railroad Bridge Over Rock Creek

I know that students from Mosier Community School often take excursions to the river via the Rock Creek road. The large pool of water beneath the railroad bridge that is there on a frequent basis (along with the mud) makes it virtually impossible for teachers to take these excursions with their students. Students have a lot of fun making this simple trek from the school. It would be a shame for them not to be able to continue to do this because of the water and mud. It is my hope that the city can place gravel down to raise the level of the crossing so that pedestrians have easy passage.

Item 4: Limited Visibility Along Highway 30

If someone is in a car at the stop sign facing north on the corner of Idaho Street and Highway 30, there is limited visibility while trying to look left. As cars, pedestrians, and dogs make their way eastbound, the car that has been parked on that corner for years makes it very difficult to safely navigate this corner. As we get closer to the wildflower season and the summer tourist months, this corner is an accident in the making. It is my hope that the owner of the property along Highway 30 at Rough Cuts can have this parked vehicle moved to a location that no longer impedes full visibility of moving traffic and pedestrians on this corner.

Item 5: Mosier Tunnel Trail

I walk the Mosier Tunnel Trail often. As we all know, cyclists heading towards Mosier from Hood River generally fly down that incline. It is imperative that a center reflective line be painted to separate the trail so that tourist walkers are more inclined to stay to one side. Families with small children will mindlessly walk spread out and take up the entire width of the road. This is another accident in the making. There have already been numerous accidents over the past many years. At some point, someone will die as a result of a collision. Along with painting a separation line, there should be signage alerting pedestrians to stay to the right when they walk uphill and stay to the left when they walk downhill to avoid the cyclists. Another idea is to paint simple guidance/instruction onto the pavement as an alternative to metal signage

If you have any questions or would like any further clarification to my concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I pray these issues will find prompt resolutions as the summer months draw near. I am in full support of a happy, healthy Mosier community!

Thank you very much!

Kind regards,
Margit Elken

"Be yourself, everyone else is taken." ~Oscar Wilde

"Speak a new language so that the world will be a new world." ~Rumi



Rock Creek Access

From Mark Paine <markpaine@gmail.com>
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I would like to hear discussion at the next city council meeting about the plan for Rock Creek Park access going forward.

The open gate at Rock Creek Park for a lengthy part of 2025 was grossly unfair to annual pass holders, and strained the limits of the park's capacity as word got out in the Gorge that the gate was open. Nearly every other access spot in the Gorge required a fee to park (Hood River Waterfront Park, Event Site, and Marina; Viento State Park; Mayer State Park; Spring Creek Hatchery; Doug's Beach), leaving Rock Creek Park the only free option within miles.

I'm also concerned about the closures anticipated due to the Union Pacific project. When I spoke with the City Manager at Winterfest she told me that there would be two closures in the summer of 2026. Has Union Pacific announced a schedule and duration for these closures?

Last summer we also saw:

- overnight camping at the park;
- animal traps being placed after dark and then tended to before sunrise (ostensibly to capture feral cats according to the perpetrators);
- a local resident leaving his car overnight because it was nearly out of gas, resulting in a crime crew coming in during the night, jacking up the car and stealing the wheels, then returning to try to retrieve the jack used to commit the crime.

My understanding is that the gate is now wide open because the electricity was cut by the wastewater treatment plant. When will it be repaired?

When my wife and I made our decision to make Mosier our year-round home, Rock Creek Park was a significant factor. We care deeply about access to and maintenance there.

Respectfully,
Mark Paine (the Rock Creek sprinkler guy)