

# MINUTES

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING



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

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### 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

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Witt Anderson, Mayor

*Amy Szilagyi*  
Amy Szilagyi, City Recorder

Approved by City Council on: April 01, 2026






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