

Erda City Council Minutes

5/28/2026 – 7:00 pm

Erda City Office/Fire Station - Auditorium

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - a. Council Members: Scott Droubay, Larry Kimpell, Clyde Christensen, Kyle Matthews, Sheldon Birch
 - b. Jennifer Poole-City Recorder, John Brems- City Attorney, Rachelle Custer -City Planner, Jessilyn Stagg- Deputy Recorder
3. Pledge
 - a. Keith Toone led the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment
 - a. Sheldon moved to open public comment, Scott seconded.
 - b. Public comment opened
 - c. Sheriff- 94 total calls, 12 arrests and 99 citations. Noticeable action included multiple DUI's removed from the road. A child abuse arrest, multiple arrest for possession of marijuana, an incident at the bronzewood boys home.
 - d. Buck Peck- We moved our schedule from the last meeting to this week. We had 23 calls. The boys home on Bronzewood was reduced this month, but the boys home in Meadowbrook kicked up. We did have 2 wildfire calls. Please keep the grass cut down. If you have more than 5 acres you need a 20 ft path around your property. If you have less than 5 acres it's 6 inches of shrubbery on all of the property. Not including trees and decorative landscape greenery.
 - e. **Sheldon moved to close public comment, Larry seconded the motion**
 - f. **Voting was unanimous to close public comment**
 - g. **Public Comment Closed**
5. Approve meeting minutes from 5-14-26
 - a. Sheldon- I did ask for a change , I have not read to see if those had been made.
 - b. Jennifer- that change was made. It was noted that a person who had previously voted yes to enter into the lawsuit did not make a motion, so no action was taken.
 - c. **Sheldon moved to approve minutes from 5-14-26, Clyde seconded the motion**
 - d. **Voting was unanimous to approve the meeting minutes from 5-14-26**
 - e. **Meeting minutes from 5-14-26 APPROVED**

6. Consideration of Ordinance 26-07 Regulating, Preventing, and Banning the Discharge of Fireworks Within Certain Areas of the City
 - a. Scott- Why do we have an area to shoot off fireworks with a year like this. Can we amend it?
 - b. John- You can amend it with the support of your fire chief.
 - c. Buck- I would be in support of you amending it.
 - d. Scott- This doesn't include areas where there are a lot of homes anyways. I am in favor of banning it.
 - e. Sheldon- I don't feel that way, a lot of people like setting off fireworks.
 - f. Buck- The original map was based on green space limitations and that residential areas in Erda present unique fire risks due to lack of curb and gutter. I would support keeping the current map this year and revisiting adjustments next year. The map is due tomorrow so you could either accept the map or implement a complete ban.
 - g. Clyde- Fireworks are being shot off from everywhere. Not just the allowed areas.
 - h. Sheldon- Does banning them actually accomplish anything?
 - i. Clyde- If we ban them, how will we get the word out?
 - j. Buck- We have had internal discussions about getting signs up to notify the public of banned areas.
 - k. Sheldon- Lake Point has a permit system, how does that work.
 - l. Buck- Permits are issued through the city recorder with review for high-risk areas and include a \$25 administrative fee. It would be too late to implement a permit system this year but I would recommend considering that for next year.
 - m. **Scott moved to accept the map the way it is, Clyde seconded**
 - n. **ROLL CALL- Clyde- Yes, Kyle- Yes, Scott- No, Larry- Yes, Sheldon- Yes**
 - o. **Consideration of Ordinance 26-07 APPROVED**
7. 2026-2027 Annual Budget Hearing, Discussion, and Adjustments
 - a. Sheldon- We have discussed if we need to increase the salary and wages under the recorder category because it was discussed to increase Jessilyn's hours. I am not sure if there is enough in the budget already. I don't know where we are at compared to our budget for 2026.
 - b. Jennifer- In the financial reports Dave sends monthly details where we are at in each of those categories.
 - c. Sheldon- Scott, can you find the year to date amount compared to our budget and bring it to our next meeting? If we have enough leftover do we need to increase the budget, or will it cover the cost? I propose we increase her hours to 15-18 hours a week. I want to make sure our budget is appropriate to handle that.
 - d. Sheldon- We also do not have the police fees. We have our new dispatch fees.
 - e. Scott- Sheriff Wimmer said there wasn't much of an increase if any and we have a pad to cover it.
 - f. **Sheldon moved to open the public hearing, Larry seconded.**
 - g. **Public Hearing Open**
 - h. **NO Comment Made**
 - i. **Sheldon moved to close the public hearing, Clyde seconded.**
 - j. **Public Hearing Closed.**

8. Council Representative Reports

- a. Clyde- The Planning Commission approved the Copper Cove Preliminary Plat with the stipulation that the trail be properly compacted with asphalt or concrete. I also noticed the Sunset trail has been installed.
- b. Sheldon- Asked whether Scott planned to attend the RPO meeting on Monday, June 8th, at 1:30. If Scott is unable to attend, Sheldon will see if he can attend. Council Members are invited to the Energy Solutions Aquatic Center grand reopening on Monday. Regarding the county contract, the county is willing to renew and there appear to be no changes. The county still needs to provide the amount spent on policing. No action is needed at this time.
- c. Clyde- I received an email regarding a State advisory committee.
- d. Sheldon- I believe the email was regarding the State Transportation Advisory Committee. It would be beneficial for Erda City to remain involved in those meetings.
- e. John- I sent a financial analysis for the disconnects two weeks ago.
- f. Sheldon- It didn't seem to draw any real conclusions. I may need to talk to you about it as I am not sure of the points they are trying to make.
- g. Sheldon- John can you give us an update on the lawsuit?
- h. John-There was a hearing and the judge took it under advisement. The judge set another hearing date in August.

9. Adjournment

- a. **Sheldon moved to adjourn the meeting, Larry seconded**
- b. **Voting was unanimous to adjourn the meeting**
- c. **Meeting adjourned**

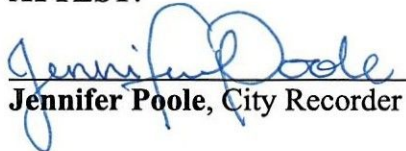
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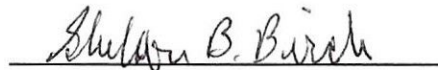
Prepared by: Jennifer Poole, Erda City Recorder and Jessilyn Stagg Deputy Recorder

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Council this 11th day of June, 2026.

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ATTEST:


Jennifer Poole, City Recorder


Sheldon B. Birch, Council Chair