

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HEPPNER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
HEPPNER CITY HALL, 111 N. MAIN STREET, HEPPNER, OREGON
7:00 PM JULY 22, 2026**

ATTENDEES:

**Corey Sweeney
Ralph Klock
Sharon Inskeep
Dale Bates (on Zoom)
Adam Doherty
John Doherty
Chad Doherty
Eric Chick**

Absent: Ian Murray, Joe Armato,

Members of the Public: Garrett Smith, Joe Christensen, Jamie Escalante, Micah Stillman

On Zoom: Jean Collins

1. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order. Corey Sweeney called the July 22, 2026, Special Session of the City of Heppner City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance. Corey Sweeney led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. Announcements – There will be three additions to New Business.

2. Approval of fire purchase.
3. Schedule the next Police Commission meeting.
4. Schedule a Personnel Committee meeting

2. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – Jean Collins lives near the courthouse construction site. She prefers that they do not start work at 3 am for the concrete work. She would appreciate it if they would follow the city noise ordinance of 7am to 5pm.

3. BUSINESS

A. New Business

1. Noise Permit request – Bouten Construction

Bouten Construction is requesting a noise permit for three concrete slab pours to start at 3 am on July 28th, August 6th, and September 15th. This request is due to the duration of the slab pours and outside air temperature for the best quality finish of the final product. All the nearest affected neighbors were contacted and except for the Collins, none had objections to the request. Joe Christensen from Bouten Construction commented that you must schedule concrete pours with the supplier about a month ahead of time. The concrete is a high polish finish, and this requires it to be a higher quality product. With summer temperatures the concrete will set faster. They are not excited to be starting work at 3 am but it is necessary to get the job done as specified by the county. They estimate that if they start pouring each of those days at 3 am, they will be completing around 7 pm.

Motion to approve the noise permit by Ralph Klock. Seconded by Adam Doherty. Councilors Sweeney, Klock, Inskip, Doherty and Bates voted unanimously to approve. Motion Carried

2. Approval of fire purchase

This is to complete the Wildhorse Grant that the Fire Department received. This purchase is over the \$10,000 limit which requires council approval for the purchase of miscellaneous equipment in the amount of \$18,898.00.

Motion to approve the request by Sharon Inskip. Seconded by Ralph Klock. Councilors Sweeney, Klock, Inskip, Doherty and Bates voted unanimously to approve. Motion Carried

3. Schedule the next Police Commission meeting

A Police Commission meeting is needed to discuss and review the contract with Morrow County Sheriff's Office. The meeting will be held on Tuesday July 28, 2026, at 5:30 pm. The proper notifications will be posted as this meeting will not be held during the regular schedule.

4. Schedule a Personnel Committee meeting

A Personnel Committee meeting is needed for the annual review of the City Manager. The meeting will be held on Tuesday August 4th at 5:30 pm.

4. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.