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City Council Minutes – February 4, 2026

Mayor Jerry Merrill
Council Members:
Bryanna Johnson David Reeser
Colin Erickson Bill Riggins
Eric Erickson Alisha Tietjen

City Staff:
Spencer Rammell – City Attorney
Matt Nielson – Finance Officer
Keith Davidson – Public Works Director
Alan Parkinson – Planning & Zoning Administrator
Scott Johnson – Economic Development Director
Deborah Lovejoy – City Clerk

6:30 P.M.
Council Member Riggins said the prayer.
Mayor Merrill led the pledge.

Roll Call of Council Members:
Attending: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Tietjen, Council Member C. Erickson, Council Member Reeser, Council Member Riggins, Council President E. Erickson (via Zoom) and Mayor Merrill.

Welcome New Employees: Addison Cook – Water Department

Addison Cook did not attend the meeting.

Public Comment: Items not on the agenda; limit of 3 minutes; issues may be considered for discussion on a future agenda. Please keep comments on point and respectful.

Staff Reports:
A. Finance: - Matt Nielson
1. Consideration of Portman Square Group Public Education Proposal for Police Bond and Budget Adjustment - Action Item

Finance Officer Nielson reported that they have reviewed the Portman Square Group Public Education proposal with the Police Department Oversight Committee. One of they options they discussed is using the same firm that conducted the survey to assist with public education and outreach efforts related to the bond proposal. He noted that the original estimated cost of the survey was between $12,000 and $13,000 but had ultimately come in at approximately $8,700, resulting in some savings. After committee discussion, members felt it was important to retain Portman Square as a consultant for the outreach effort. They cited the firm's experience in this type of work and their familiarity with the recent survey results, particularly since the outreach plan would directly address concerns identified in the survey.

Finance Officer Nielson said the committee discussed producing a video as part of the outreach effort. Although having Portman Square produce the video would have been costly, the scope was reduced to having them assist only with scripting. Headwaters, another consultant involved throughout the process, offered to produce the video at no cost using their own equipment.

Finance Officer Nielson said the committee also discussed sending a mailer to residents. Although the cost to produce and mail the piece was estimated at nearly $5,000, survey results indicated that mail was one of the preferred methods for receiving information. Portman Square's proposal is not to exceed $19,900, in addition to mailing and minor printing costs. Staff recommended establishing a total budget of $25,000, to be funded from the police facility savings fund and reallocated to hired services.

Mayor Merrill asked to review the listed deliverables and expressed concern about the cost. He suggested negotiating the proposal, noting that the first two deliverables—communication planning and key messaging guidance—seemed like they should have been included as part of the original survey work. He stated that, since the proposal is a not-to-exceed amount, he hoped the city could secure a lower final cost.

Objectives

1. Increase awareness and understanding of the revised bond proposal
2. Directly address the most common concerns identified through the survey process
3. Reinforce trust by clearly demonstrating how community feedback informed changes to scope, cost, and timing
4. Encourage voter participation
5. Ensure all communications remain factual, transparent, and legally compliant

Key Activities

1. Develop a communications and messaging plan aligned with survey findings, Council direction, and adopted bond language
2. Create content for digital platforms, printed materials, and public presentations
3. Produce educational collateral (fact sheets, FAQs, signage, mailers)
4. Support city-led public meetings with tailored messaging and materials
5. Support media and partner outreach
6. Provide ongoing consulting and message guidance through election

Deliverables

- Communications & Messaging Plan
- Key messages, FAQs, and internal guidance for City leadership
- Full suite of print- and digital-ready educational materials
- Educational video script and deployment guidance
- Project website content and structure recommendations

Roles & Responsibilities

- PSG will provide web content for use on the City's website. Content will be uploaded and maintained by City staff.
- PSG will develop responses to citizen concerns raised on digital and other platforms. Content will be posted on City social media assets by City staff.
- Video will be produced by City staff (or its delegates).
- Print and mailing costs will be the responsibility of the City.
- All content (digital or otherwise) will be reviewed and approved by City legal staff prior to distribution.

Estimated Budget

- **Professional Services**:
  - Not to exceed $19,900
- **Direct Costs (only as requested by client and billed at cost with prior approval)**:
  - Paid digital promotion, if desired
  - Project-related travel, if required

Council Member Johnson agreed that the proposal initially appeared expensive; however, acknowledged that the City Council had committed to doing everything possible to ensure the effort was successful.

Council Member Riggins expressed support for the proposal, stating that the level of detail is impressive and that the firm's recommendations reflected careful consideration of the survey results. He stated that the city likely lacked the internal capacity to perform the proposed work effectively on its own. While $19,900 seemed significant, he noted that it represented less than one-half of one percent of an approximately $18 million project and suggested that the investment could significantly improve the likelihood of the bond passing.

Police Chief Rhodes added that, during discussions with Portman Square, social media communication had been identified as a key issue in the survey results. The firm proposed assisting with crafting timely responses to community questions using survey data to inform messaging. This support would help ensure faster and more consistent communication, particularly since the city's social media employee has other full-time responsibilities and was sometimes unable to respond as quickly as residents desired.

Mayor Merrill expressed concern that Portman Square might not be directly handling social media communications, noting that the proposal indicated city staff would be responsible for implementation. Finance Officer Nielson clarified that while city staff would ultimately post and distribute the content, Portman Square would assist through consultation. As questions arose on social media, city staff would send them to Portman Square through an email chain. The firm would draft proposed responses, which would then go through an internal review and approval process, including legal review if necessary. Once approved, city staff would publish the responses.

Council Member C. Erickson reiterated that Portman Square would design the materials, such as the mailer and messaging, but the city would be responsible for distributing them. He stated that although the cost seemed high, the firm had previously demonstrated good faith by completing the survey for significantly less than originally estimated. He expressed confidence that they would likely do the same with this proposal. He supported negotiating where possible but emphasized the importance of strong communication, which had been one of the primary concerns identified in the survey.

Mayor Merrill agreed, stating that he simply felt some of the deliverables seemed as though they should have been included in the original survey contract but was comfortable moving forward.

Council Member Tietjen noted that the city has a communications specialist on staff who is capable of handling this type of work. However, the issue is whether the City Council wanted to assign these additional responsibility to that staff member. Finance Officer Nielson clarified that the communications specialist would remain involved and would be the person responsible for pushing out the information, but Portman Square would assist in developing the messaging and strategy.

Council Member C. Erickson moved to approve the Budget Adjustment to hire Portman Square Group for the Public Education Proposal of the Police Bond; Council Member Reeser seconded the motion; Mayor Merrill asked for a vote:

Those voting aye	**Those voting nay**
Council Member Johnson	none
Council Member Tietjen	
Council Member C. Erickson	
Council Member Reeser	
Council Member Riggins	
Council President E. Erickson	

The motion carried.

2. Staff recommendation to approve the Rexburg Police Facility Bond Election Ordinance to seek funding for construction of a new police facility in the May 19, 2026, Election. **Designated as Ordinance No 1343** if motion passes- Action Item

Finance Officer Nielson reviewed the Rexburg Police Facility Bond Election Ordinance to seek funding for construction of a new police facility in the May 19, 2026 Election. He said a couple of weeks earlier, the City Council reviewed the survey results and asked city staff to return with an ordinance outlining the process to place a bond measure on the May ballot. He explained that the proposed May bond would be in the amount of $14.995 million rather than the previous $16.75 million that had been proposed in the November election, which failed to pass. This reduction resulted from survey feedback that suggested lowering the cost and scope of the project. The project scope was reduced by removing the unfinished interior space, previously referred to as the "gray shell," which decreased the project cost to approximately $7.7 million.

ORDINANCE NO. 1343
Rexburg Police Facility Bond Election

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REXBURG, MADISON COUNTY, IDAHO, ORDERING A SPECIAL BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $14,995,000 TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION AND FURNISHING OF A POLICE STATION FACILITY AND RELATED COSTS; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION; APPROVING A FORM OF BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Rexburg, Madison County, Idaho (the "City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and operating under the laws of the state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council (the "Council") of the City have determined that the interests of the City and the public interest require the incurring of an indebtedness of the City in the amount of not to exceed $14,995,000 to finance the cost of construction of a police station facility, together with costs incident thereto; and

WHEREAS, the proposed indebtedness would exceed the City's income and revenue provided for the current fiscal year, and the Council has determined that the necessary funds should be raised through the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the City, subject to the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified electors voting at the election called for that purpose as provided hereinbelow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Rexburg, Idaho, as follows:

SECTION I: THE PROJECT

A. The Mayor and Council hereby find, determine, and declare that the interest of the City and the public interest require the incurring of an indebtedness exceeding the income and revenue provided to the City for the current fiscal year in the amount of not to exceed $14,995,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of construction of a police station facility, including necessary professional services and related costs (the "Project").

B. The cost and expenses of land acquisition, design, engineering, legal fees, construction, and installation of the project after reducing the project scope and removing the unfinished interior space are estimated to be $17,728,031, including the payment of all preliminary expenses incurred and incident to the Project and properly incident to the issuance of the bonds as such expenses are set forth in Idaho Code Sections 50-1019 through 50-1026A.

C. Subject to the following subparagraph, construction, and installation of the Project as described above are hereby ordered.

D. Subject to the approval thereof by the qualified electors voting at the election for which provision is hereinafter made, general obligation bonds of the City shall be issued pursuant to the provisions of Idaho Code Sections 50-1019 through 50-1026A, inclusive, and Title 57, Chapters 2 and 9, Idaho Code, in the amount of not to exceed $14,995,000, to pay the costs of the Project.

SECTION II: BOND ELECTION MAY 19TH, 2026

A bond election is hereby called to be held within the City of Rexburg on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, in conjunction with the regular municipal election, for the purpose of voting upon the proposition set forth in Section 4 of this Ordinance. The polling place or places for the bond election shall be determined by the Madison County Clerk, and the election shall be conducted by the Madison County Clerk. The Madison County Clerk shall appoint election judges and election clerks for the polling place or places for the bond election.

SECTION III: ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTION

The polls of the bond election shall open at the hour of 8:00 o'clock A.M. on May 19, 2026, and shall remain open continuously until the hour of 8:00 o'clock P.M., at which time the polls shall be closed. The administration of the election shall be conducted by Madison County in accordance with Chapter 4 of Title 50, Idaho Code, Title 34 of Idaho Code, and this Ordinance.

The ballot proposition to be voted upon at the bond election, as set forth in Section 4 of this Ordinance, shall be separate from any other proposition being voted upon at or in conjunction with any other election being held and conducted on the same date. Only those qualified electors of the City casting valid ballots upon the proposition set forth in Section 4 of this Ordinance shall be counted in determining the number of qualified electors voting at or participating in the bond election.

SECTION IV: BALLOT PROPOSITION

The proposition to be presented to the qualified electors of the city shall be in substantially the following form:

CITY OF REXBURG
Madison County, Idaho

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION
May 19, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: In order to vote IN FAVOR of the proposed bond issue, please make an X or other mark in the space to the right of the words "IN FAVOR OF issuing bonds to the amount of not to exceed $14,995,000 for the purposes stated in Ordinance No. 1343." In order to vote AGAINST the proposed bond issue, please make an X or other mark in the space to the right of the words "AGAINST issuing bonds to the amount of not to exceed $14,995,000 for the purposes stated in Ordinance No. 1343." If you, by mistake or accident, mark, deface, mutilate, or otherwise spoil this ballot, please return it to an election official and obtain another ballot.

SHALL THE CITY OF REXBURG BE AUTHORIZED TO INCUR AN INDEBTEDNESS AND ISSUE AND SELL ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PRINCIPAL

AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED $14,995,000 TO PAY THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A POLICE STATION FACILITY, TOGETHER WITH RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND COSTS. THE BONDS TO MATURE AND TO BE PAYABLE FROM A LEVY OF TAXES OVER A TERM WHICH MAY BE LESS THAN BUT WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTEEN (15) YEARS, ALL AS MORE FULLY PROVIDED IN ORDINANCE NO. 1343, ADOPTED ON MARCH 4, 2026.

The purpose of the bond is for building and construction of municipal essential services facilities consisting of police and city operations emergency communications. The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bond is 3.22% per annum. The total proposed principal amount to be repaid over the 15 year life of the bond is $14,995,000; the total interest anticipated to be paid over the life of the bond, based on the anticipated interest rate, is $4,309,500; the total amount to be repaid over the life of the proposed bond, principal and interest, is estimated to be $19,304,500.

The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed bond levy is a tax of $53.48 per $100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions.

To reduce the cost of the project, the city scaled back the design by removing the unfinished interior space. This adjustment lowers construction costs by about $1.9 million and decreases the borrowing—and interest—needed to fund the project, resulting in total savings of around $3.29 million. If the bond is approved, the City will wait until the 2028 tax year to place the bond levy on property taxes, to allow existing voter-approved bonds to either expire or nearly pay off before the new levy begins.

The water system has debt in the amount of $6,746,045,044,437 that is paid solely by water utility revenues and not by property taxes. The City currently has no other general obligation debt.

IN FAVOR OF issuing bonds to the amount of not to exceed $14,995,000 for the purposes stated in Ordinance No. 1343[ ]

AGAINST issuing bonds to the amount of not to exceed $14,995,000 for the purposes stated in Ordinance No. 1343[ ]

SECTION V: QUALIFIED ELECTORS

Every person eighteen (18) years of age or older, who at the time of the specified bond election, is a United States citizen who has been a legal and bona fide resident of the City for at least thirty (30) days immediately prior to the date of election, if properly registered as required by law, shall be qualified to vote at said election.

All electors must be registered before being able to vote at the bond election.

The Madison County Clerk is the registrar for the City, and voter registration shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Section 34-1402, Idaho Code.

Any person who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at the polling place established for the election, by completing a registration card, making an oath on the form prescribed by law, and providing proof of residence in the manner provided by Section 34-408A, Idaho Code, as amended.

SECTION VI: BALLOTS

The Madison County Clerk shall cause the official ballot for the bond election to be prepared in a sufficient quantity for the bond election.

SECTION VII: NOTICE

Notice of the bond election shall be given by Madison County Clerk prior to the election by publishing notice of the election in the official newspaper of the City, the first publication being at least twelve (12) days prior to the election, the last publication to be not less than five (5) days prior to the bond election. In accordance with Section 34-602, Idaho Code, as amended, the second publication of the notice of election shall be accompanied by a facsimile of the sample ballot for the bond election.

SECTION VIII: CANVASS

When the polls are closed, the election officials shall immediately proceed to count the ballots cast at the bond election. The counting shall be continued without adjournment until completed and the result declared. The election judge and clerks shall thereupon certify the returns of the bond election to the Madison County Clerk, who shall present the results to the Madison County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners shall meet within ten (10) days following the election, or at such time to which said meeting is continued, for the purpose of canvassing the results of the bond election. The County Clerk shall thereupon certify the election results to the City Clerk. The results shall then be entered in the minutes of the City Council and proclaimed as final.

SECTION X: GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

If, at the special bond election, two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified electors of the City voting therein vote in favor of the issuance of the bonds for the purposes set forth herein and designated on the aforesaid ballot, fully registered general obligation bonds of the City shall be authorized, issued, sold, and delivered. The full faith and credit of the City will be pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds. The bonds will be paid from annual taxes levied upon all taxable property within the City in sufficient amount to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof, together with the interest on the bonds as it falls due, within a term which may be less than but which shall not exceed fifteen (15) years from the date of the bonds.

The officers now or hereafter charged by law with the duty of levying taxes for the payment of the bonds and interest thereon shall, in the manner provided by law, make annual levies upon all taxable property within the City sufficient to meet the annual payments of bond principal and interest accruing and maturing as hereinabove provided.

All bonds shall be issued in the form and manner, and shall be registered, disposed of, and redeemed, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 50-1019 through 50-1026A, Idaho Code, and Title 57, Chapters 2 and 9, Idaho Code.

SECTION XI: OFFICERS AUTHORIZED

The officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION XII: RATIFICATION

All action heretofore taken, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, by the Mayor and Council, and the officers of the City, directed toward construction, and installation of the Project and the issuance of general obligation bonds of the City therefor, and for the holding of a special bond election, are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed.

SECTION XIII: PUBLICATION

This Ordinance, or a summary thereof in compliance with Section 50-901A, Idaho Code, shall be published once in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR on this 4th day of March 2026.

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Jerry Merrill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah Lovejoy, City Clerk

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STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Madison)

I, DEBORAH LOVEJOY, City Clerk of the city of Rexburg, Idaho, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Ordinance Entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REXBURG, MADISON COUNTY, IDAHO, ORDERING A SPECIAL BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $14,995,000 TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION AND FURNISHING OF A POLICE STATION FACILITY AND RELATED COSTS; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION; APPROVING A FORM OF BALLOT AND A FORM OF NOTICE OF ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR on this 4th day of March 2026.

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Deborah Lovejoy, City Clerk

Finance Officer Nielson further explained that scaling back the design will lower the principal amount requested by approximately $1.9 million. When including interest, the total savings will amount to about $3.29 million compared to the prior bond proposal. He also addressed concerns identified in the survey regarding property taxes and the number of existing bonds taxpayers are paying, including several school bonds and a library bond. Although the city currently has no general obligation bonds, the committee explored whether the issuance of the proposed bond could be deferred if approved. The ordinance included language stating that, if passed, the bond would not appear on tax notices until the 2028 tax year. By that time, several school bonds would have expired or nearly been paid off. The library bond is expected to expire in 2028, which could result in one overlapping year. He noted that the city's only current debt is a loan for water system upgrades at an interest rate of 1.75%, which he described as a favorable rate. He concluded by explaining that if the City Council chose to move forward, the ordinance would receive its first reading that evening, followed by two additional readings at future City Council meetings, allowing for any modifications.

Council Member C. Erickson stated that the City Council listened to voters and has made every effort to reduce the cost. He emphasized that the city needs a new police station as determined by a high school Project Citizen study, other studies and the overall condition of the current facility. He expressed hope that voters will recognize the City Council's efforts in reducing the cost.

Council Member Riggins stated that he agrees that the City Council had listened to the public, reduced the scope where possible, and made necessary adjustments to make the proposal more feasible.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve **Ordinance No 1343** the Rexburg Police Facility Bond Election Ordinance to seek funding for construction of a new police facility in the May 19, 2026, Election; Council Member C. Erickson seconded the motion; Mayor Merrill asked for a vote:

Those voting aye	Those voting nay
Council Member Johnson	none
Council Member Tietjen	
Council Member C. Erickson	
Council Member Reeser	
Council Member Riggins	
Council President E. Erickson	

The motion carried.

B. Public Works: - Keith Davidson

Mayor's Business:

Mayor Merrill reported on the upcoming Founders Day celebration scheduled for March 14. The evening would feature a "Lighting the Way" ceremony, and he encouraged the City Council Members to attend, as they will play a prominent role in the event. Earlier that day, a fair will be held at the school district building with booths and exhibits highlighting the history and future of Rexburg. Mayor Merrill said that the city hopes to make the Founders Day Celebration an annual event. The evening ceremony is expected to begin at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Merrill also announced the grand opening of the Neutral Zone ice rink, which is scheduled for February 16, Presidents Day, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The event will include a variety of activities, including a light show and opportunities for attendees to skate and shoot pucks on the ice. Mayor Merrill noted that he agreed to participate in a puck-shooting activity while wearing protective pads. Later that evening, a buy-one-get-one-free skating promotion will be offered, effectively providing half-price skating after 6:00 p.m. He added that the ice rink has been very busy, which is encouraging. Additionally, Mayor Merrill announced that John Schmidt of The Piano Guys will be performing a concert at the BYU-Idaho Center. Tickets are available through the BYU-Idaho Ticket Office, with a range of prices depending on seating selection, including VIP options and more affordable upper-level seating. He stated that the concert is intended to be a fundraiser for the Tabernacle building renovation project and encouraged the Council Members to help promote the event within the community.

Items of Consideration: NONE

Calendared Bills:

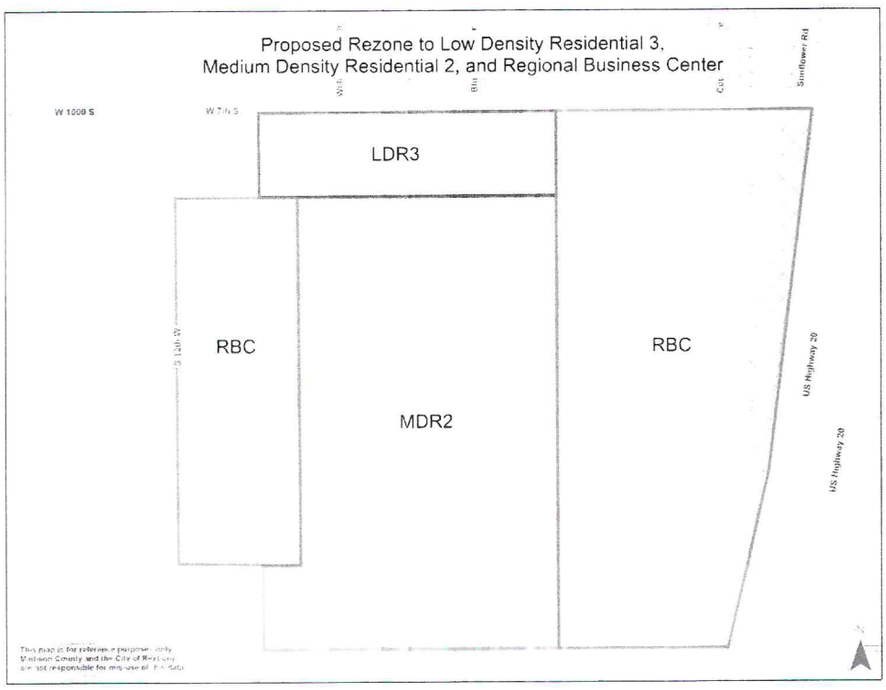
A. Second Reading: Those items which have been first read:

1. **Ordinance No 1342** zone change from Rural Residential 1 (RR1) to Low Density Residential 3 (LDR3), Medium Density Residential 2 (MDR2), and Regional Business Center (RBC) zones at approximately 801 S 12th W (25-01268) – Alan Parkinson Action Item

ORDINANCE NO. 1342

Rezone 801 S 12th W from Rural Residential 1 (RR1) to Low Density Residential 3 (LDR3), Medium Density Residential 2 (MDR2), and Regional Business Center (RBC) Zones

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND CHANGING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF REXBURG, IDAHO, AND PROVIDING THAT THE ZONED DESIGNATION OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, SITUATED IN REXBURG, MADISON COUNTY, IDAHO, BE CHANGED AS HEREINAFTER DESIGNATED; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.



Council Member Reeser moved to approve **Ordinance No 1342** zone change from Rural Residential 1 (RR1) to Low Density Residential 3 (LDR3), Medium Density Residential 2 (MDR2), and Regional Business Center (RBC) zones at approximately 801 S 12th W and consider second read; Council Member Riggins seconded the motion; Mayor Merrill asked for a vote:

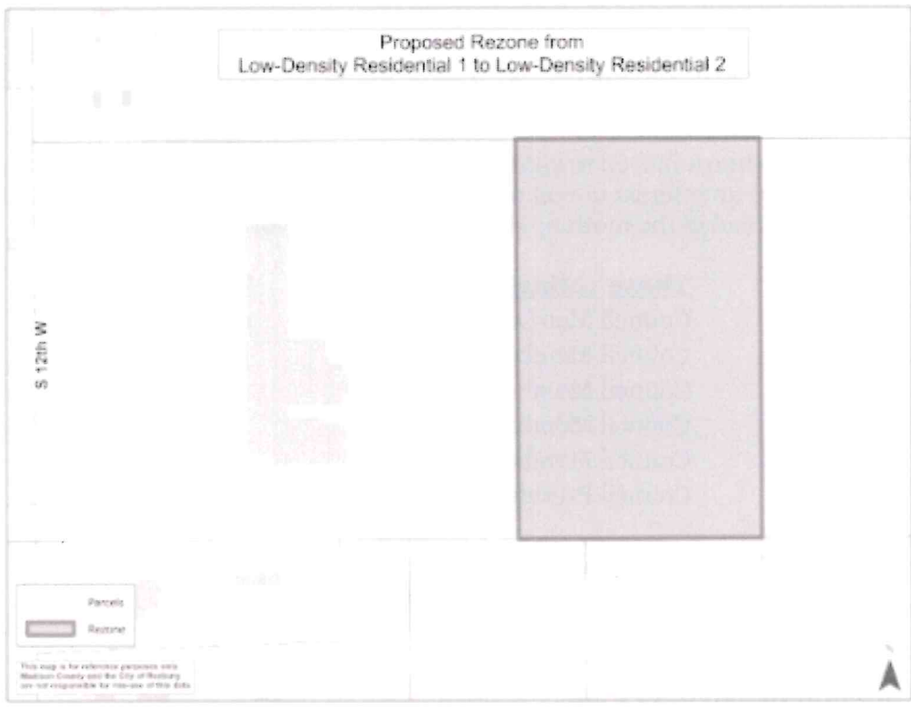
Those voting aye	Those voting nay
Council Member C. Erickson	Council Member Johnson
Council Member Reeser	Council Member Tietjen
Council Member Riggins	
Council President E. Erickson	

The motion carried.

2. **Ordinance No 1341** zone change from Low Density Residential 1 (LDR1) to Low Density Residential 2 (LDR2) at approximately 301 S 12th W (25-01158) – Alan Parkinson Action Item

ORDINANCE NO. 1341
Rezone 301 S 12th W from Low Density Residential 1 (LDR1) to Low Density Residential 2 (LDR2) Zone

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND CHANGING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF REXBURG, IDAHO, AND PROVIDING THAT THE ZONED DESIGNATION OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, SITUATED IN REXBURG, MADISON COUNTY, IDAHO, BE CHANGED AS HEREINAFTER DESIGNATED; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.



Council Member C. Erickson moved to approve **Ordinance No 1341** zone change from Low Density Residential 1 (LDR1) to Low Density Residential 2 (LDR2) at approximately 301 S 12th W and consider second read; Council Member Johnson seconded the motion; Mayor Merrill asked for a vote:

Those voting aye	**Those voting nay**
Council Member Johnson	none
Council Member Tietjen	
Council Member C. Erickson	
Council Member Reeser	
Council Member Riggins	
Council President E. Erickson	

The motion carried.

B. Third Reading: Those items which have been second read: NONE

Consent Calendar: The consent calendar includes items which require formal City Council action, however, they are typically routine or not of great controversy. Individual Council members may ask that any specific item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion in greater detail. Explanatory information is included in the City Council's agenda packet regarding these items.

A. Minutes from January 21, 2026, Meeting - Action Item
B. Approve Payment of the City of Rexburg Bills - Action Item

Council Member Tietjen stated that upon reviewing the January 21, 2026, City Council meeting minutes, it indicated that the Historical Preservation Committee did not meet; however, that was incorrect because the committee did meet.

Council Member Riggins moved to approve the Consent Calendar containing the minutes and city bills; Council Member Tietjen seconded the motion; Mayor Merrill asked for a vote:

Those voting aye	**Those voting nay**
Council Member Johnson	none
Council Member Tietjen	
Council Member C. Erickson	
Council Member Reeser	
Council Member Riggins	
Council President E. Erickson	

The motion carried.

Roll call vote to move into Executive Session as per Idaho State Statute §74-206(1)(c) To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency - Action Item

Council Member Johnson moved to enter Executive Session as per Idaho State Statute §74-206(1)(c) To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency; Council Member C. Erickson seconded the motion; Mayor Merrill asked for a vote:

Those voting aye	**Those voting nay**
Council Member Johnson	none
Council Member Tietjen	
Council Member C. Erickson	
Council Member Reeser	
Council Member Riggins	
Council President E. Erickson	

The motion carried.

Executive Session Began 6:59 P.M.
Executive Session Ended 7:48 P.M.

Adjournment 8:09 P.M.

APPROVED:

Jerry Merrill, Mayor

Attest:

Marianna Gonzalez, City Deputy Clerk