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**Discussion of Delinquent Sewer Accounts-Action:** Mayor Bronson states he would like a list of the worst offenders so he can look through it. There is discussion of this. He also states that after he has a chance to look through this list, a decision can then be made on whose account justifies being capped. There is discussion of the process and how it will proceed. Kris states that if Matt is terminating the service, or capping the line, he needs to record it for legal reasons. Kris also states that if a process server is needed to serve the notice, he knows of someone that will do that and to contact him. There is discussion of needing to add to the delinquent letter that the Health Dept. will be notified of the terminated service and this could lead the property to be condemned and possible eviction. There is discussion of needing to change the ordinance to be able to recoup the cost placing the cap on the sewer line. It should be changed to something that recovers the cost of the valve and the labor to install. It is discussed that the health department needs to be contacted and asked what will happen and what they can do if the service is terminated at a residence.

**Discussion of Town Hall Informational Meeting and Plan Forward-Action:** There is discussion of the informational meeting held on Feb. 5, 2026. It is discussed that all felt the meeting went well with a decent turn out. There is discussion of what the next steps will be. There is discussion of the Public Hearing for March to open the Fee Schedule to change the sewer and garbage rates. There is discussion of making sure the notice shows what the rates are and what they would be proposed to change to. There is then discussion of what the proposed rate changes should be. It is decided to notice the proposed changes as sewer from \$44.00 to \$65.00, and garbage from \$11.50 to \$12.00, which would take the total from \$55.50 to \$77.00. Per EDU and per garbage can. There is discussion of the increase to the septage intake rate, as the resident's fees increase, so should the septage rate. There is discussion of conflicts of interest. There is discussion of keeping the septage or not. There is discussion of the current septage intake.

**Review of Assignments from Last Meeting-Action:** Mayor Bronson states that the Youth Council is still moving forward, but he would like to see more outreach in the community to find more youth. He also discusses the Farmer's Market. There is discussion of last year's vendors fees and possible changes to this year. This year they are looking at about two a month. There is discussion of how many booths and how the fees may be structured to make it worth while for the organizer, but still have some funds left for the Activities Fund. Mayor Bronson states that the funds brought into the Activities Fund should be used and funneled back into the market for banners, etc. He then states that the town band is having a Valentines Dance the next day, on Friday. He also states that Easter is coming and he has found a couple more helpers for that activity.

**Public Discussion:** No public discussion.

**Mayor's Thoughts:** Mayor Bronson states that he has no further thoughts.

**Updates from Civilize Engineering-Action:** Husk is not in attendance at this time.

**Maintenance Update:** Matt states that he received notice from DEQ saying they will start charging a fee of \$500 for their assistance in the sewer. It is discussed to add this to the budget for next year. He also states he will be going to the IRWA conference in Boise in April. There is discussion of this. He also says he will be out of town the next week.

**Treasurers Report-Action:** There is discussion of the financials provided. There is discussion of the Temp Tax Levy payments from the County and making sure the levy is its own line item on the warrant for transparency issues and also to make sure we are receiving the correct funds.

**Sewer System Discussion with Civilize Engineering-Action:** Eric from Civilize is in attendance in Husk's place. He states that Husk has the info for next month's meeting and will get with Matt to go and look at the aerators in Rupert. It is discussed that the council will have a public hearing next month on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March and if Husk will be there.

**Bills-Action:** There is discussion of the bills from last month.

**Danielle Andrew made a motion to accept and pay the bills. Victor Cammans seconded the motion. Motion passed**

**Minutes:** There is discussion of the minutes from last meeting.

**Victor Cammans made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 8, 2026 meeting. Ben Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

There is a small discussion of what is to be placed on the agenda for next month. There will be two public hearings for the March meeting.

**Danielle Andrew made a motion to adjourn. Victor Cammans seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Council Meeting ended at 8:54 pm.

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Allyson Pettingill,  
City Clerk/Treasurer