

Mayor:
David Cates

City Council:
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CONRAD, COUNTY OF PONDERA, STATE OF MONTANA
HELD AT CONRAD CITY HALL ON JANUARY 6th, 2026

The City Council of the City of Conrad, County of Pondera, State of Montana, met in regular session at Conrad City Hall on Tuesday, January 6th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor David Cates, Alderman Darryl Burditt, Alderman Carrie Doty, Alderman Karla Breeding, Police Sergeant Andy Lund, Patrolman Daniel Karlik, Public Works Director David Zimbelman, Finance Director Jodi Rogers and City Clerk Jerad Walston.

Absent: Library Director Tiffany Christensen

Guests: n/a

Teleconference Guests: Administrative Clerk Julie Orcutt

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Cates at 6:00 p.m.

1. Action: Read and approve minutes of December 16th, 2025, regular council meeting.
 - Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Carrie Doty, to approve the minutes of the December 16th, 2025, regular meeting, as presented.
 - Motion Carried Unanimously
2. Action on any Claims and Payroll:

Claims: 29455-29492

Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Carrie Doty, to approve the claims as presented.

 - Motion Carried Unanimously
3. Action on Water Contracts: None
4. Correspondence: n/a
5. Public Comment (no action taken): None

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6. Department Reports:

- Police Department-
 - Police Sergeant Andy Lund summarized police activity for December (see attached document), noting police rescue of an adolescent eagle.
- Public Works –
 - Public Works Director David Zimbelman reported on Public Works activity for December (see attached document).
 - Dave noted that crews have been diligently clearing debris and repairing damage caused by downed trees from the recent windstorm.
 - Dave also provided updates about receiving water supplementation from the North Central Region Water Association.
 - A citizen raised concerns about a ditch near their home that frequently floods, questioning whether recent construction from the Stormwater Project would alleviate the issue. Dave agreed to look into it.
- Public Library-
 - Mayor David Cates briefly mentioned a book reading to be held at the Orpheum Theater in February (see attached document).

7. Discussion/Action: Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance #429, Amending Section 12 Title 9, Chapter 2 of the Conrad City Code (Parking Regulations)

- Motion by Alderman Karla Breeding, Second by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, to approve the adoption of Ordinance #429, Amending Section 12 Title 9, Chapter 2 of the Conrad City Code (Parking Regulations).
 - Motion Carried Unanimously

8. Discussion/Action: Council to nominate and elect a President.

- Motion by Alderman Carrie Doty, Second by Alderman Karla Breeding, to nominate and elect Alderman Amber Schoenrock as Council President.
 - Motion Carried Unanimously

9. Discussion/Action: Update on City of Conrad Meal Allowance/Mileage Rate

- Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Darryl Burditt, to approve the Update on City of Conrad Meal Allowance/Mileage Rate as presented (see attached document).
 - Motion Carried Unanimously

10. Executive Session: None

11. Other Business:

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- Mayor David Cates briefly mentioned being appointed to the Montana League of City's Board of Directors, with his first meeting to be held on January 29th.
- The council also wished to recognize the hard work The City put in to clean up after the recent windstorm.

12. Items to Appear on the Next Agenda:

- Appointment of Interim Chief of Police

There being no further business to come before the Council,

13. Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Carrie Doty, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

- Motion Carried Unanimously



Mayor, David Cates

Attest: 

Council President, Amber Schoenrock

