

CITY OF ROBERTS
February 10, 2026
City Council Meeting

The Roberts City Council met for a meeting at the regular place of meeting, after having been notified of said meeting of said council.

Robert (BJ) Berlin	Mayor	Ron Grant	Public Works Director
Casey Burns	Council	Julie Garcia.....	Library Director (absent)
Kyler Place	Council	Jed Bigelow.....	City Attorney (absent)
Benjamin Poston	Council	JD Erickson.....	Certified Water Operator (absent)
Eddit Ramirez	Council	Scott Humphreys	Certified WW Operator (absent)
April Galbraith	Clerk/Treasurer	Steve Anderson.....	Jefferson County Sheriff (absent)

Also present: Jaden Jackson with Keller Associates, Karol Poston, Connie Surereus, Trent Sabo, Matthew Anderson, Rick Lamb, Joseph Malloy, Fred Tucker, Cole Seamons, Jerry VanLeuven and Corporal Stewart with Jefferson County Sheriff.

Mayor Berlin gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Berlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vote to Approve City Council Hearing & Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2026:

Mayor Berlin asked if there were any questions regarding the hearing and meeting minutes for January 13, 2026, provided in the council's packets.

With no questions, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the hearing and meeting minutes for January 13, 2026.

Kyler made the motion to approve the hearing and meeting minutes for January 13, 2026, seconded by Casey, all ayes.

Sheriff's Report: Corporal Stewart reported for 01/03/2026 thru 1/30/2026, 90 hrs, 25 complaints, 2 arrests, 2 DUIs, 2 citation, and 11 traffic contacts.

Corporal Stewart excused himself.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Berlin introduced Fred Tucker, Mayor, City of Lewisville. Market Lake Day is the third Saturday in July. The city was awarded a grant from America250 of \$2500. The grant money will be used to create a float for the city that can be used annually at Market Lake Day. Auditors were here last week. April will be taking some personal time, and Shirley Ledvina will be training with April and will fill in for her during that time.

Discussion & Vote – Ordinance 2026-573:

Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to suspend reading the proposed ordinance on three different days and have the title of the proposed ordinance read once.

Casey made a motion to suspend reading the proposed ordinance on three different days and have the

title read one, seconded by Kyler, all ayes.

Mayor Berlin called for a roll call vote.

Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk,

Kyler Place	aye
Edidt Ramirez	aye
Benjamin Poston	aye
Casey Burns	aye

Mayor Berlin read the title aloud:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE No. 498, THE OFFICIAL CITY OF ROBERTS PLANNING AND ZONING MANUAL

WHEREAS, the City of Roberts Planning and Zoning Manual was revised by the Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission following a public hearing conducted in accordance with Idaho Code §67-6509 on May 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the amended Planning and Zoning Manual was approved and adopted as the official City of Roberts Planning and Zoning Manual by the City Council on June 9, 2015, by Ordinance No. 498; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 498 was subsequently amended on March 12, 2019, following a duly noticed public hearing, to revise Chapter 6, Section 2 of the Planning and Zoning Manual by changing the minimum lot area for a Mobile Home Park from one (1) acre to five (5) acres; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now finds it necessary to further amend the Planning and Zoning Manual to update public improvement requirements applicable to all zoning districts, to revise the Mobile Home Park minimum and maximum lot area standards, and to establish age and relocation standards for manufactured and mobile homes; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed amendments was duly noticed and conducted by the City Council in accordance with Idaho Code §67-6509 on the 11 day of February, 2026.

Mayor Berlin asked if there was any discussion.

With none, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-573.

Edidt made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-573, seconded by Ben, all ayes.

Mayor Berlin called for a roll call vote.

Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk,

Kyler Place	aye
Edidt Ramirez	aye
Benjamin Poston	aye
Casey Burns	aye

Motion Passes

Presentation – RPD00000320641 (LDS Park): Mayor Berlin stated that the LDS Park property is being sold and is currently under contract. He invited Cole Seamon to present a development concept to the Council.

The proposed concept would allow for the construction of up to 64 single-family attached dwellings (townhomes). Each unit would be sold individually, with common areas owned by a

homeowners' association (HOA). The HOA would be responsible for maintaining the property, including mowing and snow removal.

Approximately half of the units would include garages. The land beneath each unit would be owned by the individual homeowner, while the common areas and private streets would be owned by the HOA. The units would offer two- and three-bedroom layouts. A sports court is also proposed as part of the development.

The yards would be designated as common space, with privacy fences installed between units. No rear fencing is planned in order to allow for mowing and maintenance access.

Units are anticipated to be priced between \$200,000 and \$300,000, based on market value. Estimated HOA fees are projected to range from \$30 to \$50 per month.

Mayor Berlin stated that the developers are seeking feedback to determine whether there is significant opposition to the proposed development, as they do not wish to proceed and incur expenses if strong opposition exists.

The Council indicated that they are not opposed to the concept as presented.

Update – Roberts Community Center: A pre-bid meeting was held last Thursday. It was well attended. The bid opening is this Thursday at City Hall.

Vote – Authorize Mayor to Approve Bid for Roberts Community Center Construction:

Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to allow the mayor to accept the low bid for the Roberts Community Center project.

Edidt made a motion to allow the mayor to accept the low bid for the Roberts Community Center project, seconded by Kyler, all ayes.

Mayor Berlin called for a roll-call vote.

Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk,

Kyler Place	aye
Edidt Ramirez	aye
Benjamin Poston	aye
Casey Burns	aye

Motion Passes.

Maintenance Report: Mayor Berlin stated that the City had previously applied to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a grant to fund a wastewater study. Although the application was initially denied, DEQ has since contacted the City to indicate that funding has become available due to another city withdrawing from the program. DEQ is requesting confirmation from the City on whether it wishes to accept the funding opportunity and proceed with submitting a formal application. The proposed study would identify needed repairs, updates, and improvements to the wastewater system. The grant would require a 50% local

match and would be distributed over two fiscal years. The Council expressed its desire to move forward with the opportunity.

Ron said frost-free at Mustang Park has been covered. The tree at City Park, behind the shelter, has been trimmed and will be taken down as safely as possible. The frame for the carport, over the u.v. lights at the wastewater plant, is up. Well and pump houses have been cleaned and greased. Cleaning and restoration of the fuel tank on the roller is almost complete. The snowplow has been repaired and is back in service. Dog kennel repairs are being done to add a drain and space. The shop has been insulated, and all drafts have been sealed.

Update Water Facility Improvement Project: Jaden said DEQ has approved the drawings. The amendment for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has been submitted. When the awarding decision has been made for the CDBG, the project will go out to bid.

Discussion – Sheriff’s Contract: Mayor Berlin said that the City pays the Sheriff’s Department to enforce City ordinances, noting that the Sheriff’s Office already enforces county and state laws through property tax funding. He shared concerns that City ordinances don’t seem to be consistently enforced under the current contract.

He added that when the City has called the Sheriff’s Office, staff have sometimes gotten pushback from deputies, with responses like, “We’re really busy,” “It’s not in the contract,” or “So what do you want me to do about it? I didn’t see it.” Follow-up has often been delayed or nonexistent without constant prodding.

Mayor Berlin also pointed out that there are very few traffic citations. When he took office, the City collected enough in fines to pay the city attorney. While the City doesn’t count on fine revenue, traffic contacts haven’t been effective at deterring violations. He said he understands that the Sheriff’s Office is busy and resources are tight, and that currently the City gets virtually no citation revenue.

Mayor Berlin then opened the floor to the council and the audience for discussion and said that he feels the contract needs to be more specific.

Audience member and council voiced their concerns, which included a lack of warnings being tracked but a new system was recently implemented, sheriff’s office supplying information regarding each traffic contract and its outcome, verbiage in the contract, speeding, failure to stop, jake breaks, truck traffic on city streets, what constitutes an “hour” of service, the sheriff-supplied report is also for EMS and fire calls, animal control vs vicious dog, hiring someone to cite instead of the sheriff’s office, less patrol presence, the current contract cost, and not wanting to cancel the contract.

An audience member requested examples of specific situations:

- Verbal threats to City employees. An incident involving an at-large, aggressive dog was called in to dispatch, attacked the responding deputy, and then fled. City staff had been attempting to catch the dog or locate its home. Staff posted pictures of the dog on social

media, which led to the dog's owner calling City Hall and being rude to the clerk. Staff followed the dog to its residence, the owner sought out staff and then threatened them. When staff called to file a report, it took several days for a deputy to respond and only after the Mayor called, despite follow-up calls from staff.

- Trucks on residential streets were also raised as an issue. For example, the City called about a truck parked in the middle of the street in front of Lucy's. City staff took photos and reported it to the Sheriff's Office, and the responding deputy said, "What do you want me to do about it?"
- The Mustang Event Center was broken into and vandalized and the deputy came and looked at it and when asked what he was going to do he reportedly said "Nothing."

Review and Approve Bills: Mayor Berlin asked Council if they had reviewed the bills and if they had any questions, comments, or concerns.

With none, Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to approve the bills.

Ben made the motion to approve the bills, seconded by Kyler, all ayes.

Mayor Berlin called for a roll call vote.

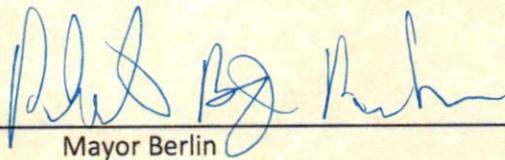
Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk,

Kyler Place	aye
Edidt Ramirez	aye
Benjamin Poston	aye
Casey Burns	aye

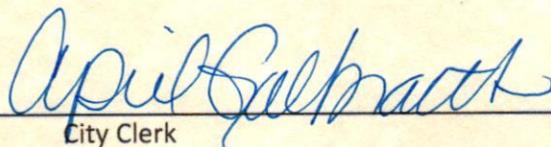
Adjourn: Mayor Berlin entertained a motion to adjourn.

Edidt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ben, all yes.

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Berlin



City Clerk