



**CITY OF KEARNS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

DECEMBER 8, 2025, 6:00 PM

ELEMENT EVENT CENTER- 5658 COUGAR LN, KEARNS, UTAH 84118

****DRAFT MINUTES – UNAPPROVED****

**CITY OF KEARNS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2025**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly Bush, Mayor
Chrystal Butterfield
Patrick Schaeffer
Tina Snow

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Al Peterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Nathan Bracken, City Attorney
Diana Baun, City Recorder
Chad Anderson, Engineering Manager
Dan Torres, Economic Development Manager

Others Present: Mayor-elect Jesse Valdez, Council Member Elect Lorrin Colby, Jr., Maleah Bliss, Cheryle Hatch, Roger Snow

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kelly Bush, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. DETERMINE QUORUM

Mayor Kelly Bush announced that a quorum was present allowing the meeting to proceed.

3. VISITING PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Mayor Bush noted that Mayor-Elect Jesse Valdez and Council Member Elect Lorrin Colby, Jr. were present and encouraged those in attendance who hadn't met them yet to do so after the meeting.

4. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT

Maleah Bliss addressed the council and residents during public comment, explaining that Senator Daniel Thatcher was resigning, which created an immediate vacancy in Utah State Senate District 11 that needed to be filled during the legislative session beginning in January. Ms. Bliss stated that, unlike most legislative vacancies, this selection process allowed every registered voter in Kearns to vote directly, regardless of political affiliation. She explained that

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MAYOR KELLY BUSH, DEPUTY MAYOR TINA SNOW
COUNCIL MEMBER CHRYSTAL BUTTERFIELD, COUNCIL MEMBER ALAN PETERSON,
COUNCIL MEMBER PATRICK SCHAEFFER

District 11 covered a large geographic area, stretching from Kearns through Eagle Mountain and Tooele County to the state border, and emphasized that the needs of established communities like Kearns differed from those of rapidly growing areas. She stated that Kearns required reinvestment in existing infrastructure such as roads, water lines, sidewalks, and maintenance of streets like 4700 South, while other areas focused on new development. Ma. Bliss said the district needed a senator who could balance support for growth with reinvestment in long-standing neighborhoods. She identified herself as a Kearns resident living near Copper City Drive and stated her goal was to ensure Kearns continued to have representation and influence at the state level. She explained that voting was currently open and would close on Thursday, December 11, noting that voters should have received a letter with a QR code and that those who did not receive or keep the letter could still vote online through a provisional ballot. She concluded by asking for the community's vote.

Cheryle Hatch thanked Mayor Kelly Bush and the council members for their work over the years and for the personal support they provided following the passing of her husband, Joe Hatch. Cheryle Hatch also thanked the community for supporting and reelecting them to another term as a Kearns Improvement District Trustee and expressed appreciation and congratulations.

Council Member Tina Snow stated that she wished to dedicate her remarks to Mayor Kelly Bush and noted that Mayor Kelly Bush had led the community's transition from a metro township to a city with dedication and heart.

Mayor Kelly Bush thanked everyone and stated that it had been an honor to serve, noting that the experience had gone by quickly and had allowed her to meet many people and build lasting relationships. Mayor Bush expressed confidence in Mayor-elect Valdez, stating that he would do a good job, had strong visions and new ideas, and would lead the city in a positive direction.

Council Member Snow concluded by presenting Mayor Bush with an award thanking her on behalf of the council, and stated that while there was more she wished to say, she felt her appreciation was understood.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve City Council Minutes**
 - a. November 10, 2025 City Council Meeting
 - b. November 18, 2025 Board of Canvassers Meeting

Council Member Snow moved to approve the November 10, 2025 City Council Meeting and November 18, 2025 Board of Canvassers Meeting Minutes as published. Council Member Schaeffer seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Peterson absent from the vote.

- B. Monthly Financial Report (Acknowledgment of Report)**

Council Member Butterfield moved to have the council acknowledge receipt of the monthly financial report as published. Council Member Snow seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Peterson absent from the vote.

6. WORKSHOP – None

7. PRESENTATION ITEMS – None

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

A. Capital Projects Budget Process

Chad Anderson, representing the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD), explained that preparations had begun for the fiscal year 2027 capital budgeting process, which would start July 1, 2026. Mr. Anderson stated that the Municipal Services District provided engineering services for Kearns and that the budgeting process focused on gathering information about community needs, including deteriorated roads and sidewalks requiring repair or reconstruction. He explained that the MSD used a SmartSheet system in which one designated individual for each community collected and logged project requests submitted by the community.

Mayor Kelly Bush stated that she had traditionally served as the primary point of contact for submitting project requests but was now transitioning that responsibility to Mayor-elect Valdez. Mayor Bush requested a review of projects already underway or planned, noting that the city was currently backlogged due to existing grants and appropriations. She explained that reviewing current projects would help the incoming mayor and council members to understand what was already funded and allow them to plan additional projects accordingly.

Mr. Anderson reviewed several ongoing and planned projects. He stated that a median design project was underway for 6200 South near 5600 West to address traffic safety concerns related to left-turn conflicts near Walgreens. Mayor Bush clarified the location and explained that the project was initiated following requests from Unified Police Department and West Jordan Police Department due to a history of serious accidents at that intersection, some nearly fatal. Mr. Anderson stated that a consultant study recommended installing a median to restrict left turns, requiring vehicles to make right-in and right-out movements only. He then reported that the Cougar Lane crosswalk project was complete and that the shared-use path project associated with UDOT was substantially complete. He also discussed a road safety audit underway for 4420 West, noting that after a speed limit increase to 35 mph was reverted back to 25 mph, community concerns about safety prompted a formal Federal Highway Administration road safety audit. Mr. Anderson announced a public open house for the audit scheduled for January 13 at 5:00 p.m. at the library, including mailed flyers, surveys, and an opportunity for residents to share safety concerns.

Mr. Anderson stated that a storm drain project on 4800 West was under construction and experiencing delays due to unexpected conditions. He also noted that a large sidewalk maintenance project was ready to bid and that, in February, Mayor Bush had secured state

funding for a sidewalk and concrete wall project along 6200 South. Mayor Bush explained that the project would improve aesthetics and visibility by replacing inconsistent fencing with a uniform wall and would include a bike lane due to community requests. Mr. Anderson clarified that the sidewalk would be widened from 5 feet to 8 feet. Mayor Bush specified the project limits as approximately 5600 West to 4800 West near Harmons and noted that earlier plans to bury power lines were abandoned due to prohibitive utility costs.

Mr. Anderson stated that a raised crosswalk on Northwest Avenue was largely designed but had been deprioritized due to other completed projects. He also confirmed that the bridge on 4015 West was completed. Mayor Bush and Ms. Anderson discussed a large mill and overlay project planned for the “Impressions” area, including Copper City Drive, to maintain roadway conditions. Mayor Bush emphasized that all the discussed projects were fully funded through a combination of federal and state grants and allocations, and would extend through the end of 2026, allowing future councils to build upon them.

Mr. Anderson added that approximately 20 pedestrian ramps near South Kearns Elementary were fully designed and ready for bidding. Mayor Bush then raised concerns about the removal of a speed bump on 5520 West. Mr. Anderson explained that several speed bumps were being replaced because some were too short to be effective while others exceeded 6 inches in height, creating a risk of vehicle damage. Mayor Bush and Council Member Tina Snow expressed concern about whether removed speed bumps were being replaced. Mr. Anderson confirmed that replacements were planned and explained that heat blankets observed at the site were used to maintain a clean, dry surface for construction and did not indicate project abandonment.

Detective Angie Oldham requested contractor contact information due to complaints received by the Unified Police Department regarding construction equipment being left in public areas. Mayor Bush requested that Mr. Anderson provide contractor contact details and coordinate with the incoming mayor and council to review projects.

Mr. Anderson stated that project information would be posted on the official Facebook page and the Kearns website. Council Member Chrystal Butterfield asked whether Mr. Anderson could share the project spreadsheet with council members. Mr. Anderson responded that a GIS system existed to track projects but was not yet fully updated. Council Member Tina Snow noted that project dates could change as well. Mayor Bush directed that the existing Municipal Services District project sheet for Kearns be updated and shared with Mayor-elect Valdez for distribution to the council.

B. Ordinance 2025-O-19, An Ordinance of the Kearns City Council Enacting Section 15.08.011 of the Kearns Municipal Code to Adopt the 2006 Edition of the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code and to Adopt an Official Wildland-Urban Interface Map for the City of Kearns Pursuant to H.B. 48

Nathan Bracken expressed appreciation to Mayor Kelly Bush, Council Member Tina Snow, and Council Member Peterson, noting it had been a pleasure to work with them. Mr. Bracken explained that three ordinances were being brought forward, two of which were required by

state law to be adopted before the end of the year. He stated that the timing was compressed because the Utah Legislature had passed bills during the previous legislative session that directed certain state agencies to provide guidance, which was not received until November. He explained that the first ordinance related to House Bill 48, legislation intended to help the State of Utah address increasing wildfire risk. The bill addressed issues with inaccurate wildfire risk classifications that had resulted in higher insurance premiums or policy cancellations for properties that were not actually at high risk. The bill directed the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to develop more accurate wildfire risk maps and required every land use authority, including cities and counties, to adopt the Wildland-Urban Interface Code along with a map identifying where the code would apply. He stated that the Wildland-Urban Interface Code was a standard building code, most recently updated in 2006, typically applied to development in wooded or mountainous areas. Kearns does not contain any wildland-urban interface areas because it was fully surrounded by developed municipalities. Despite this, the statute did not provide an exemption, requiring the city to adopt the code regardless. As a result, the proposed ordinance adopted the 2006 Wildland-Urban Interface Code while applying it only to areas that the council or future councils might designate, along with a blank map showing no designated areas within the city at this time. The Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands had confirmed that adopting a blank map was acceptable under the statute.

Mayor Bush asked whether the legislature planned to amend House Bill 48 to exempt cities like Kearns that lacked wildland areas. Mr. Bracken responded that no such amendment was expected, noting that Kearns was relatively unique in being fully surrounded by other developed cities. Most cities had undeveloped land or the potential for future annexation that would qualify as wildland-urban interface areas and the intent of the requirement was to have the code in place should qualifying lands ever become part of the city in the future. He stated that the ordinance was a land use ordinance and confirmed that it had been reviewed by the Planning Commission, which issued a favorable recommendation for adoption.

Council Member Snow moved to approve Ordinance 2025-O-19, Enacting Section 15.08.011 of the Kearns Municipal Code to Adopt the 2006 Edition of the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code and to Adopt an Official Wildland-Urban Interface Map for the City of Kearns Pursuant to H.B. 48. Council Member Butterfield seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Peterson absent from the vote.

Mr. Bracken expressed appreciation to the Municipal Services District staff for their work on the ordinance related to wildfire regulations. He explained that the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands did not begin outreach on the requirements until early November, which required the city to include the item directly in the 10-day notice for the Planning Commission in order to meet statutory deadlines. Unified Fire Authority was also instrumental in assisting with the process. He noted the situation remained a moving target because many jurisdictions were waiting for updated guidance and mapping from Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, and that the most current wildfire risk maps had still not been released, contributing to the difficulty of finalizing the ordinance.

C. Ordinance 2025-O-20, An Ordinance to Initiate the Establishment of the City of Kearns' Data Privacy Program

Nathan Bracken presented the next ordinance, explaining that it was also required to be enacted by the end of the year pursuant to state legislation. Mr. Bracken stated that the ordinance implemented requirements from House Bill 444, which mandated that every public entity in Utah begin establishing a data privacy program. He explained that while the full data privacy program did not need to be completed by the end of the year, the city was required to initiate the process and take several preliminary steps. The bill required the city to designate an administrative records officer and an additional records officer responsible for managing records. He explained that because Kearns did not have its own staff, these responsibilities would be assigned to Municipal Services District staff, as outlined in the resolution. He also explained that the city was required to complete an internal report by the end of the year and on an ongoing basis thereafter. This report was classified as a protected record and would not be disclosed publicly because it contained sensitive information.

Mr. Bracken stated that the state-provided template for the internal report was not released until shortly before Thanksgiving, which delayed preparation. He indicated that the report would be completed by Maridene Alexander, the Communications Manager with the Municipal Services District and retained in the city's records. An additional state-provided template, also released shortly before Thanksgiving, required the city to prepare a public-facing statement to be posted on the city's website.

Mr. Bracken explained that the ordinance authorized the city to formally commit to creating a data privacy program in the coming year, to designate specific individuals to the required records officer roles, to submit those designations to the State Archives, and to authorize staff to complete the required internal report and post the required public statement. He stated that while developing the full data privacy program would be a substantial undertaking, additional time was available to complete that work, and the majority of the effort would be handled by Municipal Services District staff.

Council Member Snow moved to approve Ordinance 2025-O-20, Initiating the Establishment of the City of Kearns' Data Privacy Program. Council Member Schaeffer seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Peterson absent from the vote.

D. Ordinance 2025-O-21, Approval of Enbridge Franchise Agreement

Nathan Bracken explained that the next matter was a recurring franchise agreement with Rocky Mountain Power. Mr. Bracken stated that the city had negotiated a franchise agreement several years earlier, but the agreement stalled when Rocky Mountain Power was acquired by Enbridge. Enbridge later indicated it wanted to proceed, and the agreement was brought to the council and approved in July. However, the agreement included a provision requiring Enbridge to sign within 60 days, which did not occur, causing the agreement to lapse. Mr. Bracken acknowledged that Diana Baun had spent considerable time attempting to obtain Enbridge's signature and that, although the agreement terms had previously been acceptable, Enbridge had failed to execute the document.

Mr. Bracken stated that the item was being brought back in the same form as approved in July and that the council could either reconsider it now or defer it to the new council in January. Diana Baun reported that after previous difficulties locating the appropriate contact during organizational transitions, a specific contact person had now been identified. Council Member Patrick Schaeffer initially suggested waiting until a signature was secured but later indicated support for proceeding now if a contact was in place to avoid further delays. Mr. Bracken clarified that the franchise agreement term would run through January 1, 2028.

Mr. Bracken explained that a franchise agreement allowed public utilities to operate infrastructure within city-owned rights-of-way without requiring individual easements, subject to city regulations and conditions. It was noted that Kearns already had franchise agreements in place, including one approved with Rocky Mountain Power in 2020 and another with Google Fiber, with additional agreements pending future code updates.

Council Member Snow moved to approve Ordinance 2025-O-21, Approval of Enbridge Franchise Agreement. Council Member Schaeffer seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Peterson absent from the vote.

E. Discussion and Direction Regarding Representation on Magna Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

Mayor Kelly Bush introduced a discussion regarding governance of the Magna Mosquito Abatement District board. Mayor Bush explained that the district's board structure included both elected officials and citizen members and that board terms were fixed at four years. She stated that Council Member Tina Snow currently served as Kearns' representative and that the district had provided correspondence regarding its governance. Mayor Bush emphasized that final decisions regarding representation would rest with the new mayor and council in January but wanted the issue placed on the current council's radar.

Nathan Bracken explained that Kearns, like most cities, participated in multiple special districts, some with elected boards and others with appointed representatives. Mr. Bracken stated that some districts required council members as representatives, while others, such as the Magna Mosquito Abatement District, allowed appointment of any registered voter residing within the district. He noted that Council Member Tina Snow had historically served as Kearns' representative, and with Council Member Snow leaving the council, the next council would need to determine whether to reappoint Tina Snow as a citizen representative or appoint someone else. He also stated that similar representation decisions would be required for other entities, including the Municipal Services District, SLVLESA, Unified Fire Authority, and other regional bodies.

Mayor Bush clarified that their own term on the mosquito abatement board did not expire until 2028. Council Member Tina Snow noted that the mosquito abatement board meeting would occur before the January council meeting and requested guidance. Nathan Bracken explained that unless the council formally acted to remove or replace the appointment, Tina Snow would remain the appointed representative under statute. He further explained that replacing the representative would require a formal process, including notice and acceptance of

applications. Council Member Snow stated she would continue attending meetings until directed otherwise, and Mr. Bracken confirmed that Tina Snow remained qualified and appointed until council action occurred.

Mayor Bush concluded by noting that an agenda item regarding approval of the Community Council's budget had been removed and deferred to January. Mayor Bush stated that this decision was made to allow the incoming mayor and new council to address the matter and acknowledged that the January meeting would have a substantial agenda

9. Stakeholder Updates/Information

A. Kearns Improvement District (KID) - *Greg Anderson, General Manager*

Greg Anderson thanked the mayor and council for the opportunity to work with them over several years and stated that it had been a pleasure to support the City of Kearns as it had changed and grown. Mr. Anderson reported several upcoming and ongoing initiatives on behalf of Kearns Improvement District. He announced that the 2026 water conservation art contest would be released and promoted before the next meeting. Flyers and social media announcements would be posted and encouraged community participation, noting that cash prizes would be awarded. He explained that, as in prior years, the winning artwork would be featured on the Kearns Day Parade float and highlighted through monthly WaterSense program promotions.

Mr. Anderson stated that work continued with a consultant to develop a leak detective program for elementary schools. He reported that Granite School District had been contacted and coordination was underway with principals and elementary teachers. The program includes a fun, video-based educational component and more information will be shared with the council at an appropriate time. He invited Mayor Valdez and council members to tour Kearns Improvement District facilities on Saturday at 9:00 a.m., noting that a light breakfast would be provided. He explained that the tour would last approximately an hour and a half and would include local facilities such as water tanks and a sewer lift station.

Mr. Anderson reported that the Sams Boulevard and Kearns Junior High water line replacement project had been bid, with nine contractors submitting bids. He stated that the bids came in under the engineer's estimate and that approval had been received from the Environmental Protection Agency. He announced the project would begin in early spring in coordination with the city. He encouraged council members and residents to follow the district's Facebook page for information on minimizing freeze-related issues during the winter season and discussed public education efforts regarding fats, oils, and grease entering the sewer system. He described a recent incident involving a large grease accumulation, referred to as a "grease bird," which severely disrupted operations at the Central Valley treatment plant, emphasizing the risks such materials posed to wastewater treatment processes.

Mr. Anderson concluded by reporting that Kearns Improvement District customers were using 2% less water compared to the same time the previous year and contrasted this with an overall

6% increase in water use across the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy footprint and thanked Kearns customers for their conservation efforts.

B. Kearns Library - *Lee Whiting, Librarian*

No current updates.

C. Wasatch Front Waste Recycling District (WFWRD) - *Renee Plant, Manager*

No current updates.

D. Unified Fire Authority (UFA) - *Chief Lintz*

Chief Tyler Lintz addressed the mayor and council and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work with them, stating that the City of Kearns would always remain part of the Unified Fire Authority family and that council members were welcome to contact or visit the station at any time. Chief Lintz reported positive public safety outcomes, noting that despite Thanksgiving traditionally being a high-risk period for fires, there were no major fires reported in the area, including Salt Lake City. He also stated that the Santa delivery event and participation in the tree lighting event were successful.

Chief Lintz thanked the Unified Police Department for their collaboration, stating that recent high-level incidents demonstrated a strong and effective joint command structure. He reported that Unified Fire Authority personnel consistently expressed positive feedback about working with Kearns officials and staff. He provided outreach statistics for the year, reporting more than 10 million social media views across Unified Fire Authority platforms, over 200 station tours and school visits, and participation in 165 community events, many of which took place in Kearns. He encouraged council members to submit future requests for events or outreach activities. He reported that Fire Station 107 opened on November 16 and had handled 107 calls since opening. A full report would be provided after a complete month of operation and noted that the station had already reduced call volume pressure on neighboring stations.

Council Member Chrystal Butterfield expressed appreciation for a recent response to their home and explained that an accidental alarm activation had occurred.

Chief Lintz concluded with a safety and resource message, encouraging residents to use the 211 App for non-emergency services such as meal programs, winter clothing assistance, crisis counseling, and emergency shelter. He emphasized that 211 was not a replacement for 911 but was a valuable resource for accessing community support services.

E. Unified Police Department (UPD)

Before Chief Levi Hughes addressed the council, he allowed resident Roger Snow to address the council as he missed the Public Comment portion of the meeting due to working on a city Christmas display that had stopped working properly.

Roger Snow noted that he had been working earlier on restoring Christmas lighting along 5400 South and stated that the trees, trains, and timers were all back up and operating properly. Mr. Snow then reflected on his role as the Community Council's liaison to the City Council for the past 10 years and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve in that capacity. He stated that the City Council and Community Council had worked closely together over many years, beginning before Kearns became a metro township. He recalled working alongside Council Member Chrystal Butterfield and Council Member Al Peterson during that earlier period and noted the long history of collaboration between the bodies. He reviewed several major infrastructure accomplishments achieved during that time, including the widening of 4700 South, construction of the bridge on 4000 West, and multiple multimillion-dollar projects. He noted that construction of the wall along 6200 South was scheduled to begin in the spring and referenced the earlier completion of the wall along 5400 South from 5600 West to 4700 South. In addition to infrastructure improvements, the councils had worked together on many community and holiday-related efforts. He emphasized that strong personal relationships and friendships had developed among council members, staff, and public safety partners over the years and specifically acknowledged friendships with Chrystal Butterfield, Al Peterson, Cheryle Hatch, Chief Hughes, Chief Mazuran, Detective Oldham, and Chief Lintz, stating that those relationships had lasted for a decade and would continue into the future. He concluded by expressing gratitude to the City Council for the work accomplished together and for the friendships formed, stating appreciation on behalf of both himself and his family for the positive impact of those relationships.

Chief Levi Hughes then addressed the mayor and council and reported that the crime statistics map had been reinstated. Chief Hughes stated that the map had previously been discontinued due to organizational changes, not because of lack of value, and that it had been brought back because it provided meaningful information to the council and community. He explained that Faith had assisted with restoring the map and was also working on additional statistical analysis that would be presented in the new year. The map had been adjusted to focus on the most relevant data and that future reports would also include highlights of notable activity from the precinct during the prior month. He summarized several significant cases from the previous month and reported that officers responded to a shooting in which the suspect had fled prior to arrival. Officers provided medical aid to the victims until fire personnel arrived. One individual had been shot multiple times, and both victims were transported to the hospital in stable condition. He stated that the suspect was taken into custody within approximately 48 hours.

Chief Hughes also described an investigation into multiple gang-related graffiti incidents. Detectives observed the suspect outside their residence and took the individual into custody without incident. A search warrant was obtained and executed on the residence and vehicle, resulting in the seizure of additional evidence related to the graffiti, as well as methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. He stated that the suspect was also identified as a fugitive from California, though the warrants were not extraditable, and that the residence was closed due to drug activity. He further described another investigation in which detectives identified individuals with outstanding warrants at a residence and detained a suspect who arrived on a stolen motorcycle while in possession of methamphetamine and a handgun. A subsequent search warrant led to the seizure of illegal narcotics and closure of that residence.

as well. He highlighted the work of Detective Webb, noting that a search warrant executed on a storage unit resulted in the recovery of stolen property as part of ongoing investigations.

Mayor Bush commented on public perceptions of crime levels and expressed frustration with information circulating that suggested crime was significantly higher than reflected in the presented statistics. Chief Hughes explained that crime data could vary depending on reporting methods and emphasized that the information presented came directly from the department's internal system. He also stated that the department was available to explain or defend the data as needed and encouraged incoming council members to work with staff to obtain accurate information.

Chief Hughes then transitioned to a ceremonial presentation, presenting American flags that had flown over the precinct to Roger Snow and Council Member Tina Snow. He explained that these flags were reserved for individuals who had made significant contributions and symbolized service, resilience, and dedication. He described the long-standing service, commitment, and personal contributions Roger Snow and Tina Snow had made to the community, stating that their efforts reflected the highest ideals of public service. He also noted that a flag would be presented to Council Member Al Peterson at a later time.

Chief Hughes then addressed Mayor Bush, expressing deep personal appreciation and describing their relationship as familial. He acknowledged Mayor Bush's dedication to the city and stated that her service and advocacy for the community reflected the same commitment seen in public safety professionals. He concluded by thanking the council collectively for their service and stated that additional recognitions would occur when appropriate.

Chief Jason Mazuran then addressed the council on behalf of the Unified Police Department. Chief Mazuran expressed appreciation for the City of Kearns, its residents, and its elected officials, stating that the department valued the long-standing partnership and support it had received. He specifically acknowledged the service of Tina Snow, Kelly Bush, and Al Peterson for their leadership and support over many years. He stated that the department looked forward to continuing its work with current and future elected officials and concluded by thanking the council for its commitment to public service.

F. Kearns Community Council – *Paula Larsen*

No current updates.

10. Other Business

A. Future Agenda Business - None

Mayor Kelly Bush thanked Chief Levi Hughes, Faith, and other public safety staff for taking the time to recognize the council's service over the past 10 years. Mayor Bush reflected that the period had been a significant journey marked by challenges, accomplishments, and meaningful progress for the city. She stated that the council had worked hard, advocated strongly, and achieved many outcomes for the community.

Council Member Patrick Schaeffer asked for a moment to speak and stated that it had been a pleasure working with Mayor Kelly Bush and the council. Council Member Schaeffer acknowledged that there had been both positive moments and difficulties over the years but stated that he would not change the experience. He expressed appreciation for the friendships formed and gratitude for the opportunity to serve together.

No closed session needed.

11. Closed Session if Needed as Allowed Pursuant to Utah Code §52-4-205

- A. Discussion of the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual
- B. Strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation
- C. Strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property
- D. Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; and/or
- E. Other lawful purposes as listed in Utah Code §52-4-205

12. Adjourn

Council Member Snow moved to adjourn the December 8, 2025 City Council Meeting. Council Member Schaeffer seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Peterson absent from the vote.

The December 8, 2025 meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

This is a true and correct copy of the December 8, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on January 12, 2026.

Attest:

Diana Baun, City Recorder

Jesse Valdez, Mayor