



City Council

Tuesday April 21, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Mayor
Nile Mathisen
Public Works Director
Ben Mower
Secretary/Recorder
Kaelyn Meyers/Tasha Crum

Council Members
Shaun Murray
Ben Allred
Alfred Kettle
Steve Secrest

MINUTES

Item

- 1) **CALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER**
 - a. **Welcome and Roll Call** -Mayor Nile Mathisen welcomed all in attendance and called roll. The council members in attendance were Ben Allred, Alfred Kettle, Steve Secrest and Shaun Murray. Secretaries Tasha Crum and Kaelyn Meyers.
 - b. **Prayer** – Alfred Kettle
 - c. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Said by all in attendance.
 - d. **Public Attendees**- Jo Gardner, Danny Harrell, Craig Nebeker, Willis Lefevre, Justin Pratt and Dan Dilsaver
 - e. **Conflicts of Interests** -- *All Council Members who have a conflict with any item on the agenda please state concern.*

-No conflicts were stated by Council Members-

- 2) **PLANNING & ZONING-** Board Member Appointments
Not in attendance, and the secretaries will follow up to reschedule.

- 3) **ENGINEERING UPDATE-**
Not in attendance.

- 4) **UINTAH COUNTY SHERIFF / COMMISSION REPORTS-**
Deputy Pratt provided an update on community events and incidents. Commissioner Willis Lefevre addressed concerns about the upkeep of Ballard City Parks. There’s notable frustration around the allocation of funds, as money is being directed toward new parks in Vernal while existing maintenance in Ballard is overlooked. Commissioner Willis Lefevre stated he will contact Joel Brown to include this issue on the agenda for the upcoming board meeting on May 13th.

- 5) **BOARD MEETING UPDATES-**
Council Member Alfred Kettle gave an update on the lifting of the fire ban in the district, noting that this decision was decided by improved moisture levels.

- 6) **OFFICE / PROJECTS REPORT-**
Nothing to report.

- 7) **REVIEW AND CORRECT MINUTES-**
 - a. Council Meeting April 7, 2026
Motion made by Council Member Alfred Kettle to approve the council minutes of April 7, 2026 as corrected, 2nd by Council Member Shaun Murray. All in favor.

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- 8) **FOLLOW-UP ON PAST MINUTES-**
Nothing to follow up on.

- 9) MAYOR'S REPORT-**
 Joe Gardner and Dan Desilver introduce themselves and present a proposal to change the county government form to a five-part-time commission system. They explain the benefits of having more representatives and a professional County Manager.
- 10) COUNCIL REPORTS-**
 Council Member Shaun Murray provided an update to the council regarding the recent water board meeting. He highlighted several important topics, including the status and location of purchased property, as well as the water test flow conducted on that property. He also informed the council that individuals in attendance had been notified that no water connections are currently available, and that the water board is working on a waiting list for people wanting connections when they become available.
- 11) CITY MANAGEMENT REPORT-**
 Council Member Ben Allred shared an update with the council about his recent discussion with the water board. He mentioned that he had sought the opinions of the water board members during today's meeting and is currently awaiting their feedback regarding the next steps.
- 12) FINANCES: Checks, Statements, Reports and Budget**
 Mayor Nile Mathisen discussed finances.
Motion made by Council Member Alfred Kettle to approve the finances as presented, 2nd by Council Member Ben Allred. All in favor
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- 13) EXECUTIVE SESSION-**
 It has been decided that this item will remain a permanent fixture on the agenda.
- 14) ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING-**
Motion made by Council Member Ben Allred to adjourn Council Meeting, 2nd by Council Member Shaun Murray. All in Favor.
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 Mayor Nile Mathisen

 Date

 Secretary Tasha Crum

 Date

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