

**The Minutes of
Honeyville City Council
May 13, 2026, Regular Meeting**

Mayor Bruce Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Bruce Nelson, Councilmembers Ryan Adams, Codey Illum, Kami Anderson, Trevor Gardner and Dusty Bingham.

Approximately 10 members of the public were present.

Employees present were:

- Brittany Chlarson, Clerk/Recorder
- Wendy Lindauer, Deputy Clerk
- Blair Perry, Treasurer
- Troy McNeely, Public Works Director
- Kenny Funk, Zoning Administrator
- Jami Jaques, Code Enforcement

Trevor Gardner offered the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Conflict of Interest: None Noted

Public Comment Period:

- **Doug Christensen** said he is from Bear River City and stated that he is running for Box Elder County Sheriff this year and just wanted to take a minute to introduce himself. He has gathered enough signatures to be on the ballot this November and is running as an unaffiliated candidate. He has worked with Highway Patrol for 20 years. He decided to run for Sheriff because he grew up locally and felt that he needed to help keep the communities how the citizens want. He wants to make sure everyone can have a say and will know who to reach out to if there is an issue. He further stated that he would like the community to have a good relationship with the Sheriff and feel comfortable reaching out when needs arise. He further stated that he is happy to answer any questions that anyone may have about why he is running.

Zoning Administrator/DRC/Planning Commission Report – Kenny Funk & Jacob Jaques

- **Zoning Admin/DRC Report: Kenny Funk**
 - **Crystal Springs Site Plan:** This has been submitted but they were missing 10 – 15 items that need to be addressed prior to review.
 - **Rezone Request:** There may be a rezone request for 5625 N. The house at the top of that road wants to sell part of his lot to his neighbor. Right now, the owner has 5 acres, and his neighbor has a smaller lot. It is zoned A5 in that area so that is why this would not work without a rezone.

- **Boundary Adjustment:** A resident in Savanna Heights is requesting a boundary adjustment and is looking into purchasing the protection strip so that he can move forward with that.
 - **Building Permits Issued:**
 - A permit has been received for a home next to Camelot Inn; however, it currently does not have an access permit from the highway. They have to receive this prior to issuing the permit.
 - **BR City Road Plan:** Bear River sent Kenny their road plan to make sure it meshes with Honeyville's plan. If there are any issues, they asked Honeyville to let them know.
- **Planning Commission Report: Jacob Jaques**
 - **Public Hearings:** Several Public Hearings updating and creating Ordinances will be held in May's Planning Commission. Those will address Billboards, Sidewalks, Short Term Rentals, Title 10 updates and Title 11 updates.

City Administration – Mayor Bruce Nelson

Discussion Items:

- A. **Budget Updates:** Nothing to Report
- B. **City Clean-Up:** City Clean-Up went well, but Troy was informed that the landfill is now charging \$5.00 for mattresses.
- C. **4th of July:** Because it is the 250-year 4th of July Celebration the Mayor would like to provide a free meal for those who attend the event. He would also like to have fireworks, but they may be too expensive at this time. There were concerns expressed about competing with other communities and also about the increase in attendance for the movie in the park meal.
- D. **Water Rates:** The current water rates were presented. When a meter is installed, there is an impact fee charged. Those fees are dependent on the size of the tap. The old schedule still shows field taps; however, the city has not offered any new field taps in several years. The last water rate increase was in February 2017. **Mayor Nelson** figured the inflation rate from 2017 to 2026, and it comes to a little over 35%.

It was asked why there are so many different rates. **Codey I** stated that it correlates with the impact fees. He also stated that there are several laws from the state that dictate what cities can do with their impact fees.

Mayor Nelson explained that the city has been working with the City Engineers, Jones and Associates regarding the impact fees. There was a study completed. They held a public hearing, and those impact fees were passed. The next step is to address the rate increase. The Mayor met with Rural Water and got direction from them.

Trevor G stated that he felt rate increases should be addressed by those who live in the community. He said that rates had been discussed a few years ago and they were unable to come to an agreement then. However, Trevor felt fine with the previous suggested rate increase.

Codey I stated that whatever they decide they need to make sure that the impact fees correlate with the changes.

Blair P reported that there aren't very many people who have larger taps.

Mayor Nelson stated that the last rate increase did not pass because some people felt that inflation affects both the base rate and the overage rate. And others felt that the overage rate should not be affected by inflation.

Trevor G felt that there are two separate issues. The increase of water rates to maintain the system. And then punitive repercussions. **Mayor Nelson** felt that by not increasing rates for inflation the city keeps getting farther and farther behind.

The water rates that were suggested in 2023 were presented. At that time the suggestion was a 25% increase with a \$2.00 increase each year for the next 5 years. With no increase to the overage rate. **Kami A** felt that the overages should have a higher charge versus the base rate. **Trevor G** felt that the water is not costing the city, however maintaining the system is what costs the city so that is why he feels overages should not be increased. **Codey I** expressed that if they are increasing one rate they should do both. **Mayor Nelson** stated that this is simply to address the issue of inflation. **Codey I** said that he hopes that everyone can look at the effects of what has happened in surrounding communities who haven't addressed issues and then have a major price hike versus addressing issues before they become a major issue.

It was expressed that no one in the council is happy about raising rates. **Blair P** said that the city has not offered field taps in years and that the current ones aren't being used to water livestock like they were originally set up for, so he suggested doing away with a field tap rate all together.

Kimberly Bekkemellom a member of the community, asked if the rate increase is enough to cover the cost of maintenance. **Mayor Nelson** stated that the council went

through and made a list of issues within the water system. He clarified that everything is running fine, but there are some issues. One of the main issues the city is having right now is with Spring #8. This spring needs a new collection box along with new line to Spring #7 and then to the reservoir. Totaling all of the projects that need to be completed it's a total of \$30 million dollars. **Kimberly B** asked if raising the rates would be a benefit to the citizens to make sure that the city has what it needs to maintain and keep the system functioning. She further stated that people in Salt Lake are paying \$300 a month just for their base rate. She expressed that having a rate increase to \$50 or \$60 to help make sure the city has the right infrastructure was something she could do. **Codey I** stated that there is always money needed to update the water system. The council has to think of the current needs, but also the needs of the future. While it would be great to say they never raised rates on citizens, that would just be an injustice to them because then they get hit with a massive rate increase.

Mayor Nelson stated that while the city does not have an issue with lead in our water, the state came out a few years ago and mandated that municipalities remove any parts that have lead in them. The city has a few lead goosenecks in the system and 9 miles worth of lead joints. That would cost \$9 million dollars. He didn't feel it was right to charge the citizens that amount of money, so he just wanted to address the maintenance of the system. He felt that increasing rates 25% now and then in 3 years increasing them another 12.5% would be reasonable.

David Hougaard asked the council to study economics. Which would include charging higher costs for water use, but not for excess.

It was reported that Trevor and Kami will not be able to attend the June 10th meeting. The Mayor wanted to make sure the entire council could be available when they have a public hearing for water rates.

- E. **Half Plots at Cemetery:** **Mayor Nelson** stated that Wendy did an audit of the cemetery and during this process she found that there are 64 half plots. He asked the council if they would like to charge a different price for full plot or half plot. **Trevor G** expressed that he felt that a half plot should be a reduced rate.

F. **Reconcile Bank Statement – Codey Illum**

Action Items:

- A. Tolman CUP Application: Kenny F** because Bryce rezoned to commercial a Conditional Use Permit is required. The Planning Commission came up with the conditions that he have a fence put up around the commercial portion of the property within 5 years along with a limit of hours of operation.

Mayor Nelson stated that an issue with that is that the road that goes through his property is owned by the city. **Kenny F** stated that the fence would not impact the road. **Jacob J** shared that in the code it states that commercial properties are required to have a fence. **Kenny F** stated that these are just recommendations from the Planning Commission, but the Council can set their own conditions.

Dave H stated that in previous discussions it had been stated that Bryce was previously told that the road would be vacated to him once they decided not to use it for Amy Acres. However, he would have to follow that up with a request.

There was concern expressed about children getting into a vacant car and causing them harm and the repercussions that could fall on the city for not following their code. The council wanted to hear Bryce's opinion. The only reason he requested a rezone is because the city asked him to conform. No one wants to harm Bryce's business. They just want to help him become compliant.

TREVOR GARDNER motioned to table this for further discussion. DUSTY BINGHAM seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED with Ryan Adams for, Codey Illum for, Kami Anderson for, Trevor Gardner for and Dusty Bingham for.

- B. Approval of New Planning Commission Member: Mayor Nelson** reported that Staci Zilles-Nelson has resigned from the Planning Commission and recommended Thomas Jenkins to fill her remaining term.

Thomas J introduced himself stating that he has lived in Honeyville for 9 years. He has a wife and 4 kids. He has a degree in mechanical engineering from U of U and is currently working at Northrop Grunman.

Mayor Nelson feels that Thomas is an honest person who won't favor anyone but will stand by what is true.

TREVOR GARDNER motioned to Approve the Recommendation of Thomas Jenkins as a Planning Commission Member. RYAN ADAMS seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED with Ryan Adams for, Codey Illum for, Kami Anderson for, Trevor Gardner for and Dusty Bingham for.

- C. Spring #8 Engineering: Mayor Nelson asked the council for approval to move forward with engineering for the repairs needed on Spring #8.

TREVOR GARDNER motioned to approve engineering for Spring #8. DUSTY BINGHAM seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED with Ryan Adams for, Codey Illum for, Kami Anderson for, Trevor Gardner for and Dusty Bingham for.

- D. Walking Path at West Park Engineering: Mayor Nelson asked for the council's approval to move forward with engineering for the Walking Path at the West Park.

DUSTY BINGHAM motioned to approve engineering for the Walking Path at the West Park. CODEY ILLUM seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED with Ryan Adams for, Codey Illum for, Kami Anderson for, Trevor Gardner for and Dusty Bingham for.

- E. Secondary Water South of City Hall Engineering: Mayor Nelson asked for the council's approval to move forward with reaching out to a sprinkler company for Secondary Water South of City Hall.

RYAN ADAMS motioned to approve research from a sprinkler company for Secondary Water South of City Hall. DUSTY BINGHAM seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED with Ryan Adams for, Codey Illum for, Kami Anderson for, Trevor Gardner for and Dusty Bingham for.

- F. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – 04/08/26:

CODEY ILLUM motioned to approve the Minutes of 04/08/26 as presented. RYAN ADAMS seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED with Ryan Adams for, Codey Illum for, Kami Anderson for, Trevor Gardner for and Dusty Bingham for.

- G. Check and Deposit Details – April 2026

CODEY ILLUM motioned to Approve the Check and Deposit Details from April 2026 as presented. KAMI ANDERSON seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED with Ryan Adams for, Codey Illum for, Kami Anderson for, Trevor Gardner for and Dusty Bingham for.

Public Health & Safety/Mosquito Abatement – Councilmember Codey Illum

- A. City Owned House: He said it will be about \$30,000 to be able to rent the home out. He just needed direction from the council. It was expressed that it is better to have a renter in that home versus having it vacant. It was also expressed that it could be torn down.

Codey will come up with estimates for both options. Either fix it up or tear it down.

Parks & Cemeteries/Youth City Council/General Community Events – Councilmember Trevor Gardner

- A. Youth City Council: Put out flags at cemetery for Memorial Day.
- B. West Park Equipment: This issue was addressed and repaired.

General Community Events/Youth City Council/Planning Commission – Kami Anderson

Nothing to report at this time.

Water Systems & Drainage – Councilmember Ryan Adams

Nothing to report at this time.

Streets & Roads/Buildings & Equipment/City Communications - Councilmember Dusty Bingham

- A. Frontage Rd. N. 3600 W. Road Widening Project: The city has received a signed contract from C & B Asphalt.

Mayor Nelson asked Megan the new treasurer, to talk to the council about some payment options. Megan stated that she has been reviewing online payment options and wondered if the council was interested in this. Mayor Nelson wondered if the council felt the city should absorb the finance fee or put it on the citizens. It was decided it's best to put that fee on the citizens.

CODEY ILLUME motioned to Adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. RYAN ADAMS seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED with Ryan Adams for, Codey Illum for, Kami Anderson for, Trevor Gardner for and Dusty Bingham for.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were taken and typed by Brittiny Chlarson.

I certify these minutes to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

DATE APPROVED: 6/3/26



Brittiny Chlarson

Brittiny Chlarson – Clerk/Recorder

Bruce Nelson

Bruce Nelson – Mayor