

MOAB CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 26, 2026

Regular Meeting Attendance and Call to Order:

Moab City Council held its Regular Meeting on the above date in Council Chambers. Archived audio is at www.utah.gov/pmn and video is at www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1NJgH55wh4. Mayor Joette Langianese called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jason Taylor, Tawny Knutson-Boyd, Kaitlin Myers, Colin Topper and Miles Loftin attended. Also in attendance were Recorder Sommar Johnson, Parks, Recreation and Trails Director Patrick Trim, Arts & Special Events Director Kelley McInerney, Utility Services Director Obe Tejada, Police Chief Lex Bell, Assistant Police Chief James Blanton, Jr., Aquatic Manager Ryan Moran, Lifeguards Soren Indegard and Blake Coleman, Attorney Nathan Bracken and 13 members of the public. Councilmember Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation:

Parks, Recreation and Arts Director Trim introduced a recognition of life saving efforts at the Moab Recreation and Aquatic Center. He described a deep-water rescue at the pool and praised the response of lifeguards and mentioned training that led up to the successful outcome of the rescue. The Mayor presented plaques to the lifeguards. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director Andy Smith stated he was impressed by the response. He also presented awards to the lifeguards.

Department Update:

Arts & Special Events Director McInerney presented summer arts center programming opportunities, highlighting a traveling Smithsonian exhibit called Voices & Votes: Democracy in America.

Consent Agenda—Approved

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the consent agenda, as follows: ratification of a thank you letter to Senator Curtis for an appropriations request, approval of minutes for the May 12, 2026, Regular Meeting and approval of bills against the City of Moab in the amount of \$276,674.10. Councilmember Knutson-Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Taylor, Knutson-Boyd, Topper, Myers and Loftin voting aye.

General Business:

Interlocal Agreement Between the City and Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency:

Presentation and Discussion: Utility Services Director Tejada introduced **Resolution 09-2026**: a resolution adopting an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Moab and Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency (GWSSA). He explained the ILA involved the “cemetery well,” which has low water quality. Councilmember Loftin said the well was in disrepair and \$40,000 would make it operable. It was explained that the GWSSA lease would cover the investment, is renewable annually and will not impact water services to the City.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Loftin moved to adopt **Resolution 09-2026**, approving the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency and the City of Moab and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement. Councilmember Topper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Taylor, Knutson-Boyd, Topper, Myers and Loftin voting aye.

Mayor and Council Reports:

Councilmember Myers reported on meetings with the Mayor and the homeless council and announced upcoming events as well as housing authority residential vacancies. She mentioned a community survey about speed limit changes in Moab.

Councilmember Knutson-Boyd stated she met with museum staff, attended the public works staff picnic, and related a family story in appreciation of Memorial Day.

Councilmember Taylor reported he met with the Mayor and the Chamber of Commerce, attended a recent golf tournament, and congratulated the graduating high school class. He mentioned discussions about holiday lights and noted it would be Moab’s 125th anniversary. He acknowledged Memorial Day.

Councilmember Loftin reported on meetings with the Mayor and the housing authority and noted the extent of waitlists for affordable housing in Moab. He mentioned a meeting with GWSSA and noted an upcoming watershed workshop. He thanked veterans in honor of Memorial Day and recounted his experience with the citizens' police academy. He said he had high praise for the police department.

Councilmember Taylor reported he attended the public works day picnic and participated in the bike bus for elementary school children riding to school.

Councilmember Topper mentioned the Red Rock Retreat, and noted that he met with the Mayor, attended the public works picnic, participated in the firebreak walk & talk, and rode with the bike bus. He thanked the police department for assistance with the bike bus.

Mayor Langianese reported that she met with the Department of Energy regarding infrastructure, including trails and County liability. She mentioned the prospect of a July decision regarding Congressional appropriations for a new water tank and the local transit system. She mentioned work being done regarding the golf course master plan and economic analysis. The Mayor said she visited the new restaurant on Main Street, Elsie's, and reported on meetings with Sam Wainer of the Canyonlands Natural History Association, and meetings regarding sewer odors in the Mountainview neighborhood, the Division of Natural Resources, and the defunding of grants to mitigate water outfall in the wetlands.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Loftin moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Joette Langianese, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sommar Johnson, City Recorder