



Tuesday June 2nd, 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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Item

1) CALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

- **Welcome and Roll Call-** Mayor Nile Mathisen welcomed all in attendance and called roll. The Council Members in attendance are Ben Allred, Alfred Kettle, Steve Secrest and Shaun Murray. Secretaries Tasha Crum and Kaelyn Meyers.
- **Prayer** – Alfred Kettle
- **Pledge of Allegiance-** said by all in attendance
- **Public Attendees-** Jeff Baker, Amanda Mieure, Alexis Mieure, Brent Bastian and Leah Bastian.
- **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) PUBLIC HEARING- Budget- Mayor
Motion made by Council Member Ben Allred to close Regular Meeting and open Public Hearing, 2nd by Council Member Alfred Kettle. All in Favor

YEA **NAY**

Council Members

Nile Mathisen
Ben Allred
Al Kettle
Steve Secrest
Shaun Murray

The Council Members reviewed the proposed budget and had no concerns.

Motion made by Council Member Ben Allred to close Public Hearing and open Regular Meeting, 2nd by Council Member Alfred Kettle. All in favor.

YEA **NAY**

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Motion made by Council Member Alfred Kettle to approve the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budget, 2nd by Council Member Ben Allred. All in favor.

YEA **NAY**

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3) DOG CONCERNS-Clay Mieure

- Alexis Mieure, reported ongoing problems with stray or loose dogs attacking their sheep. She mentioned that these lambs are show animals and an important part of her life, making the recurring losses both financially and emotionally significant.
- Council Member Ben Allred mentions Uintah County animal control is under contract to handle issues, but with only two or three officers for the whole County, they can't be on-site regularly.
- Mayor Nile Mathisen mentioned that Uintah County has a leash law, and violations can result in a fine of 500.00 dollars.
- The Council Members agree that the fines should be enforced in Ballard City and noted that Brent Bastian, who serves on the animal board, will bring the issue to their next meeting.

4) CITY BUILDING RENTAL RATES AND USAGE DISCUSSION- Mayor

- Council Members discussed whether to reopen the city building for public rentals.
- It was rented out in the past, but rentals ended about 15 years ago over concerns that the financial risk and possible damage were not worth it.
- Pros mentioned included that new security cameras are now in place, the facility could help keep people in town rather than going elsewhere, and many residents have expressed interest in having a community room like those in other small towns.
- Mayor Nile Mathisen read examples of how nearby cities structure their room rentals, including different fees, deposits, and some free use for non-profit or non-commercial events.
- Council members requested additional time to consider the pros and cons and agreed to table the item and include it on the agenda for further discussion at the next City Council meeting.

5) AWARD OF BID FOR 1000 SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT- Jeff Baker

Jeff Baker, with Jones & DeMille, presented the results of the 1000 South Project bid opening, which was held the previous day. Eight Bids were received, with Perco Rock Co. based out of Cedar City, submitting the apparent low bid at \$3,473,118.00. Jeff Baker stated that, based on his experience with Perco Rock Co., they do quality work, and he further explained that any change orders on this project would most likely be initiated by City Council or the Engineer, rather than by Perco Rock Co. It is recommended by Jones & DeMille Engineering the Perco Rock Co. be awarded the contract for this project.

Motion made by Council Member Shaun Murray to award the bid for the 1000 South Project to Perco Rock Co., 2nd by Council Member Steve Secrest. All in Favor.

YEA

NAY

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Al Kettle

Steve Secrest

Shaun Murray

6) ENGINEERING UPDATE- Jeff Baker

Jeff Baker, with Jones & DeMille gave an update on the 1000 South project, stating that Roosevelt City has approved the final Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the easement on their side, and only paperwork needs to be signed to complete this process. Staff will invoice Roosevelt City and SSD2 for their share of the PTIF funding and the project is awaiting issuance of the Army Corps permit.

7) UINTAH COUNTY SHERIFF / COMMISSION REPORTS

- Deputy Pratt was not in attendance.

- Illegal trailers -This topic was not addressed at this time and will be carried over to the next City Council meeting for further discussion.

8) BOARD MEETING UPDATES

- Council Member Ben Allred reported that the recent Planning and Zoning meeting included only one item on the agenda: the rezone for five acres intended for his subdivision, was approved.

9) OFFICE / PROJECTS REPORT

- Nothing to report on

10) REVIEW AND CORRECT MINUTES

- Council Meeting May 19, 2026

Motion made by Council Member Alfred Kettle to approve the council minutes of May 19th, 2026 as written, 2nd by Council Member Shaun Murray. All in favor.

YEA

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Ben Allred

Al Kettle

Steve Secrest

Shaun Murray

11) FOLLOW-UP ON PAST MINUTES

- Nothing to follow up on.

12) MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Nile Mathisen reported that a joint meeting of the Water Board and City Council will be held on June 16, at 6:30 P.M. to discuss grant funding options.

13) COUNCIL REPORTS

- Council Member Alfred Kettle reported that he attended a recent fire department meeting, the department has acquired a new brush fire truck, and the previous brush truck is being retired from service.
- Council Member Ben Allred reported that the hiring committee met and drafted a job title and outline for a proposed new position. He will email the draft to City Staff for distribution and requested that the item be placed on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

14) FINANCES: Checks, Statements, Reports and Budget

- Mayor Nile Mathisen discussed finances.

Motion made by Council Member Ben Allred to approve the finances as presented, 2nd by Council Member Alfred Kettle. All in favor.

YEA

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Al Kettle

Steve Secrest

Shaun Murray

15) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- No executive session was held.

16) ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING

Motion made by Council Member Alfred Kettle to adjourn Council Meeting, 2nd by Council Member Shaun Murray at 7:45 PM PM. All in favor.

YEA

NAY

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Al Kettle

Steve Secrest

Shaun Murray

Mayor Nile Mathisen

Date

Secretary Tasha Crum

Date

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