



City Council Meeting

June 17, 2026

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

6 P.M. Mayor Wanner opened the meeting.

Roll Call:

Brian Nielson, Donald Childs, Mayor Michael Wanner, Kim Pickett, Rohn Peterson. Staff attending included Manager Marker, JD Bunnell, Angela Leatherwood. Other unidentified citizens were also in the audience.

Invocation/Inspirational Thought:

Given by Mayor Wanner

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Wanner

Public Forum:

Mayor Wanner opened public forum at 6:04 pm. No comment.

Public Hearings

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Amendments

Motion was made by Councilor Nielson to open a public hearing regarding Fiscal year 2025-2026 Budget Amendment. Seconded by Councilor Pickett. Vote was unanimous in favor. 6:02pm

Manager Marker presented the proposed final year end budget for Gunnison city that was prepared by the city's financial consultant Gary Keddington.

Budget amendments for the current fiscal year were prepared based on city expenditures to date and projected expenses through the end of June 2026 (see resolution 2026-06).

No public comment

Councilor Pickett motioned to close the public hearing regarding Fiscal year 2025-2026 Budget Amendment. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Vote was unanimous in favor. 6:07pm

Motion made by Councilor Pickett to approve the budget amendments. Seconded by Councilor Childs.

Roll call vote: Nielson – yes, Childs – yes, Pickett – yes, Peterson – yes

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Wage Adjustments for Appointed Officials and Department Heads

Motion was made by Councilor Pickett to open a public hearing regarding Fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget Wage Adjustments. Seconded by Councilor Childs. Vote was unanimous in favor. 6:08pm

Manager Marker informed the council that the budget wages are indicative of hourly wages, Christmas bonus and also the ability for full times employees to cash out there vacation. It reflects 27.5 pay periods instead of 26.

The current budget proposal for FY 2027 includes a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 2.5% for all employees. A COLA typically mirrors inflation indexes, with the most commonly referenced being the Consumer Price Index (CPI) published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The BLS western region CPI indicates a twelve-month change of 3.5% as of April 2026. The 2.5% impact on this budget, across all funds, is \$12,237 (\$4,207 for just the general fund).

No public comment.

Councilman Nielson asked about cash out on vacation hours.

Councilor Pickett motioned to close the public hearing regarding Fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget wage Adjustments. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Vote was unanimous in favor. 6:13pm

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Transfers from Special Funds

Motion was made by Councilor Peterson to open a public hearing regarding Fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget Transfers from Special Funds. Seconded by Councilor Pickett. Vote was unanimous in favor. 6:13pm

The drafted 2026-2027 budget includes the potential transfer of revenues from enterprise funds into other, unrelated funds. Manager Marker explained that per state law it is required of the City Council to conduct a public hearing specifically to address the transfer of enterprise funds to another public fund “to pay for a good, service, project, venture, or other purpose that is not directly related to the goods or services provided by the enterprise for which the enterprise fund was created.”

No public comment.

Councilor Pickett motioned to close the public hearing regarding Fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget Transfers from Special Funds. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Vote was unanimous in favor. 6:17pm

Final Budget

Motion was made by Councilor Pickett to open a public hearing regarding Fiscal year 2026-2027 Final Budget. Seconded by Councilor Childs. Vote was unanimous in favor. 6:18pm

The 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget was prepared in accordance with the procedures outlined under State Law, Title 10-6 Uniform Fiscal Procedures Act of Utah Cities. The City Council is required to conduct a public hearing on the final budget before it can be adopted.

The final budget was prepared based on input from the Mayor, City Council, department heads, the city’s financial advisor, and the city’s capital improvement and purchases plan.

Manager Marker informed the council that this budget does not anticipate going through the truth and taxation process so there is no proposed tax increase.

No public comment.

Councilor Pickett motioned to close the public hearing regarding Fiscal year 2026-2027 Final Budget. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Vote was unanimous in favor. 6:21pm

Discussion and Possible Action items:

Request to Evaluate Speed Limit Along Main Street

Councilor Pickett explained that a concern citizen had approached him about looking at the speed limit on main street. J brake has become a concern along with the increase of businesses

and with the schools and students there is a lot more traffic coming off the road other than intersections.

Councilor Nielson suggested a traffic study be done.

Chief Adamson gave support from the police department in moving from 45 down to 35, especially before and after the school zone areas.

Council agreed to have Manager Marker get in touch with UDOT for their recommendations.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Resolution 2026-06 Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

Motion passed unanimously earlier in the meeting.

Resolution 2026-07 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

Councilor Nielsen motioned to approve 2026-07 adopting the fiscal year 2026-2027. Councilor Pickett seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Motion passes.

Resolution 2026-08 Fee Schedule Amendments

Manager Marker briefed the council on some changes to be made to the fee schedule pertaining to:

- Business licenses for low impact home occupation
- Land use application fees

Councilman Nielson asked that we add language that will support the \$200 fee with this application.

-White Sanitation increase due to fuel cost and clarification of the waste management fee and the landfill fee on utility fees.

-Change to the local fire services fee. Currently \$2 a month and a proposal to \$4 a month.

- Culinary water, another mandate from the state for a culinary water monitoring system. The fee will be .02 per 1000 gallons. The fee is due July 2027, the month after the new budget, but by introducing the fee in this budget the city can collect it and then pay it rather than pay it and then collect it.

No discussion

Councilor Pickett motioned to approve 2026-08 Fee Schedule Amendments with an amendment by councilor Nielson to include the changes to the language on the legal fees for the Land use application. Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Nielson - yes, Childs – yes, Pickett – yes, Peterson – yes

Motion passes.

Ordinance 2026-03 Code Amendment Affecting Main Street Signage

The Gunnison City Planning Commission reviewed the proposed code amendment and, after a properly noticed public hearing, which was conducted on June 10, 2026, has forwarded a positive recommendation for the proposed regulation changes to the City Council regarding AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SIGN REGULATIONS IN THE MAIN STREET OVERLAY ZONE, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Manager Marker explained that under the historic area of main street, 100 N to 200 S, there was a provision that with city council approval signs could encroach on the public right away or extend over the sidewalk. This will lift this sign allowance not just to historic main street but applied to all businesses along main street.

Councilor Nielson motioned to approve 2026-03 attachment A excluding 1. subsection c 3. Councilor Pickett seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Roll Call Peterson – yes, Pickett – yes, Childs – yes, Nielson – yes

Motion passes unanimously

Ordinance 2026-04 Code Amendment Affecting Minimum Lot Width Standards

Manager Marker explained to the council what planning and zoning had recommended pertaining to lot widths and frontage.

Councilor Pickett motioned to approve 2026-04 code Amendment Affecting Minimum lot width standards. Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call Peterson – Yes, Pickett – Yes, Childs – Yes, Nielsen- No.

Motion passes 3-1

Minutes:

Councilor Nielson made the motion to approve the minutes for the June 03 Regular Council Meeting with the change of Jared Sorenson being in county. Councilor Pickett seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Bills:

Councilor Childs made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending June 12 totaling \$149,802.53. Councilor Pickett seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Nielson – yes, Childs – yes, Pickett – yes, Peterson -yes

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees

JD Bunnell: 9 mile is empty and the delivery is going to drop .157 gallons per minute per share starting June 18. Delivery is down .336 gallons per minute. JD is recommending we watch the pond for a minute before placing water restrictions in place. Drillers will be back on the first of next week to start drilling again.

Chief Adamson: Gave his monthly report on calls for service. Department highlight of Officer Pace for handling a suicide by officer call. He ended up tasing the individual. Upcoming events, July 3-4th activities and the August community night out event.

Dennis Marker: With the council's approval the first council meeting in July will be canceled. July 15th already has a full agenda. Received an email from the state for the sports court project and they are getting ready to approve it at a federal level. Received message from the CBG that they are waiting for the federal contracts to come through. Sunrise has been awarded the bid for that project.

Reports by Mayor and Council Members

Brian Nielsen: Thanked everyone for coming to the fire station and supporting the new truck push.

Kim Pickett: Inquired about the city website.

Rohn Peterson: 4th of July committee is moving along.

Closed Session

Councilman Pickett made a motion to enter closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical/mental health of an individual.
Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll call vote Nielson – yes, Childs – yes, Pickett – yes, Peterson – yes

The Council entered closed session at 7:31 pm.

The Council exited closed session at 7:53 pm.

Adjournment:

Councilor Childs made the motion to adjourn; Councilor Peterson seconded the motion.
The vote was unanimous in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.



Michael Wanner, Mayor

Approval Date: 07/15/2026

Attest:



Angela Leatherwood, City Recorder