



**CITY OF KEARNS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2026**

Element Event Center
5658 Cougar Lane
Kearns, UT 84118

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jesse Valdez, Council Member Lorrin Colby Jr., Council Member Chrystal Butterfield, Council Member Patrick Schaeffer, Council Member Lydnsay Longtin

STAFF PRESENT: Nathan Bracken – City Attorney, Dan Adams – Langdon Group, Daniel Hoffman – Accounting Manager, Curtis Woodward – Planning Supervisor, Chief Levi Hughes – UPD, Diana Baun – City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT: Darrin Nerdin, Cassandra Hodges, Jenny Williams, Charles Henderson, Janet Priyas, Lee Whiting, Greg Anderson

PUBLIC MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Valdez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.,

2. DETERMINE QUORUM

Mayor Valdez noted a quorum was present with all council members in attendance.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Valdez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. VISITING OFFICIALS

No visiting officials were noted.

5. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT *(Limited to 3 Minutes Per Person)*

Darrin Nerdin expressed appreciation for increased citizen involvement during the recent renewable energy vote. Mr. Nerdin noted disappointment that the council revote failed despite survey results indicating majority support. He encouraged civil discourse and discouraged personal attacks on elected officials. Mr. Nerdin also provided an update as an arborist, stating that Tree Utah would reschedule tree planting at Oquirrh Park for fall due to summer heat, with additional plantings planned for Mountain Man Park and other public areas.

Cassandra Hodges discussed concerns regarding recent road slurry work, referencing a video she posted and feedback from Salt Lake County officials. She thanked Council Member Patrick Schaeffer for his involvement and noted ongoing issues with road quality, including soft and squishy bumps and tar affecting vehicles. Ms. Hodges advocated for direct communication with representatives rather than database forms and urged the council to reconsider the practice of accepting the lowest bidder for road work.

Jenny Williams requested that public comment be moved to the end of meetings or after agenda items to allow citizens to respond to council discussions.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes
 - a. May 11, 2026 City Council Meeting
 - b. May 29, 2026 City Council Special Meeting.

Council Member Butterfield moved to approve the minutes above with the minor changes noted. Council Member Longtin seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

B. Council Acknowledgment of Monthly Finance Reports

No monthly finance reports were provided due to the budget presentation. Questions regarding financials were deferred to Daniel Hoffman during his presentation.

7. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Kearns Economic Development Situation Assessment

Dan Adams provided an update on the Kearns Olympic Economic Development Group's assessment, noting meetings with 27 entities and excitement about opportunities for Kearns ahead of the Olympics. The draft report would be presented to the council in closed session and released to the public after review.

8. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. **Ordinance 2026-O-06** – Amending the Current City of Kearns Budget (Fiscal Year 2025-2026)

Daniel Hoffman, Accounting Manager, presented the amendment to the Community Reinvestment Agency fund, increasing the legal fees budget to \$10,000.

- B. **Ordinance 2026-O-05** – Adopting the City of Kearns Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Mr. Hoffman presented the tentative budget for the upcoming fiscal year, noting the allocation of community council funds into the city budget. No public comments were received for the next year's budget.

The Mayor opened the public hearing on both Ordinances above.



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Cassandra Hodges asked if there were now two attorneys working for the city, since a separate attorney is now working with the KCC.

Nathan Bracken responded that the other attorney, Lisa Watts-Baskin, was with the same legal firm and working under him to assist the Kearns Community Committee.

Jenny Williams asked for more details on the \$125,000 funding for the additional UPD traffic car.

Nathan Bracken responded that the money was coming from a one-time SLVLESA payment, and gave a brief explanation of SLVLESA and how they collect money for law enforcement.

There were no more public comments and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

9. COUNCIL BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS (Discussion/Motion)

- A. Discussion and Potential Approval of **Ordinance 2026-O-06**, Amending the Current City of Kearns Budget (Fiscal Year 2025-2026)

Council Member Butterfield moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-06, Amending the Current City of Kearns Budget as discussed above. Council Member Colby seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

- B. Discussion and Potential Approval of **Ordinance 2026-O-05**, Adopting the City of Kearns 2026-2027 Final Budget

Council Member Butterfield moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-05, Adopting the City of Kearns 2026-2027 Final Budget as discussed above. Council Member Colby seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

- C. Discussion and Potential Approval of **Ordinance 2026-O-07**, Amending Section 19.50.020 of the Zoning Ordinance to Clarify the Exemptions from Landscaping Requirements that Apply to Single and Two Family Dwellings Not Within a Planned Unit Development or Planned Community

Curtis Woodward reviewed the ordinance amendment, clarifying exemptions for single-family dwellings from certain landscaping requirements. Council Member Colby requested further discussion on landscaping.

Council Member Butterfield moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-07, Amending Section 19.50.020 of the City Zoning Ordinance as discussed above. Council Member Schaeffer seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Colby abstaining from the vote.

D. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the City of Kearns' Application for Redesignation as a Healthy Utah Community and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support on the City's Behalf

Charles Henderson, Janet Priyas, and Lee Whiting presented background information on the Healthy Utah Community program and requested council support for redesignation.

Mayor Valdez moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support on behalf of the city as discussed above. Council Member Longtin seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

E. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding a Funding Agreement to Allocate the City's "Beer Tax" Funds to the My Kearns Coalition

Nathan Bracken presented the funding agreement, recommending a three-year term and compliance with state auditor requirements.

Council Member Schaeffer moved to approve the above funding agreement to allocate city's Beer Tax funds. Council Member Colby seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

F. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Resolution R2026-14, Approving Interlocal Funding Agreement with the Unified Police Department to Allocate \$125,000 plus additional funding for a traffic car to UPD— *Nathan Bracken, City Attorney*

Nathan Bracken and Chief Levi Hughes explained the interlocal agreement, detailing funding for a traffic car and additional precinct costs.

Council Member Schaeffer moved to approve Resolution R2026-14, Approving an Interlocal Funding Agreement with Unified Police as discussed above. Council Member Longtin seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

G. Discussion and Potential Action to Allow the Public to Attend Council Meeting Virtually and to Comment Virtually During Public Comment Periods and Public Hearings

Mayor Valdez indicated that he had implemented a new system for online broadcasting and commenting prior to the meeting and the council discussed virtual attendance and public comment options, including YouTube and guest links. Council Member Schaeffer advocated for ease of access for the public and asked for additional discussion regarding options.

10. STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

A. Kearns Improvement District (KID)

Greg Anderson provided updates on water usage, ongoing waterline projects, grant funding, and the upcoming Running Toilet 5K event. He highlighted community engagement and conservation efforts.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City Map – July Meeting



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Agenda Development Policy – July Meeting

Council Member Butterfield moved to recess the City Council Meeting and move to Closed Session for the reasons indicated below. Council Member Colby seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

12. CLOSED SESSIONS IF NEEDED AS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE §52-4-

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- A. Discussion of the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual**
- B. Strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation
- C. Strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property**
- D. Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; and/or
- E. Other lawful purposes as listed in Utah Code §52-4-205

13. ADJOURN

The June 8, 2026 City Council Meeting adjourned after the Closed Session.

This is a true and correct copy of the June 8, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on July 13, 2026.

Attest:

Diana Baun, City Recorder

Signed by:

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Jesse Valdez, Mayor