



City Council

Tuesday August 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor
Nile Mathisen
Public Works Director
Ben Mower
Secretary/Recorder
Tasha Crum

Council Members
Shaun Murray
Ben Allred
Alfred Kettle
Steve Secrest

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Item

1) CALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. **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. Secretary Tasha Crum.
- b. **Prayer:** Al Kettle
- c. **Pledge of Allegiance:** said by all in attendance.
- d. **Public Attendees:** Leah Bastian, Brent Bastian, Willis Lefevre and Jeff Baker.
- e. **Conflicts of Interests:** *All Council Members who have a conflict with any item on the agenda please state concern.*

-No Conflicts Were Stated-

2) CUP APPROVAL BIG DADDY PAD-SM Energy/Jason Hill

The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for SM Energy was postponed pending completion of the Planning Commission process. The item will be rescheduled for a future City Council meeting. No action was taken by City Council.

3) ENGINEERING UPDATE- Jeff Baker

Jeff Baker, with Jones & DeMille, reported on the Perco Rock contractor for the 1000 South project, is scheduled to begin construction activities, including site clearing and installation of stormwater protection measures. Property owners have been contacted regarding the project. Invoices are being prepared for Duchesne County (SSD2), and Roosevelt City for their respective matching-fund contributions. Jeff Baker also provided an update on the Ballard gun range project. Roosevelt City is making good progress. The range remains closed, with reopening anticipated by late August or early September, though no official reopening date has been established.

4) UINTAH COUNTY SHERIFF / COMMISSION REPORTS:

- Deputy Pratt was not in attendance.
- County Commissioner Willis Lefevre reported that a public hearing regarding the Council Form of Government will be held at Ballard City Office on Thursday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m.
- Unallocated CUP water may be available through the Victory Pipeline.
- Preliminary Colorado River Compact findings indicate Utah is not expected to receive additional water-use cuts.

5) BOARD MEETING UPDATES-Al Kettle

- Board Member Al Kettle provided an update from Planning and Zoning meeting, reporting that the SM Energy well pad item was discussed. He noted that it had been listed as a public hearing rather than a preliminary review.

- The frac pad, a separate location that will be used for remote fracking operations, was also discussed.

6) OFFICE / PROJECTS REPORT:

- Nothing to report.

7) REVIEW AND CORRECT MINUTES:

- a. Council Meeting July 21, 2026

Motion made by Council Member Al Kettle to approve the council minutes of July 21, 2026 as written, 2nd by Council Member Ben Allred. All in favor.

YEA

NAY

Council Members

Nile Mathisen

Al Kettle

Ben Allred

Steve Secrest

Shaun Murray

8) FOLLOW-UP ON PAST MINUTES

- Council Member Steve Secrest discussed speeding concerns on 1000 North with the sheriff.
- The sheriff's office will provide pricing for a radar speed-display sign. Based on their traffic studies, these signs have been effective at reducing speeding.
- Options for addressing the issue include:
- Installing a radar speed-display sign;
- Increasing patrol coverage; or
- Using both approaches.
- The sheriff will provide cost estimates for adding an officer on a part-time or full-time basis.
- The community is guaranteed an officer for 40 hours per week.
- Additional patrol coverage is funded by beer tax revenue. Because this revenue fluctuates, it cannot be relied upon to provide consistent police coverage.

9) MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Reported that weed abatement letters had been sent and that progress had been made on weed removal at the affected properties.
- Reminded the Council of the joint meeting with the Water Board scheduled for August 10, at 7:00 p.m.

10) COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Brent Bastian with Animal Control reported that a couple of horses in the Bennett area are expected to be picked up.

11) FINANCES: Checks, Statements, Reports and Budget

- Mayor Nile Mathisen discussed finances.

Motion made by Council Member Al Kettle to approve the finances as presented, 2nd by Council Member Steve Secrest. All in favor.

YEA

NAY

Council Members

Nile Mathisen

Ben Allred

Al Kettle
Steve Secrest
Shaun Murray

12) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- No executive session was held.

13) ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING:

Motion made by Council Member Al Kettle to adjourn Council Meeting, 2nd by Council Member Shaun Murray at 7:32 p.m. All in favor.

YEA

NAY

Council Members

Nile Mathisen
Al Kettle
Steve Secrest
Shaun Murray

Council Member Ben Allred (departed the meeting prior to this item).

Mayor Nile Mathisen

Date

Secretary Tasha Crum

Date

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