



Tuesday August 18, 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

- **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.
- **Prayer:** Steve Secrest
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** said by all in attendance.
- **Public Attendees:** Jeff Baker, Leah Bastian, Keith Campbell, and Joe McKea
- **Conflicts of Interests:** *All Council Members who have a conflict with any item on the agenda please state concern.*

-No conflicts were stated-

2) OPENING OF BIDS: Attorney Services (Names of Respondents Only)

- Mayor Nile Mathisen opened two sealed responses for attorney services. Responses were received from Eric Yollick and Clay Crozier.
- Council discussed the use of a scorecard to evaluate each application. The Mayor appointed Nate Zilles of UBAOG, Council Member's Shaun Murry and Al Kettle to serve on the evaluation committee.
- Secretary Tasha Crum will coordinate a meeting of the evaluation committee to complete the scoring process and tabulate the results. The recommendation for award of the attorney services contract will be presented for Council consideration and approval at its September 1, 2026 meeting.

3) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FERGUSON GROUP GRANT SERVICES:

Council Member Steve Secrest expressed support for moving forward with The Ferguson Group's grant service fee with the Water Board, contingent upon each entity being responsible for its own grant-writing costs. The City Council and Water Board would each pay \$37,500 toward the \$75,000 annual fee; any grant-writing expenses would be paid separately by the entity pursuing the grant.

Motion made by Council Member Steve Secrest to approve sharing the annual \$75,000.00 fee for The Ferguson Group grant services with the Water Board, contingent upon each entity paying its own grant-writing costs once a grant reaches the application stage, 2nd by Council Member Ben Allred. All in favor.

YEA

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After the meeting concluded, an objection to the contingency was received. The matter will be revisited at the September 1, 2026 City Council meeting.

4) ENGINEERING UPDATE: Jeff Baker

- Jeff Baker, with Jones & DeMille, reported Perco Rock has begun work on the 1000 South project, including clearing vegetation and building the structural foundation.
- The council discussed potential highway traffic signal improvements and will engage the appropriate agencies to advance the project. Council Member Al Kettle is coordinating with Highway Patrol to obtain 10 years of relevant data.

5) UINTAH COUNTY SHERIFF / COMMISSION REPORTS:

- Deputy Pratt provided an update on recent department activity, including routine incidents, arrests, and traffic-related matters.
- He also discussed the possibility of placing a radar speed-feedback sign on 1000 North, with pricing and availability currently being looked into.
- County Commissioner Willis Lefevre reported on the Colorado River Board meeting at Flaming Gorge. A two-year plan was developed and will be presented to the Natural Resources Legislative Committee.

6) BOARD MEETING UPDATES:

- Council Member Shaun Murray reported that the Water Board District voted to use The Ferguson Group grant services.
- The Water Board District will also hold a public hearing next month to make the current conservation rates permanent due to increased costs from the Tribe.

7) OFFICE / PROJECTS REPORT:

- Council Members were advised of ongoing spam and phishing emails that may appear to come from other officials or Board Members.
- Members were reminded not to click links or reply directly to suspicious messages.
- Council Members were informed of an opportunity to apply for a Utah League of Cities and Towns scholarship of up to \$1,500 to attend the meeting on October 27-28, if interested.
- Council Members were also informed that the Utah League of Cities and Towns is seeking a City Representative to serve on its Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). The LPC provides an opportunity to vote on legislative and policy actions and ensure the City's voice is represented in statewide policy discussions.

8) REVIEW AND CORRECT MINUTES:

- Council Meeting August 4, 2026

Motion made by Council Member Al Kettle to approve the council minutes of August 4, 2026 as written, 2nd by Council Member Shaun Murray. All in favor.

YEA

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- Combined Meeting August 10, 2026

Motion made by Council Member Shaun Murray to approve the combined council minutes of August 10, 2026 as written, 2nd by Council Member Steve Secrest. All in favor.

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9) FOLLOW-UP ON PAST MINUTES:

- Nothing to follow up on.

10) MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Nile Mathisen read a thank-you letter from Uintah Veterinary Services for the city's donation to the 2026 Pet Parade.

11) COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Council Member Ben Allred mentioned a concern raised by a resident regarding a newly installed six-foot solid fence on a corner lot that violates city ordinances.

12) 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 Al Kettle. All in favor.

YEA

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13) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- No executive session was held.

14) ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING:

Motion made by Council Member Al Kettle to adjourn Council Meeting, 2nd by Council Member Shaun Murray at 7:47 p.m. All in favor.

YEA

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Steve Secrest
Shaun Murray

Mayor Nile Mathisen

Date

Secretary Tasha Crum

Date

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