

**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2026
REGULAR MEETING/ELECTRONIC MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING/ELECTRONIC MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 65 NORTH CENTER STREET**

Mayor Melani Torgersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Escalante City Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting were Mayor Torgersen, Council members Marlene Stowe, Ryan Cottam, Sally Orme, Tara Woolsey and City Recorder Stephanie Steed.
Council member Chad Lyman was excused.

City Attorney Barry Huntington joined electronically.

Also present were Reed Munson, Brent Pickering, Julie Brugger and Jenifer Thomas.

Mayor Torgersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Council member Orme moved to adopt the agenda as written. Council member Cottam seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Woolsey, Orme and Cottam voting aye.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2026 MEETING

Council member Woolsey moved to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2026 meeting as written. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Woolsey, Stowe and Cottam voting aye.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Council member Stowe moved to open the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Woolsey, Stowe, Cottam and Orme voting aye.

**ORDINANCE 2026-09 AMENDING ORDINANCE 8.04.040 WATER CONNECTIONS
ONE METER PER PARCEL EXCLUDING COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL (C/R)
ZONE.**

Mayor Torgersen explained Ordinance 2026-09.

There were no questions or comments from the public

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Council member Stowe moved to close the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Stowe, Cottam and Woolsey voting aye.

DECISION ON ORDINANCE 2026-09 AMENDING ORDINANCE 8.04.040 WATER CONNECTIONS - ONE METER PER PARCEL EXCLUDING COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL (C/R) ZONE.

Council member Orme moved to adopt Ordinance 2026-09. Council member Cottam seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Cottam, Woolsey and Orme voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES

MCKADE & NATALIE COOK - NEW HOME - 200 S 390 E - RR-1-20

Council member Woolsey explained this item. Council member Woolsey said this project meets all requirements and Planning and Zoning has recommended it to the Council for approval.

Council member Orme moved to approve the new home for Mr. and Mrs. Cook. Council member Woolsey seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Woolsey, Orme and Cottam voting aye.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

MCKADE & NATALIE COOK - WATER CONNECTION FOR NEW HOME 200 S 390 E

Council member Cottam moved to approve the new water connection for Mr. and Mrs. Cook. Council member Woolsey seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Woolsey, Stowe and Cottam voting aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

City Recorder Steed explained the five-county regional summit scheduled for September 10, 2026, at Bryce Canyon, noting that individuals wishing to attend must complete registration by September 3.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Brent Pickering reported on ongoing water conservation efforts, noting that water levels in the well and springs remain low, though community members are continuing to do their part.

Mr. Pickering explained the issue concerning non-flushable items, including paper towels, tampons, and flushable wipes, being disposed of causing problems with the sewer lift pump station. Mr. Pickering said this has resulted in significant damage to the lift pump station, burning up the pumps and impellers. Council member Orme recommended adding a reminder about proper flushing guidelines to the upcoming water bills.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department was not present at said meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR MELANI TORGENSEN

Mayor Torgersen reported that the car show last weekend was a great success.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LYMAN

Council member Lyman was not present at said meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER TARA WOOLSEY

Council member Woolsey announced that Chad Cottam has scheduled an airport training session for Thursday, which will be conducted by a former Bryce Canyon airport manager.

COUNCIL MEMBER RYAN COTTAM

Council member Cottam had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Torgersen noted that a UDOT meeting is set for September and requested that Council member Cottam join her.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE

Council member Stowe reported hard water buildup on the wellness center's drinking fountains. Council member Stowe said she scrubbed them with vinegar and is looking into acquiring a commercial cleaner to maintain them.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALLY ORME

Council member Orme had nothing to report at this time.

UNPAID BILLS

Council member Orme moved to pay the unpaid bills. Council member Cottam seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Orme, Cottam and Woolsey voting aye.

Mayor Torgersen adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

/s/ Stephanie Steed
Stephanie Steed, MMC, UCC
City Recorder

Date minutes approved:

P.O. BOX 18 ESCALANTE, UT 84726



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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

1. The undersigned, request(s) the opportunity to present the following matter in city council meeting (please be as clear and specific as possible)

Terry Cooper
prison spray

2. The undersigned requests 5 minutes for presentation.

Dated this 24 day of Aug, 20 26

Printed Name Gary Goff Daytime Phone

Signature [Signature] Evening Phone

Please note: Items on the agenda for city council meeting are set at the discretion of the mayor. If the mayor approves the above request, you will be on the next agenda. If the request is not approved, you will NOT receive any further notification.

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DECISION ON REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE

☐ The above item is APPROVED for hearing before the city council. The city recorder is instructed to place the item on the next available council agenda for _____ minutes.

☐ The above item is NOT APPROVED for hearing before the city council.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

[Signature]
MAYOR

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

1. The undersigned, request(s) the opportunity to present the following matter in city council meeting (please be as clear and specific as possible)

approval to purchase two scene lighting units
and additional tools.

2. The undersigned requests 5 minutes for presentation.

Dated this 25 day of August, 2026.

Printed Name Bill Weppner Daytime Phone

Signature Bill Weppner Evening Phone same

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Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

MAYOR



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sales@genevacommunications.com

Date:	8/26/2026
Valid Until:	9/25/2026
Quote #:	08262026-0705

Sales Rep: Jay Maxwell
Sales Engineer: Collin Most
Client 
Name: Stephanie Steed

Company Name: Escalante
Address: 56 North 100 West
City - State - Zip Escalante, Utah 84726

Quote/Project Comments

Quote to purchase and install four Verkada Cameras at the Escalante Wellness Center
-One CD43 Dome Camera to cover the main workout area.
-One CD43 Dome under the awning to cover the walkway and main entrance double doors.
-Two CM42 Mini Domes to cover either side of the main hallway.
***Project to be completed during business hours 8-5.30 p.m. M-F**

Part Number	Description	Qty.		Total
<i>Security Cameras</i>				
CB53-256E-HW	Verkada CB53-E Outdoor Bullet Camera, 5MP, Zoom Lens, 256GB of Storage, Maximum 30 Days of Retention	1	\$	1,435.64
CD43-256E-HW	Verkada CD43-E Outdoor Dome Camera, 5MP, Fixed Lens, 256GB of Storage, Maximum 30 Days of Retention	1	\$	1,057.64
CM42-256-HW	Verkada CM42 Indoor Mini Dome Camera, 5MP, Fixed Lens, 256GB of Storage, Maximum 30 Days of Retention	2	\$	1,359.29
LIC-CAM-3Y-CAP	Verkada 3-Year Camera License, Capacity Increase	4	\$	1,992.82
<i>Accessories</i>				
AL-8P	8-port Alta lab Managed POE Switch	1	\$	197.40
ACC-MNT-LBRAC-1	Verkada L-Bracket Mount	1	\$	120.20
<i>Labor</i>				
Labor - Wire Drop	Wire Drop (Access Control or Data)	4	\$	1,344.00
Labor - Camera Installation	IP Camera Installation	4	\$	235.20
Configuration	Software Configuration per Device	4	\$	235.20
CAT6	Cat6, Cable Termination, and Miscellaneous	4	\$	615.94
			Shipping	\$ 85.00
			Tax	\$ -
			Grand Total	\$ 8,678.34

Thank you for your inquiry. We are pleased to provide you with this quote. Which is not an order or offer to sell, until you issue a purchase order and Geneva Communications and Control accepts it. This quote is for estimation purposes and is not a guarantee of cost for services. Quote is based on current information from the client about the project requirements. Actual cost may change once project elements are finalized or negotiated. Client will be notified of any changes in cost prior to them being incurred. Pricing, availability and special offers are subject to change at any time.

Payment Terms

Unless explicitly agreed prior to commencement of work, payment will be due as follows; 50 percent payment in advance and 50 percent after completion of the project. late fee of 1.5 percent will apply if payment is



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Quote/Project Comments

Quote to purchase and install two Verkada Cameras at the Escalante new City Office Building.
-One CB53 Bullet Camera on the rear of the building to cover the back entrance as well as the stage located across the way. This is an existing camera and only requires Laobr to move.
-One CD43 Dome Camera to cover the front entrance doors and walkway underneath the awning.

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Labor				
Labor - Wire Drop	Wire Drop (Access Control or Data)	2	\$	672.00
Labor - Camera Installation	IP Camera Installation	2	\$	117.60
Configuration	Software Configuration per Device	2	\$	117.60
CAT6	Cat6, Cable Termination, and Miscellaneous	2	\$	307.97
			Shipping	\$ -
			Tax	\$ -
			Grand Total	\$ 1,412.57

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By signing this document, you agree to the terms and conditions

Signature: _____

Date: _____