



City Council

Tuesday, September 1, 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:** Nile Mathisen
 - **Pledge of Allegiance:** said by all in attendance.
 - **Public Attendees:** Leah Bastian, Jason Hill, Kelsey Carter, Mark Reidhead, Jeffrey Baker, Brent Bastian.
 - **Conflicts of Interests:** *All Council Members who have a conflict with any item on the agenda please state concern.*
 - Council Member Al Kettle recused himself from discussion and voting on Item 2 due to conflict of interest.
- 2) **CUP APPROVAL BETTS EXPANSION/BIG DADDY PAD:** SM Energy/Jason Hill
Motion made by Council Member Ben Allred to approve the CUP for the Betts Expansion/Big Daddy Pad, 2nd by Council Member Steve Secrest. All in favor.

<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>RECUSED</u>
Council Members		Al Kettle
Nile Mathisen		
Ben Allred		
Steve Secrest		
Shaun Murray		
- 3) **CUP APPROVAL BIG DADDY FRAC PAD:** SM Energy/Jason Hill
 - The CUP was postponed to a later date.
- 4) **FENCE DISCUSSION:** Braulio Castro
 - Request from Mr. Castro to be removed from the agenda.
- 5) **AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR ATTORNEY SERVICES:**
 - The committee interviewed candidates Clay Crozier and Eric Yollick and recommended Eric Yollick to the City Council for appointment as City Attorney.
 - The committee expressed favorable impressions of both candidates; however, Eric Yollick was selected for his extensive municipal law experience in Utah, Colorado, Texas, and the District of Columbia, as well as his availability.**Motion made by Council Member Ben Allred to appoint Eric Yollick as the contracted City Attorney for the City of Ballard, 2nd by Council Member Al Kettle. All in favor.**

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- 6) **REVIEW OF CONTINGENCY REGARDING THE FERGUSON GROUP (TFG):**
- The Council reviewed and discussed the TFG contingency previously approved on August 18, 2026.
 - The Council agreed to proceed under the existing approved contingency, with no changes.
 - Council Member Steve Secrest will notify TFG that the Council is moving forward.
 - No additional motion or vote was taken.

- 7) **ROADSIDE MOWER DISCUSSION:** Mayor
- The current mower equipment is beginning to fall apart and will require frequent repairs.
 - Two quotes were obtained for replacement equipment:
 - Local Kubota quote: \$10,000.00
 - Out-of-town quote: \$14,600.00

Motion made by Council Member Shaun Murray to proceed with the purchase of the Kubota mower equipment from the local vendor for \$10,000.00, 2nd by Council Member Ben Allred. All in favor.

YEA

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- 8) **ENGINEERING UPDATE:** Jeff Baker
- Jeff Baker, with Jones & DeMille, provided an update on the Perco Rock project, noting that the floor has been poured, and walls are expected to be poured this Friday. Payment requests will follow once quantities are counted at the end of the month.

9) **UINTAH COUNTY SHERIFF / COMMISSION REPORTS:**

- Nothing to report.

10) **BOARD MEETING UPDATES:**

- Council Member Al Kettle reported that, during the preceding planning and zoning meeting, a developer presented a proposal for either a townhome or mobile home park. The proposal was discussed but not approved.
- He added that Crescent Energy is seeking to purchase property in Ballard, for the installation of a freshwater retention pond.

11) **OFFICE / PROJECTS REPORT:**

- Nothing to report.

12) **REVIEW AND CORRECT MINUTES:**

- Council Meeting August 18, 2026

Motion made by Council Member Al Kettle to approve the council minutes of August 18, 2026 as corrected, 2nd by Council Member Ben Allred. All in favor.

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13) FOLLOW-UP ON PAST MINUTES:

- Council Member Ben Allred confirmed that the code violating fence was removed.

14) MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Nile Mathisen met with the mayors of Naples and Vernal City to discuss municipal matters.

15) COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Council Member Shaun Murray traded Uintah SSD1 Board assignment with Council Member Steve Secrest in exchange for attending UBAOG meetings. Council Member Steve Secrest will retain the Uintah County Sheriff's Office assignments.

16) FINANCES: Checks, Statements, Reports and Budget

- Mayor Nile Mathisen discussed finances.

Motion made by Council Member Shaun Murray to approve the finances as presented, 2nd by Council Member Ben Allred. All in favor.

YEA

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17) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- No executive session was held.

18) ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING:

Motion made by Council Member Al Kettle to adjourn Council Meeting, 2nd by Council Member Ben Allred at 7:52 p.m. All in favor.

YEA

NAY

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Shaun Murray

Mayor Nile Mathisen

Date

Secretary Tasha Crum

Date

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