

6:00 P.M.
Kamas City Hall
170 N. Main
Kamas, UT 84036

Mayor McCormick opened the meeting welcoming those in attendance:
COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilors Larry Gines, Mike Georgi, Leslie Staples, David Darcey, and Monica Blazzard.
STAFF: City Recorder, Kim Peacock; City Planner, Jill Wanstrom; Engineer, Scott Kettle.
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Senator Ron Winterton

Mayor McCormick welcomed and introduced Senator Ron Winterton. Senator Winterton thanked the council for their service. He told the council he was available whenever they needed anything. He follows 5 counties and 28 cities and towns. He tries to follow them and keep up with what's going on. Councilor Darcey thanked Senator Winterton for coming. He wanted to express a couple of concerns. Senate Bill 258, the incorporation of municipalities, and what the State is thinking about water, water rights, and water distributed to the Great Salt Lake. Senator Winterton explained the State Water Engineer is working hard. She is getting creative with water rights and coming up with some ideas to help with water distribution. Mayor McCormick thanked the Senator for coming and requested on behalf of the city council, when the opportunity to govern for our community comes up please protect our right to do so.

1 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Larry Gines, Mike Georgi, Leslie
2 Staples, David Darcey, and Monica Blazzard voted aye. Motion passed.
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5 **APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE REGISTER DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 2026**
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7 Councilor Gines explained Indian Motorcycle sponsored the Fiesta Days Motorcycle
8 Ride for \$2,500. The remaining balance not used by the ride was \$230.46. This was
9 donated to the American Legion Auxiliary for the Veteran's Memorial.
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11 **MOTION:** Councilor Larry Gines moved to approve the invoice register dated September
12 3, 2026 as presented.
13 Councilor Monica Blazzard seconded the motion.
14 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Larry Gines, Mike Georgi, Leslie
15 Staples, David Darcey, and Monica Blazzard voted aye. Motion passed.
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18 **PUBLIC COMMENT – THIS IS THE PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO**
19 **COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
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21 There were no public comments.
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24 **POSSIBLE RESOLUTION, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYER**
25 **PICK-UP OF EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS**
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27 Mayor McCormick explained this refers to the Tier 2 Public Safety Retirement system
28 and how it applies to our new employee. Mayor McCormick requests the city cover the
29 5.98% to help compensate our new Police Officer.

30 Councilor Staples had reached out to Mayor McCormick to find out what this was. She
31 understands we pay full contributions for all the employees so she doesn't see a reason
32 that we wouldn't for this employee. She is in favor of this proposal.

33 Mayor McCormick stated this Tier 2 Public Safety is unique.

34 Councilor Darcey stated the budget impact is minimal.

35 Councilor Gines feels this is an insignificant amount and is good with this.

36 Councilor Blazzard asked if this is a plan or fund that she picks or is this just a plan for
37 public safety.

38 Mayor McCormick explained Tier 2 has unique differences than Tier 1. There are a
39 couple of options for the employees to choose. The public safety employees are in
40 different plans than the public employees. It's the actual pension the employee gets.

41 Councilor Staples asked that in the resolution, under the "Now Therefore" section who is
42 the City Administrator?

43 Mayor McCormick stated the mayor.

44 Councilor Staples suggested taking out "City Administrator and".
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1 **MOTION:** Councilor Leslie Staples moved to adopt Resolution 2026-06, with one
2 change in the “Now, therefore” paragraph, delete the words “City
3 Administrator and”.
4 Councilor David Darcey seconded the motion.
5 Mayor asked for a roll call vote:
6 Councilor Gines voted “yes”
7 Councilor Georgi voted “yes”
8 Councilor Staples voted “yes”
9 Councilor Darcey voted “yes”
10 Councilor Blazzard voted “yes”
11 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Larry Gines, Mike Georgi, Leslie
12 Staples, David Darcey, and Monica Blazzard voted aye. Motion passed.
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15 **DISCUSSION TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL WATER CONSERVATION**
16 **INCENTIVE PROGRAM**
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18 Mayor McCormick explained to Senator Winterton that it was brought to our attention
19 that some of the elderly folks that are on a fixed income struggle to pay their water bill.
20 They end up using a minimal amount of water annually. We have been talking about a
21 way to work with them and try to give them a break on their water rates. There are ways
22 to do this with property taxes, but it requires a lot of administration and submitting
23 income levels. This plan is intended to come up with a monthly minimum gallon rate that
24 we believe is low enough that some of those folks can benefit from a credit. We’re trying
25 to help not tax our older folks out of their homes and do it in a way responsibly for our
26 community.

27 Councilor Staples asked if staff was able to talk to Caselle to see what options we have
28 available so we are not overloading staff.

29 Mayor McCormick stated he had not talked to Dori Snyder. Some of the options
30 discussed cause a lot of issues with time.

31 Councilor Gines feels we need to know what we’re working with and have Dori Snyder
32 research what our system can do before we make any decisions.

33 Councilor Staples feels our decisions and discussion will turn depending on what Caselle
34 is able to do automatically versus manually.

35 Councilor Gines feels we have veered off for what we’re trying to accomplish. He
36 appreciates promoting water conservation, but this isn’t in line with helping our elderly as
37 much as we would like. Maybe we could work with the seniors to help them so they can
38 get assistance.

39 Councilor Darcey agrees. We need some guardrails because our winter usage would
40 qualify a bunch of accounts. Possibly only effective during the summer months.

41 Councilor Darcey has researched and found the City of Midvale has an application for a
42 reduced utility rate if they qualify for the county tax reduction. They would just need to
43 bring their property tax bill in to show they have qualified for the discounted rate. He
44 would be happy to call Midale to see how difficult this would be on the administrative
45 side.

1 Councilor Blazzard likes this application and asked Trevor Clegg to explained how many
2 people use under 1,000 gallons. Trevor Clegg explained the average he notices when
3 reviewing monthly meter reports.

4 Councilor Darcey stated there were 88 accounts during the winter that used 1,000 or less.

5 Councilor Blazzard feels to keep with what the true purpose of this we should keep it for
6 users using under 1,000 gallons.

7 Councilor Darcey explained the circuit breaker is determined by household income. He
8 would trust this to determine a water rate reduction.

9 Councilor Staples feels conserving water is a good option, but this conversation started
10 because we were trying to help people who needed a reduction on their utility bill.

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12 Mayor McCormick asked Senator Winterton if the legislature has ever considered, like
13 California, capping property values for residents as long as they live in the home. Has
14 this been considered in Utah?

15 Winterton stated they have had these discussions but if the homeowner sales the home
16 what happens. Who captures in increase. Winterton likes the idea of giving a break for
17 the utilities like the circuit breaker program.

18 Mayor McCormick feels the circuit breaker program is difficult to qualify for.

19 The council will research then come back to discuss a solution.
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22 **SCHEDULE WORK SESSION FOR KAMAS VALLEY FIESTA DAYS**

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24 Mayor McCormick told the council that one of the main Fiesta planners works until 7:00
25 Monday-Wednesday. It would need to be at 7:30, or we could have it on a Thursday.

26 Councilor Gines would rather have it on a council meeting night and have the work
27 session at 7:30 instead of coming back a separate night.

28 The council agreed.

29 Mayor McCormick confirmed to have this at the meeting on September 22.
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32 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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34 Jill Wanstrom reported the Planning Commission has approved the High Star Ranch
35 North Bench preliminary subdivision. They are still working on the helicopter ordinance
36 and conditional uses.
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38 Scott Kettle reported he has been researching the EV chargers and the power usage. A
39 breakdown was distributed to the council. Scott reviewed the usages with the council.

40 The EV is using a lot of the kwh. We recently have installed "No overnight parking"
41 signs and staff has notice the cars are not charging all night anymore.

42 Mayor McCormick asked Scott Kettle about the kwh percentages and how he calculated
43 them.

44 Scott Kettle explained the percentage is the percentage of what was charged for the kwh
45 not the total bill.

1 Mayor McCormick asked the council if they want to wait a couple more months to see if
2 the signs are helping.

3 Councilor Darcey feels we could wait a couple more months to see if the bill decreases.

4 Mayor McCormick explained these EV chargers were paid for by a grant as part of the
5 park upgrades.

6 Councilor Blazzard feels we should keep letting our residents use them at no charge
7 unless the price gets out of control.

8 Councilor Darcey feels this is limited to couple of residents and is that fair to the other
9 residents of Kamas?

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11 Councilor Darcey stated the RAP Recreation grant is open. They discussed putting in a
12 new restroom near the shack and playground.

13 Scott Kettle stated for a restroom with 6 total stalls, it would cost \$280,000.

14 Mayor McCormick asked Trevor Clegg how much for the install.

15 Trevor Clegg stated it depends on how far they have to run the water and sewer lines,
16 approximately \$20,000.

17 Scott Kettle asked where this would be located.

18 Mayor McCormick said the initial thought would be near the concessions stands.

19 Trevor Clegg asked if they were thinking about the north side of the concessions stands.

20 Mayor McCormick stated most grants are a 20% grant match, which would be around
21 \$60,000.

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23 Trevor Clegg reported over the last several weeks, the public works team has continued
24 daily water, sewer and park maintenance and monitoring. They completed their annual
25 scheduled fire hydrant maintenance, repaired 3 water leaks and changed out 2 water
26 meter cans. Also, some improvements to our parks. We also assisted in the county
27 sponsored movie night, with power, layout, set up and take down. They have also been
28 working with Comcast contractors on their upcoming project in town. Lastly, they were
29 able to complete full services on both plow trucks.

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31 Mayor McCormick was contacted by the Francis City Mayor for help taking the tents
32 down for their celebration. Trevor Clegg jumped in and helped. He feels this is good to
33 work together as a community.

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35 Scott Kettle reported Biz Dens is wanting to get started on their infrastructure in the next
36 couple of weeks.

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38 Chief Smith reported on the police calls over the past month. The Kamas City Police
39 Department has handled 73%, Sheriff's office 27%.

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41 Councilor Staples asked that we put up a "no overnight parking" signs for the Event
42 Center parking lot.

43 Councilor Darcey asked for the Beaver Creek Park to have signs as well.

44 Trevor Clegg will get them ordered.

45 Councilor Georgi asked Jill Wanstrom about a dumpster placed on 100 West 100 North.
46 He has had several people ask about this because it's next to a stop sign.

1 Chief Smith stated he understands this building is for long-term rentals and this is their
2 garbage dumpster.

3 Jill Wanstrom stated she will investigate this.

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5 Councilor Georgi has received a lot of questions about the Lush's BBQ and their parking
6 problems.

7 Mayor McCormick and Jill Wanstrom are working on this.

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10 **ADJOURN**

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12 **MOTION:** Councilor Mike Georgi moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

13 Councilor Larry Gines seconded the motion.

14 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Larry Gines, Mike Georgi, Leslie
15 Staples, David Darcey, and Monica Blazzard voted aye. Motion passed.

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18 *The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim*
19 *transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at*
20 *the meeting.*

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23 Approved on the 22nd day of September 2026.

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28 Matt McCormick
Mayor

Kim Peacock
City Recorder