

Town of Mantua Council Public Hearing
2006 and 2024 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2026

Location: Town Hall, 409 North Main, Mantua, Utah

Attendance

Council Members Present: Mayor Annette Ash, Mayor Pro Tempore Matt Jeppsen, Council Member Scott Ross, Council Member Cheryl Burgan, Council Member Henry Dovey

Town Staff Present: Recorder Sherita Schaefer

Applicants or Presenter

1. Zoning Administrator Robert Thayne

Call to Order & Opening Ceremonies

Opening: The meeting was opened by Mayor Ash.

Public Hearing: 2006 and 2024 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code

Motion to Open Public Hearing

Motion: Mayor Pro Tempore Jeppsen motioned to open the public hearing for the 2006 and 2024 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code.

Second: Council Member Ross made the second.

Yes votes: Mayor Annette Ash, Matt Jeppsen, Scott Ross, Cheryl Burgan, Henry Dovey

No votes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSED

Presentation

Zoning Administrator Robert Thayne explained that adopting the Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code is required to secure state and federal wildfire aid for Mantua. Most of the town is a moderate hazard area requiring 30 feet of defensible space around homes, while very high hazard zones require up to 100 feet. While county inspectors will continue using standard international codes for new construction, the fire department's Deputy Fire Chief Jen Packer will lead public education on vegetation clearing. Residents must report their mitigation hours and equipment use to the fire department to help meet Mantua's annual \$2,200 mitigation value requirement. The ordinance applies strictly to incorporated Mantua property, and failing to implement it risks liability if a fire spreads from the town to the Forest Service campground. Mitigation and reporting are permanent annual requirements, the ordinance and Community Wildfire Plan must be updated every six years, and the ordinance will automatically adopt the next code version on January 1, 2027.

Public Comment

John Hurd: asked how residents should report mitigation hours and equipment to the fire department, suggested adding an online reporting option on the town website, and requested clarification regarding county and Forest Service jurisdiction over nearby properties.

Motion to Close Public Hearing

Motion: Mayor Pro Tempore Jeppsen motioned to close the public hearing for the 2006 and 2024 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code.

Second: Council Member Dovey made the second.

Yes votes: Mayor Annette Ash, Matt Jeppsen, Scott Ross, Cheryl Burgan, Henry Dovey

No votes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSED

Action Items

Motion: Council Member Ross motioned to approve the 2006 and 2024 Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code Ordinance Number 2026-09-17.

Second: Council Member Burgan made the second.

Yes votes: Mayor Annette Ash, Matt Jeppsen, Scott Ross, Cheryl Burgan, Henry Dovey

No votes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSED

Adjournment

Motion: Mayor Pro Tempore Jeppsen motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Council Member Burgan made the second.

Yes votes: Mayor Annette Ash, Matt Jeppsen, Scott Ross, Cheryl Burgan, Henry Dovey

No votes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSED