ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2026
REGULAR MEETING/ELECTRONIC MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 65 NORTH CENTER STREET

Mayor Pro Tempore Chad Lyman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Escalante City Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting were Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman, Council members Sally Orme, Tara Woolsey, Marlene Stowe, Ryan Cottam and City Recorder Stephanie Steed.
Mayor Melani Torgersen and City Attorney Barry Huntington were excused.

Also present were Bill Weppner and Julie Brugger.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 MEETING
Council member Stowe moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2026 meeting as written. Council member Cottam seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Woolsey, Orme, Stowe and Cottam voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were no public comments at this time.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS
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ORDINANCE 2026-10 PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 10.22.030 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.
Council member Woolsey explained the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this item and there were no concerns. Council member Woolsey explained the changes to Ordinance 2026-10 accessory dwelling units (ADUs), including modifications to bedroom limits, square footage requirements, and compliance with building codes. Council member Stowe said she agrees with the changes. **Council member Stowe moved to Adopt Ordinance 2026-10. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Woolsey, Cottam, Stowe and Orme voting aye**

SCHEDULED ITEMS
PURCHASE PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK
Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman presented a proposal for the City to purchase a used public works truck from Alan Torgersen for $4,500.00. Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman highlighted that acquiring the vehicle is a cost-effective alternative to maintaining the current truck fleet, which would cost

approximately $80,000 per vehicle over the next few years. Council member Stowe recommended purchasing the truck to reduce debt and save the city money, and assigning it to Chad Cottam for use. **Council member Stowe moved to purchase a Public Works Truck for $4,500.00 and place Chad Cottam in charge of it. Council member Woolsey seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Cottam, Orme and Woolsey voting aye.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
City Recorder Steed said the budget and financial reports are available for review.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
City Recorder Steed said the Public Works Department have been helping with camera installs and getting ready for the marathon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
BILL WEPPNER
Mr. Weppner reported since the last meeting there were two callouts, including a medical emergency during the art festival, and reminded the council about Fire Prevention Week. Council member Cottam asked if the fire restrictions had been lifted and Mr. Weppner confirmed they had been lifted and emphasized the importance of responsible burning practices.

COUNCIL REPORTS
MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN
Mayor Torgersen was not present at said meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LYMAN
Council member Lyman had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER TARA WOOLSEY
Council member Woolsey reported that she and City Recorder Steed attended a CIP meeting regarding airport plans, and are waiting for the runway inspection results.

COUNCIL MEMBER RYAN COTTAM
Council member Cottam had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE
Council member Stowe expressed safety and security concerns regarding the park, noting how dark it is at night. Council member Stowe said Lenza Wilson will meet her at the park tomorrow to assess lighting options for improved security and safety, and she will present pricing to the council for approval at a later date.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALLY ORME
Council member Orme stated that fence construction at the landfill is scheduled to start shortly, with materials set to be delivered on Thursday. Council member Orme noted that members of the public works department participated in landfill compliance training earlier today.

UNPAID BILLS

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

_____/s/ Stephaine Steed_____
Stephanie Steed, MMC, UCC
City Recorder

Date minutes approved: 10/20/2026