



Tuesday, October 6, 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

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## 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:** Ben Allred
  - **Pledge of Allegiance:** Said by all in attendance
  - **Public Attendees:** Leah Bastian and Mark Reidhead.
  - **Conflicts of Interests:** *All Council Members who have a conflict with any item on the agenda please state concern.*  
*-No Conflicts Were Stated-*
- 2) **CITY OFFICIAL COMPENSATION DISCUSSION:** Mayor
  - Council members discussed wage compensation and shared their views.
  - They noted that compensation could be revisited during future budget meetings after the merger and any changes in workload are assessed.
- 3) **FINALIZATION FERGUSON GROUP:** Steve Secrest
  - The Council finalized plans for the Ferguson Group and established a Grant Committee including Steve Secrest, Ben Mower, and Shaun Murray.
  - The Ferguson Group identified a potential grant opportunity to fund safety improvements, and the board discussed several options for how the funds could be used for the community.
  - The Grant Committee will meet by Zoom; Council Member Steve Secrest will distribute the schedule to members.
- 4) **ENGINEERING UPDATE:** Jeff Baker
  - Jeff Baker with Jones & DeMille Engineering was not present.
  - No Engineer's Update was given.
- 5) **UINTAH COUNTY SHERIFF / COMMISSION REPORTS:**
  - Neither the Uintah County Sheriff nor a County Commission representative was present.
  - No Sheriff/Commission Report was given.
- 6) **BOARD MEETING UPDATES:**
  - Council Member Al Kettle reported that Planning and Zoning reviewed a minor subdivision for SM Energy, which is purchasing a parcel, for a pipeline right-of-way.
- 7) **OFFICE / PROJECTS REPORT:**
  - Nothing to report.
- 8) **REVIEW AND CORRECT MINUTES:**
  - Council Meeting September 15, 2026

**Motion made by Council Member Al Kettle to approve the council minutes of September 15, 2026 as written, 2nd by Council Member Steve Secrest. All in favor.**

YEA

NAY

**Council Members**

Nile Mathisen  
Al Kettle  
Ben Allred  
Steve Secrest  
Shaun Murray

**9) FOLLOW-UP ON PAST MINUTES:**

- Nothing to follow-up on.

**10) MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Nothing to report.

**11) COUNCIL REPORTS:**

The Council discussed options for addressing speeding in town, including radar trailers, the purchase of radar signs, and increased police presence. Council members noted that increased police presence is currently the most important measure.

**12) FINANCES: Checks, Statements, Reports and Budget**

- Council Member Ben Allred reviewed the September PTIF and MACU account statements.
- Mayor Nile Mathisen discussed finances.

**Motion made by Council Member Al Kettle to approve the finances as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Ben Allred. All in favor.**

**YEA**

**NAY**

**Council Members**

Nile Mathisen  
Ben Allred  
Al Kettle  
Steve Secrest  
Shaun Murray

**13) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion made by Council Member Ben Allred to enter an executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss**

- Discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.*
- Hold a strategy session to discuss collective bargaining.*
- Hold a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.*
- Hold a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property when public discussion of the transaction would disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration or prevent the public body from completing the transaction.*
- Hold a strategy session to discuss the sale of real property.*
- Discuss the deployment of security devices.*
- Investigative proceedings regarding criminal conduct.*
- Certain meetings of the state Independent Legislative Ethics Commission.*
- Some meetings held by county legislative bodies on commercial matters.*
- Some meetings involving the state Higher Education Assistance Authority.*
- Some meetings of the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel.*
- Some Health and Human Services Interim Committee meetings.*
- Some conservation district meetings.*
- Some specialized procurement related meeting done under certain provisions of the state procurement code.*

**2nd by Council Member Al Kettle. The motion passed by roll-call vote: Mayor Nile Mathisen – aye; Council Member Ben Allred – aye; Council Member Al Kettle – aye; Council Member – Steve Secrest – aye; Council Member Shaun Murray – aye;. The**

executive session was held at Ballard City Office, with Secretary Tasha Crum and Attorney Eric Yollick in attendance.

Motion made by Ben Allred to go out of executive session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Al Kettle. The motion passed by roll-call vote: Mayor Nile Mathisen – aye; Council Member Ben Allred – aye; Council Member Al Kettle – aye; Council Member – Steve Secrest – aye; Council Member Shaun Murray – aye;. The Council reconvened in open session at 7:48 p.m.

- 14) **ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING:**  
Motion made by Council Member Al Kettle to adjourn Council Meeting, 2nd by Council Member Ben Allred at 7:49 p.m. All in favor.

| <u>YEA</u>             | <u>NAY</u> |
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| <b>Council Members</b> |            |
| Nile Mathisen          |            |
| Ben Allred             |            |
| Al Kettle              |            |
| Steve Secrest          |            |
| Shaun Murray           |            |

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| Mayor Nile Mathisen  | Date  |
| _____                | _____ |
| Secretary Tasha Crum | Date  |

*Approved Signed Copy filed in the Ballard City Offices*