

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026, 6:30 P.M.

Presiding: Mayor Steven Adams
Meeting Via Internet and at City Hall Convened at 6:30 p.m.
Prayer: Councilman Dayley
Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Stanford

Present at City Hall and Online: Mayor Steven Adams; Councilors Joy Ball, Glenn Dayley, Catherine Nielsen, and Carter Stanford; Clerk-Treasurer Wendy McLaughlin; Public Works Director Arlynn Jacobson; Planning and Zoning Administrator Kurt Hibbert and Chairman Spencer Haacke; Building Department Manager Quinton Owens; and others who may have joined electronically but not identified.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: It was moved by Councilwoman Nielsen and seconded by Councilwoman Ball to approve the Consent Agenda; motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Arlynn Jacobson reported on the following items:

Vialytics Software Contract: Mr Jacobson recommended the Vialytics software to help with street and sign maintenance. The new technology would help reduce man hours in tracking maintenance projects within the city and stay on top of those areas that need attention.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilman Stanford and seconded by Councilwoman Nielsen to approve the contract with the attorney's revisions. Thereupon, the Clerk called roll upon the motion.

Those voting aye: Councilors Ball, Dayle, Nielsen and Stanford
Those voting nay: None

Thereupon, the mayor declared the motion passed.

Grants: City grant writer HMH Engineering applied for a TAP Grant for the city. Awards will be posted in March. They did not apply for the LTACH Safety Grant since the city project ranked too low for the possibility of being awarded a grant.

New Hire: there were several well qualified individuals who sent resumes into the city for the Public Works Assistant position. Cache Jaqielski was selected to replace Cody Cureton. Mr. Jacobson will have Cache and Porter (hired last fall) to introduce themselves at the next meeting.

City Kawaski Mule: the department purchased a used Kawaski Mule to help with the street and park departments. It is in good condition and cost the city \$5,000. The mayor asked that safety lights be wired onto the vehicle.

City Water Bacteria Hit: the city tested positive for coliform bacteria in two separate lines. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) does not require treating coliform bacteria (found naturally in soil), but suggested it could help if other problems come up later. The city will inject bleach into the system and flush it a couple of times to flush out the bacteria. The city normally doesn't need to treat the water. It is tested monthly on a regular basis.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Planning and Zoning Chairman Spencer Haacke reported on the following item:

New Salem Zoning: two new zones are being planned for the Salem area after a recent public hearing in which most citizens objected to the Rural Ranchette Zone. A zone for the townsite and another for the impact area. There will be more details coming forth.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Kurt Hibbert reported on the following item:

Teton Island Estates Development Agreement Amendment: Planning and Zoning recommended an amendment to the Development Agreement for the addition of a road bridge.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilwoman Nielsen and seconded by Councilman Dayley to amend the Teton Island Estates Development Agreement to add the road bridge; motion carried.

Peregrine Park: the park was part of the development agreement but was not installed. The developers now lack funding for the park. The city could apply for grant funds to help install the park equipment. Mr. Hibbert will reach out to them and bring back a proposal to the Council. Peregrine units should not be sold until a plan is worked out. Other projects from the developer may be held up as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No report

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Easter Egg Hunt: it was proposed that an extra \$300 be added to the Easter Egg Hunt budget. Council President Nielsen also wants to move the event one week before Easter. The proposed date for the Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 28. Easter is April 5.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilwoman Ball and seconded by Councilman Stanford to increase the Easter Egg budget by \$300; motion carried.

Forgone Fund Project: Council President Nielsen suggested that the city use the Forgone Fund to help with a couple of city projects this year. She will propose a couple of options at the next meeting.

Communication and Broadcasting of City Meetings: for the next six months city meetings will be posted on Facebook with a link to the website for regular meetings. For public hearings, Text My Gov will also be used to notify the public. Text My Gov sends out text notices to each household. The city will see if there are any improvements to meeting attendance and awareness after the six-month period,

Peregrine Park Report: see above under Planning and Zoning Report.

Pro Peat Plant Emissions Update: new equipment has been added to the Pro Peat Plant to help with the plant emissions. The emissions have produced a black soot like substance on the outside of the building suggesting that the smoke was polluting the air. The council would like to have the owner, John Pockock, report at the next meeting on the improvements.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Joint P&Z Work Meeting: no report.

State of the City/County Breakfast: the council felt the mayor did a good job in reporting the city's condition and activities.

County Commission Joint Dinner Meeting: the council plans on attending the joint dinner meeting scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2026 at 5:30 pm. Others may also attend the public meeting although some individuals were discouraged. Currently there may be seven from the city attending.

AIC Spring Training: the training will be in Idaho Falls Tuesday, April 21. The full council plans on attending.

America 250 Grant: Councilman Dayley is applying for the grant to help with the Sugar Days event in June.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: tabled until the next regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Signed: _____
Steven Adams, Mayor

Attested: _____
Wendy McLaughlin
Clerk-Treasurer