

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026, 6:30 P.M.

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

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; Mission Shoe Business Owner Thomas Scott; Rink 99 Business Owner Jeff McClure; and others who may have joined electronically but not identified. Councilman Stanford joined electronically and Councilman Dayley joined the meeting around 7:30 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:** Planning and Zoning Chairman Kurt Hibbert reported on the following items:

**Church Property Development Group:** two separate groups are interested in developing the property south and north of 9<sup>th</sup> North to the Teton River. The applications are in the process and will include a mix of commercial and multi-family residential. The plans include 25% less roadways and a new Development Agreement.

**Business Park Preschool Application:** a public hearing is scheduled for a preschool business in the Business Park.

**Planning and Zoning Service Recognition:** Suzanne Williams will be recognized for her valued service on Planning and Zoning and Design Review. The recognition could be at a Planning and Zoning or Joint Council meeting.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**City Awards for Sugar Days:** Recommendations for the Public Servant and Distinguished Citizen Awards should be sent to Councilors Glenn Dayley and Catherine Nielsen within in the next three days.

**Waste Disposal:** The City has observed that many local businesses are managing their garbage disposal independently, either by bypassing our contracted service, PSI Waste Systems, or by working with them directly without City involvement. In response, the Mayor would like investigate a proposal to discontinue the current monopolistic contract to allow residents and businesses the flexibility to use alternative services or entrepreneurial enterprises. However, there are several concerns:

- Price increase
- Garbage disposal neglect
- No city control
- Health and safety issues

A townhall meeting may be considered to get public feedback. The mayor will work with City Attorney Chase Hendricks to see if it would be worthwhile. A proposal to allow city businesses an opt-out option while residents would need to be serviced through the city may be a good solution.

**Alcohol License Application Procedure:** Madison County's declaration of being a "Dry County" should have no affect on Sugar City's ability to issue Liquor Licenses. Applicants should meet state requirements. Sugar City will provide a packet from City Attorney Chase Hendricks to help navigate the application process.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Thomas Scott:** owner of Mission Shoes in the Business Park likes the idea of having the option of hauling his own garbage or collecting other businesses as well. He has done it for several years now. He would support the idea of business opt-out option.

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

**Ice Skating Rink (Rink 99):** Jeff McClure, owner of Rink 99, would like to expand the rink to include ice ribbon paths, a smaller ice rink for little children, use of the park pavilion for point of entrance, and a second ice lane. Eventually he would like to add a concession stand, restrooms, and a roof. He loves Niebur Park and its location. The City of Rexburg built a huge inside rink and asked if he would be interested in managing it. However, there are many problems and costs associated with it and he likes his set up better. BYUI is interested in using his rink but he needs to meet certain standards such as 8' glass sides and boys and girl's locker rooms. He will work with Arlynn for access proposal to the park shelter. Dual use of the rink in the summer time could be used for a splash park and for other activities. A separate savings account will be set up using the rent payments to the city to help with future developments.

**Council Podium Metal Sheet:** half inch metal sheeting has been installed behind the council podium for shelter in case of an active shooter or other emergency.

**Council Room Emergency Exit Door:** Mr. Jacobson is looking at options for the Council room emergency door exit. It will not meet ADA requirements if installed because of width requirements and location.

**New Development Infrastructure and Walking Path:** installment of utility and road infrastructures are ongoing in the Teton Island Phase 3 and 4, Stillwater, and Clearbrook developments. Mr. Jacobson is also working with the canal company for the walking path adjacent to Stillwater and Clearbrook developments. The canal company encourages clean up of the brush and trees around the canal to beautify the path and keep the canal free of debris. The city could help with the cleanup.

**TAP Grant Application:** Sugar City's application for the next TAP grant was not funded. This year there was less funding and more applicants. The city will resubmit next year.

**Community Health Grant:** Councilwoman Ball thought the city could apply for the Community Health Grant for \$5,000 since the city has been involved in installing, tennis courts, walking paths, disc golf, and groomed snow paths for cross country skiers. These activities promote community health and are in line with the grant's purpose. Councilman Glenn Dayley will write the application.

**New Lawn Mower Purchase:** Mr. Jacobson is considering purchasing a new second Ventrac mower after researching other options and costs. The Ventrac will cost about \$40,000 and additional attachments of \$27,000 for a total of \$67,000 which is within in the budget. He has other attachments purchased earlier that makes the mower more versatile.

**Solar Lights:** there are some safety concerns on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> S and Front Streets because the corner is dark. Mr. Jacobson will add a solar light.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Arbor Day Celebration:** the 2026 Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled for Friday, May 8 at 10:00 am. The theme is "Trees Anchor Our Town". A tree will be planted in the same area as last year, with choir, and art contest activities.

**AIC Spring District Meeting:** scheduled for Tuesday, April 21 9am – 3pm at the Hilton Inn in Idaho Falls. Councilors, Joy Ball, Catherine Nielsen, and Carter Stanford are registered to attend.

**AIC Annual Conference:** scheduled for June 10 – 12 in Boise. Eight rooms have been reserved. Councilors Glenn Dayley, Catherine Nielsen, Carter Stanford, Mayor Steven Adams, and Arlynn Jacobson have all expressed interest in going.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** the event was held a week before Easter and had vendor booths and bounce houses beside the traditional egg hunt this year. It was a success and all seemed to have a good time.

**Electric Bikes on Sidewalks and Walking Paths:** electric bikes can run upwards of 40 mph. They are not allowed in city parks or on sidewalks or walking paths.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

8:12 P.M. It was moved by Councilwoman Nielson seconded by Councilwoman Ball to move into executive session pursuant to:

Idaho Code 74-206(a) Hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, whose qualities are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need; not to fill a vacancy in an elective office or deliberate staffing needs in general.

Idaho Code 74-206(b) Evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Motion carried. Thereupon, the deputy clerk called roll upon the motion.

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

Thereupon, Mayor Adams declared the motion passed.

9:12 P.M. The executive session ended for Idaho Code 74-206(a) and (b). No decisions were made and there was no deliberation.

**PENDING GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**New Office Positions:** No report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven Adams, Mayor

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy McLaughlin  
Clerk-Treasurer