

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 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, and Carter Stanford; Clerk-Treasurer Wendy McLaughlin; Public Works Director Arlynn Jacobson; City Attorney Chase Hendricks; Planning and Zoning Administrator and Chairman Kurt Hibbert and Spencer Haacke respectively; House District 34 Representatives Britt Raybould and Jon Weber; Citizens Larry Hibbert; Glen and Cammi Muir; and others who may have joined electronically or physically but not identified. Council President Nielsen was excused.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: It was moved by Councilman Dayley and seconded by Councilman Stanford to approve the Consent Agenda; motion carried.

HOUSE DISTRICT 34 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: District 34 Representative Jon Weber reported on the following items summarized below:

- Mosquito abatement spray concerns and who will be taxed for abatement
- Work Force Housing Bill 760 – profit and non-profit entities work together to provide low-income housing opportunities for workers – died on senate floor
- Sticker Bill – starting July 1 annual registration plate stickers will no longer be required

District 34 Representative Britt Raybould reported on the following items summarized below:

- State officials are overriding local authority which is concerning
- State Highway Funding Cuts – the state will cut \$150 million from the state General Fund. Sugar City's cut will be around \$45,000 from the road budget. "Deferred maintenance is deficit spending" Gov Otter.
- District representation is shifting west towards Boise – new redistricting maps will be sent out 2032 after the 2030 census.

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

East Parkway Corridor: Mr. Hibbert has received the latest maps for the East Parkway Corridor. The Transportation Study will address the corridor and where it needs to be.

Service Recognition: Suzanne Williams was given a plaque and recognized for her dedicated service the past several years.

Special Use Permit Findings: Planning and Zoning held a public hearing for a proposed preschool within the Business Park. The preschool will specialize in the fine arts (music, theatre, art, dance, and tumbling). The property is located at 180 Sugar Avenue, Suite #2. All adjacent properties are businesses. Enrollment is capped at 15 to accommodate parking. Arrival times are staggered to cut down

on congestion. The commission unanimously recommended the Conditional Use Permit to the City Council contingent upon:

- Securing licensure from the state and Affiliated Starrs Daycare Support Program, and
- Comply with occupancy requirements of the building department and Madison County Fire District.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilman Dayley and seconded by Councilwoman Ball to approve with a friendly amendment the recommendations from Planning and Zoning for a preschool on 180 Sugar Avenue Ste 2; motion carried.

Council President Nielsen was excused.

Land Use Map: the commission would like feedback from the council concerning the Land Use Map for any suggestions or concerns by next week.

Urban Renewal Report: a report will be given to the council in June.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Toyota Sugar Days Contract:

MOTION: It was moved by Councilman Stanford and seconded by Councilman Dayley to approve the Toyota Sponsorship Agreement for the Sugar Days event. Motion carried. Thereupon, the clerk called roll upon the motion.

Those voting aye: Councilors Ball, Dayley, and Stanford

Those voting nay: None

Council President Nielsen was excused

Thereupon, Mayor Adams declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No report.

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

State Highway Cuts: See above under House District reports.

Brad's Exxon Fuel Agreement: Exxon Owner Brad Orme offered the city a \$0.20 discount off the pump price which is comparable to gas rates at other stations. Mr. Jacobson will work with City Attorney Chase Hendricks to draft an agreement. He will still buy fuel in bulk from other sources when the price is down and use Brad's to support local business and for convenience on a trial basis. The agreement does not include exclusivity.

Park Restrooms: Mr. Jacobson found a local company that could install restrooms for \$50 - \$60 thousand, half the price of other quotes.

Park and Recreation Committee: Mr. Jacobson will work on getting a 10-man board together after a long recess with Councilman Dayley's help.

SunPro: SunPro is working on completion of the railroad crossing, sidewalks, and bridge which will finish the Block Grant project this summer.

Teton Island Estates: they are almost done with the sewer line infrastructure for phase 3.

Stillwater Development: they have completed their final plat process and will soon start putting in the infrastructure for phase 2 and 3.

Silver Star: they are working on pulling in the last section of fiber in the Old Farm Estates development.

Potato Waste on Roadway: there have been a few mishaps of spilt potato sludge on the roadway. It is slippery and stinky and tracks all over. Spills can be reported to the Code Enforcement officer to report to the Madison County Sheriff's office for clean-up and citations.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Flood 50: Flood 50 is a week-long community commemoration June 1-6, 2026 marking 50 years since the Teton Dam flood. Several community events are planned. Sugar City has set aside \$4,000 to contribute. The motorcycle rally will enjoy ice cream cones at Ole's and free drinks from Fixxology. Joy's Joy is donating a "motorcycle blanket" to raffle. Music from our local citizen Scott Shirley will be performed. A walking tour is also planned for Sugar City. Melanie Schwendiman is the program director.

Arbor Day Celebration: the event was a success celebrating 23 years as Tree City USA. Arbor Day Funds may be used to buy a plaque for the annual Tree City recognitions.

Yard Awards: Yard awards will begin next month. Two yards each month from certain streets beginning in June and going through September will be recognized for their beauty and functionality.

LEPC Meeting: Councilman Stanford reported that he met with the Local Emergency Planning Committee. They are concerned about drought and fire hazard conditions, but have reported above average precipitation in rain, no snow.

New Land Fill Ribbon Cutting Report: Councilman Stanford reported a new \$35 million landfill project in Newdale was completed and a ribbon cutting was held. The new land fill should last for 75 years. Each night the garbage is covered with foam and dirt to keep it contained.

Teton Dam Ribbon Cutting: a ribbon cutting is planned for the new Teton Dam overlook Friday, June 5 at 11:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8:05 P.M. It was moved by Councilwoman Ball seconded by Councilman Stanford 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) No report

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

Those voting aye: Councilors Ball, Dayley, and Stanford

Those voting nay: None

Council President Nielsen was excused.

Thereupon, Mayor Adams declared the motion passed.

10:05 P.M. The executive session ended for Idaho Code 74-206(a). No decisions were made and there was no deliberation.

PENDING GENERAL BUSINESS:

New Office Positions: No report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Signed: _____
Steven Adams, Mayor

Attested: _____
Wendy McLaughlin
Clerk-Treasurer