

CITY OF MACKAY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 203 S Main, Mackay, ID

1. CALL TO ORDER (Idaho Code §50-707)

Mayor Richard Mangum called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL (Idaho Code §50-707)

Present:

Dean Wall - Council Member

Karen Hames - Council Member

Fred Rodriguez - Council Member

Staff Present:

Cynthia Smith - City Clerk/Treasurer

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Best practice – not statutory)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Idaho Code §74-201)

Sheriff – Not in attendance

Visitor Ted Smith asked about the hydrant on White Knob. Darlin is scheduled to be in Mackay on 08/12 to inspect the problem. Sunroc had planned to complete the work but became unavailable, and Darlin is currently filling potholes in Arco. When asked why the City was not handling the work itself, it was explained that there is not enough manpower and that the issue cannot be resolved by simply digging with a backhoe.

Dan Haney expressed several concerns. He said he had called the Mayor multiple times but had not received promised return calls. He asked about the City's contract with the sheriff's office, how ordinances are being enforced, and trailers being moved in without permits. Mayor Richard Mangum stated that Dan had been told he needed to come in and complete a complaint form. Dan also asked why he had not received follow-up on a dog complaint. Richard said he did not know about the trailer until after it had been brought in, but he contacted the owner and had the proper paperwork completed. Dan said Dean did a good job filling potholes throughout the city. Dean stated that Dan is not his boss because Dan does not live within city limits and is not a voting member of the community. Richard Mangum noted that he works for the voting public.

Ken Medley asked about the procedure for receiving follow-up calls and whether residents must wait a full month for a response to a complaint. Mayor Richard Mangum replied that the Council meets only once a month. The Clerk can forward complaints to council members, but not everyone is able to respond to each one. Dan asked why issues observed while driving around the city cannot be addressed without a formal complaint when ordinances are already in place. He questioned why a complaint must be filed before an ordinance is enforced.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Idaho Code §50-707; §74-205)

Motion by Dean Wall, seconded by Karen Hames, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2026, regular meeting as presented. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF BILL PAYMENTS

Motion by Karen Hames, seconded by Dean Wall to approve the bills to be paid. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS (Idaho Code §74-204)

2026 Mackay Transportation Plan – Art da Rosa from Harper Leavitt talked about the plan and how it was broken into five different parts and answered any questions. Motion by Dean Wall seconded by Karen Hames to adopt the 2026 Mackay Transportation Plan as soon as we get the signed copy. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Dan Copeland Airport Hangar – Question was where the water/sewer and power lines go. Richard put a call in to Chris at ITD Aeronautics but has not received a call back. Motion by Karen Hames was seconded by Dean Wall to table airport hangar plans until we have further information. The current plans will not work. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Hayes Tax & Accounting – Rates increased from \$305.00 per month to \$375.00 and now to \$475.00 per month beginning January 2027. Dean stated we cannot do a motion tonight but need to check the ordinance to see if we can bring this back in-house.

Contractor Bond – Dean commented that he is not sure if it is a bond or do we just need to increase the amount they pay for road cuts. We probably need to go up to at least \$2,000.00 minimum and then depending on the cut we determine. Dean will get us better numbers.

RV Ordinance – Motion to table for a work meeting by Karen Hames seconded by Dean Wall. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Hamfit 24hr LLC – Steve has spoken with Fred Rodriguez and has asked for mercy on no fees on his late rent payments. He is looking at trying to find someone to really run the business. Dean commented that he must pay rent to the best of his ability. We don't have a council member over the business center now. We need to get another council member in and meet with him. Send him a letter letting him know that he needs to try to get his rent paid current and we will let him know who the new council person is once they are in place. Motion by Dean Wall seconded by Karen Hames that we send a letter about his rent being caught up to the best of his ability. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Building Permit (Ryan) 821 W Custer – Lot Split – Motion by Dean Wall seconded by Karen Hames to approve lot split. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Building Permit (Sailer) 706 Forest – Motion by Karen Hames seconded by Dean Wall to approve as long as trailer is moved to agree with the application plot plan. Note: if electricity is utilized later pre 1976 wiring cannot be used without replacement or rehabilitation. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

8. REPORTS

Dean Wall – Streets – White Knob and Spruce and hopefully it is a simple fix. I did make a pretty good effort on Friday and Saturday on street repair. Need to move material closer as I will try to do some more. I do not know if we will have enough and after budget may need to purchase more.

Karen Hames – Parks – Jim McKelvey put on a walk for his wife, and he has tried to reserve the shelter and it is always reserved and those that reserve it have not showed up. We currently do not have them paying and maybe we should start charging and if they do not show they do not get their funds back.

Fred Rodriguez – Water/Sewer – Nothing currently.

Mayor Richard Mangum reported that Bret Plummer with Custer County Weed Abatement will give a presentation on weeds at the American Legion Hall on Thursday, August 20. Plummer will return Friday with spray for knapweed. The Mayor noted that if the County must spray the weed for the City, the cost will be added to the City's property taxes.

A complaint was received about several cats entering a residential property and using it as a litter box. The neighbor is working with HIAS in Challis to trap the cats. Ken Medley stated that the ordinance provides that releasing cats after they have been spayed is a misdemeanor. Karen Hames will speak with the homeowner who owns the cats.

Second complaint – send a copy of the complaint and letter to Jared Lambson regarding the barking dogs and ask him to investigate the matter.

9. ADJOURNMENT (Best practice – not statutory)

Motion by Karen Hames seconded by Dean Wall to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

APPROVAL (Idaho Code §50-707)

Minutes approved as presented/amended on September 8, 2026.

Mayor: Richard Mangum

City Clerk: Cynthia Smith