CITY OF MACKAY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 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
John Farish - 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

LRED – Not in attendance

Visitors - Not in attendance

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

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

6. APPROVAL OF BILL PAYMENTS

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

7. NEW BUSINESS (Idaho Code §74-204)

Hamfit LLC – Rental Rates – Steve Lanham requested a reduction in the per-square-foot rental rate, saying he was not asking to return to the previous rate but to lower it to a more affordable level. He said the increase adds about $3,500.00 per year, all gym revenue is reinvested in the facility, and his goal is to keep the gym open for the community. He also noted that membership usually declines in the summer because people exercise outdoors, and that he pays for bathroom cleaning and half of the gym's maintenance. He said he would consider a longer-term agreement if the rate were reduced. Karen Hames said the rates were raised to help cover expenses at the O.W. Building and because the city's bank accounts had been in poor financial condition. Steve added that if the rate remained at $.31, he would still like a long-term agreement so it would not increase again soon. Discussion was tabled for a work meeting.

H.S. Rodeo – Water Waiver Letter – Crystal Roche would like to have water fees waived for the H.S. rodeo. Motion to waive the fees by Karen Hames, 2nd by John Farish. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, John Farish, Fred Rodriguez. Motion carried.

Building Permit – 415 S Elm (House) – Motion by Karen Hames, seconded by John Farish to approve building permit. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, John Farrish, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Building Permit – 316 E White Knob (Fence) Motion by Dean Wall, seconded by Karen Hames to approve bldg. permit. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, John Farrish, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Building Permit – 308 Capitol (Garage Extension) Motion by Karen Hames, seconded by John Farish to approve bldg. permit. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, John Farrish, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

7. REPORTS

Councilman Dean Wall reported that the city had agreed not to excavate water or sewer lines. The city will complete the water tap, but not the sewer tap. He questioned why the city would not perform the sewer tap, stating that because it is part of the city's system, a licensed plumber should not be required. He expressed concern about the city not handling the sewer tap. John Farish added that, once the contractor finishes, city staff should inspect the tap for liability purposes. Councilman Wall also said pothole patching is expected to begin next week.

Karen Hames reported that the baseball field was watered frequently last year and that she had instructed staff to water it as needed. Cindy Smith said Jacqueline created a form for annual use to address the issue. Karen also said Paul and Lenie spoke with her about a volunteer form and that the city would not be responsible for vendors. Mayor Richard Mangum said too much time had been spent criticizing the form and that the rodeo should have its own version. Karen said she wanted to review the volunteer form because she was unsure which one they meant. Lenie also provided an update, noting that six weeks of planning remain. The organization has been registered with the State of Idaho, obtained an EIN, and opened a bank account at Ireland Bank. Sponsorships totaling $43,530.00 have been pledged, and $16,380.00 has been received. Projected expenses are $40,940.00. Planned work includes repairing the cook shack to meet health inspection requirements, continuing repairs to the rodeo grounds panels, and placing two larger banners on city property because the over-the-road banner is no longer available. Richard will meet with the gentleman on Friday. They also requested that the street be closed for a street dance.

John Farish – Nothing at this time

Fred Rodriguez reported that two pumps failed and were replaced at Chardon's direction. He said the troubleshooting process did not go as planned and remains his primary concern. He also noted numerous complaints about a leaking hydrant near Dean Wall's house. At the baseball field, 25 people used the restroom within a 30-minute period, and he said he would like to see the bathrooms partially renovated due to low water pressure in one of them. He also requested a list of everyone who has worked on the rodeo grounds and suggested creating a plaque to recognize Kevin Donahue for his contributions. I have a list of accomplishments that have been completed at the rodeo grounds. I would like to see a plaque in recognition of Kevin Donahue for all he has done. Richard Mangum stated that maybe we need to do this for everyone who has done something.

Mayor Richard Mangum reported that Chardon and his crew installed a solenoid at the Kid's park. He said they want to resolve several issues so they can move on to installing meters. Contractors are handling the historical preservation bathroom renovation at the tourist park. He also reported a clover mite issue at the O.W. Building; Chardon sprayed around the building to kill the grass. The airport also needs weed control and may need to be mowed.

11. ADJOURNMENT (Best practice – not statutory)

Motion by Karen Hames seconded by John Farrish, to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at _7:07pm________.

APPROVAL (Idaho Code §50-707)

Minutes approved as presented/amended on June 9, 2026.

Mayor: Richard S Mangum

City Clerk: Cynthia Smith