

CITY OF MACKAY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 203 S Main, Mackay, ID

1. CALL TO ORDER (Idaho Code §50-707)

Acting Mayor Dean Wall called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL (Idaho Code §50-707)

Present:

Dean Wall – Acting Mayor
Karen Hames - Council Member
John Farish - Council Member
Fred Rodriguez - Council Member

Absent:

Richard Mangum – Mayor

Staff Present:

Cynthia Smith - City Clerk/Treasurer

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Idaho Code §74-204(4))

Motion by Karen Hames, seconded by John Farish, to approve the agenda as presented/amended.
Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, John Farish, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

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

Motion by Karen Hames, seconded by John Farish, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026, regular meeting as presented/amended. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, John Farish, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF PAYING MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Karen Hames, seconded by John Farish, to approve the paying of monthly bills as presented and adding the electric bill. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, John Farish, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Motion by Karen Hames, seconded by John Farish to approve the rental of the space at Oscar Wornek building to Natural Springs Ice Plant for retail space. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, John Farish, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

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

Jody McFee expressed concerns about the City's hiring process. She noted that she had obtained an application for her daughter and was informed by Mayor Mangum that the position would take four to five weeks to fill. However, approximately two to three weeks later, she observed the position had already been filled while the Mayor was on vacation. Ms. McFee asked why the City did not provide a courtesy notice, as she would have submitted an application for her daughter.

Sheriff Report – Nothing really to report. Asked if we have any questions. Citations have slowed down. Lots of local work. Commissioners tabled approving apartment behind sheriff's office in Mackay.

Rodeo Committee – Shane Whitfield reported that there will not be a rodeo this year within the given timeframe. He recommended considering a GoFundMe campaign to raise funds for a future rodeo and suggested search and rescue fundraisers as potential approaches. He noted that the last meeting did not provide substantial assistance. Judy Heusner expressed concern that fundraising efforts are hindered without an established board. She found that most listed nonprofits in Mackay have been dissolved. Kevin stated that no resources would be relinquished. A new board would therefore be required to establish its own nonprofit status. Ryan and Dan from Wagon Wheel obtained bids for relevant services and were particularly impressed with one proposal. Evan Tripp addressed rumors suggesting city non-support, clarifying that these concerns only arose during the past year.

LRED – Would like to see the rodeo go. When Kevin left it left a large hole. LRED will support the rodeo whether this year or next year.

8. NEW BUSINESS (Idaho Code §74-204)

Building Permit – Betzer – Lot Split @ 105 E White Knob – Motion by Karen Hames, seconded by John Farish to approve the lot split. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, John Farish, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Request for Waiver – Evans – 412 Elm Ave – Motion by Karen Hames, seconded by Fred Rodriguez to approve waiver. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, John Farish, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Tourist Park Ordinance/Resolution – Motion by John Farish, seconded by Fred Rodriguez to approve the Tourist Park Ordinance/Resolution. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, John Farish, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Loan from Capitol Improvement – To purchase water meters. When meters went bad a few years back a \$15.00 meter charge was implemented. Approx 180 meters in the ground bought 110 used from Rexburg which saved us about \$30,000.00. Proposal is that we borrow about \$40,000.00 from capital improvement which is for water & sewer anyways. Motion by Karen Hames, seconded by John Farish to approve loan. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, John Farish, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

9. REPORTS (Best practice – not statutory requirement)

Dean Wall – Streets – Nothing for streets. As acting Mayor – Jesse Morgan would like to have new baseball complex dedicated and call it the Justin Ivie Baseball Complex. Asking for our blessing. Motion by Karen Hames, seconded by Fred Rodriguez to name the baseball complex the Justin Ivie Baseball Complex. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, John Farish, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Work meeting – water/sewer for 27th of February at 10:00 a.m.

Karen Hames – Parks – Not a lot. Do have the memorial plaque established. Meet with clerks in office regarding spreadsheet. Is it legal for city to have Venmo account?

John Farish – O.W. Business Park – Nothing

Fred Rodriguez – Water and Sewer – did walk around with Chardon.

10. ADJOURNMENT (Best practice – not statutory)

Motion by John Farish, seconded by Fred Rodriguez, to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m..

APPROVAL (Idaho Code §50-707)

Minutes approved as presented/amended on March 10, 2026.

Mayor: Richard Mangum Date: 3-17-2026

City Clerk: Cynthia Smith Date: 3-17-26