

CITY OF MACKAY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 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 Madole provided the council with the sheriff's report. A new deputy had planned to attend but was assigned to field training in Stanley. He described the summer as long and noted that pre-planning is needed for next season.

Mark Bell of Wings Over Mackay presented a \$250 donation to the City of Mackay. He explained that the RC airplane event began 16 years ago after his sister, then a resident of the Darlington facility, asked him to show the aircraft to residents. The event was initially denied because of nearby propane tanks but was later approved with restrictions. Participation increased from 22 pilots last year to 27 this year. The youngest pilot was eight-year-old Michael Gammett. Contributions have supported electricity for two years and the baseball fields for two years. No accidents or injuries have occurred. Bell said the event has become increasingly popular because of Mackay's unrestricted open air and emphasized the group's desire to benefit the community. Gammett described how he began flying and said Bell helped make it possible for him to own an airplane; he also received a new airplane at the pilots' meeting.

Mike Winters presented a Kids Park grant from Mackay Community Church as part of the Village Missions community project grant program. The church proposes renovating the volleyball court with a \$1,200 grant and a \$1,800 church contribution, for a total of \$3,000. The church would assume all maintenance costs and is not requesting city funds. Community members may donate through Mackay Community Church. The council also discussed whether to remove the existing sod, eliminate the thistle, and install new sod. KH moved to approve the church grant, DW seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ted Smith asked who is responsible for the dump and why the city pays taxes on it if the city owns the land. He noted that the county assumed liability for the dump and suggested directing these questions to the county commissioners, including the area's commissioner, Gordon Vaden. He also observed that the Challis dump is open more frequently, while Mackay's is open only twice a week.

Dan Birch discussed the hidden costs of failing to enforce city codes. He reported that a rusted tank at High Country, whose certification expired in 2009, contains approximately 4,000 gallons of diesel and is leaking into the surrounding soil. The tank was initially believed to hold water. He also raised concerns about several intersections without stop signs, where drivers may enter without yielding, and noted that the City of Gooding uses yield signs in similar locations. He stated that the water table is approximately 11 feet deep and referenced a leak at 15 feet.

Dan Haney said he had previously been told he had no standing because he did not live in the city, but he now has a residence there. He noted that the existing RV ordinance remains in effect and that a work meeting discussed last month has not been scheduled. He asked when the mayor would enforce the city's ordinances, emphasizing that the RV ordinance should be enforced regardless of whether a work meeting occurs. Mayor Richard Mangum also spoke with Dan Copeland about the hangar's location.

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

Motion by Dean Wall, seconded by Karen Hames, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026, regular meeting as presented. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF BILL PAYMENTS

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

7. NEW BUSINESS (Idaho Code §74-204)

Building Permit (Birch) 115 Trego Court – House – Motion by Dean Wall seconded by Karen Hames to approve house build. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Building Permit (Currier) 115 Burnett Court – Shoust - Motion by Dean Wall seconded by Karen Hames to approve Shoust. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Ordinance 477 – Zone Change. Motion by Dean Wall seconded by Karen Hames to approve changing the Ordinance number from Ordinance 424-A3 to Ordinance 477. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Ordinance 476 – Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Motion by Karen Hames seconded by Dean Wall to approve Ordinance 476 for the Annual Appropriations. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-09 – Residential Water/Sewer Rates. Motion by Karen Hames seconded by Dean Wall to approve Resolution 2026-09 to raise the sewer rates from \$25.00 per month to \$26.25 per month for residential. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-10 – Commercial 1 Water/Sewer Rates. Motion by Karen Hames seconded by Dean Wall to approve Resolution 2026-10 to raise the sewer rates from \$25.00 per month to \$26.25 per month for Commercial 1. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-11 – Commercial 2 Water/Sewer Rates. Motion by Karen Hames seconded by Dean Wall to approve Resolution 2026-11 to raise the sewer rates from \$37.00 per month to \$38.85 per month for Commercial 2. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

8. REPORTS

Dean Wall – Streets – Trying to get back to patching. Wants to do it before weather turns cold. Tourist Park bathroom will not be ready for BBQ so they will bring in a Port-a-Potty. We have a lot of personal trees that are growing over the right-of-way. Need to send letters to residents to have them cut back.

Karen Hames – Parks – Lady called about 2 stop signs that are down. I believe one is down by the school. Mayor replaced 4 over the weekend.

Fred Rodriguez – Water/Sewer – Reported that one leak was repaired and the leak on Green was isolated. He said employees who are unhappy with their work may choose to pursue other employment. Rodriguez emphasized that he is available to assist the council. Karen Hames offered to accompany Mayor Richard Mangum when enforcing ordinances, if needed.

Mayor Richard Mangum – Appointed Ken Day and Reva McConnell to PNZ. Ken Medlee is filling in for now and will be appointed in March.

Appointment for the vacancy for the city council position for Jason Merrill. Motion to approve appointment by Karen Hames 2nd by Dean Wall. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Light on Artemesia where the gentleman bought the Quonset hut. If it is ok with the council Patrick from LREC would be willing to remove the light. Council is ok with the light being removed. Get Vicki and the other neighbor to sign an affidavit that they are ok to remove the light.

Memorial Plaque – all information is with Murdoch's. They are working on the plaque. Karen needs to go pick up the memorial rock still.

Liberty Bell will be in Mackay at the school for anyone who is interested in seeing it on September 9th.

Complaints – Dan Haney – dog barking on Forest – ordinance says that Mayor to make contact. It is only a nuisance if barking for over 30 minutes. 2nd offense is \$25.00 civil fine and 3rd offense is getting the sheriff involved. Contact property owner and have the landlord deal with it.

Anna Bell Hall complaint – our ordinance says if you feed a cat, you own it. Heart of Idaho hands out \$25.00 voucher to get the cat fixed. Once fixed the cat is not allowed to be let loose back in the city. Karen stated that the complaint does not state anything about the cats it has escalated to the trailers on the neighbor's yard. Mayor would like to have Jeff and Anna Bell meet with him and talk. Todd with the sanctuary was going to catch the cats and fix them. She is complaining about the things that are legal to be on his property.

Jason Merrill – New to the council.

9. ADJOURNMENT (Best practice – not statutory)

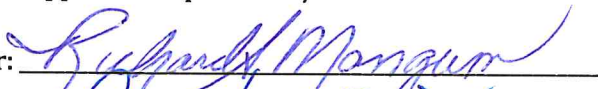
Motion by Dean Wall seconded by Karen Hames to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVAL (Idaho Code §50-707)

Minutes approved as presented/amended on October 13, 2026.

Mayor:



City Clerk:

