CITY OF MACKAY

BUDGET HEARING MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2026, 5:45 p.m.

Richard Mangum presented to the council a balanced budget that was originally read and passed September 8, 2026. Cynthia Smith, City Clerk, had read the opening at the budget hearing. Mayor Richard Mangum asked if there were any questions or comments. Roll Call: those in attendance – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez; Absent: Jason Merrill. Dean Wall made a motion to approve the 26/27 budget which was then seconded by Karen Hames. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Fred Rodriguez. Motion Carried.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 203 S Main, Mackay, ID

1. CALL TO ORDER (Idaho Code 59-707)

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

2. ROLL CALL (Idaho Code 59-707)

Present:
Dean Wall - Council Member
Karen Hames - Council Member
Fred Rodriguez - Council Member
Jason Merrill – Council Member

Staff Present:
Cynthia Smith - City Clerk/Treasurer

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Dean Wall, seconded by Karen Hames for a consent agenda. Roll call: Present – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Jason Merrill, Fred Rodriguez. Motion Carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (Idaho Code §74-204)

Deputy Harvey presented sheriff report to mayor and council with updates. Lots of excitement this summer. Waterways patrol is closed for the season. Ken Medley mentioned the high speeding traffic on the highway, especially the trucks. Fred Rodriguez wanted to know if there was a history or fluctuation of accidents in city limits in regard to stop signs and there really isn't.

Mackay Rodeo Committee – Lenie Wilkie presented the council with a request for repairs to the rodeo arena. All council members gave their blessings on the repairs that the rodeo committee would like to do.

CAT Dealer – Ben Winder was here to present the Mayor and the Council with a proposed sales agreement for leasing a new backhoe. Current lease agreement has expired. Monthly rate would go from $925.00 per month lease to approximately $1,499.21 monthly with an interest rate of 4.99%.

Dan Birch, 109 Trejo, requested additional expense data through a public records request. He stated that, with a $1 million budget, the city should have had sufficient funds to redo the tennis courts three times and alleged that the lack of funds could indicate mismanagement, poor accounting, corruption, embezzlement, or another issue. Fred Rodriguez asked about his intended outcome. Karen Hames moved, if necessary, to pay for one additional year of QuickBooks to obtain reports quickly; Dean Wall seconded the motion. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Jason Merrill, Fred Rodriguez. Motion carried.

Dan Haney, 809 Custer – Airport Hangar. Dan urged the council to reconsider Dan Copeland's proposed hangar. He said a large aeronautics group he belongs to would be interested in the hangar and could bring revenue to Mackay. He also noted that a city ordinance designates hangar locations and that power, water, and sewer lines need to be marked.

Ken Medley – asked whether we had gotten other bids from any other companies besides CAT for the backhoe. We had tried five years ago but CAT was the only one that came through.

Jeff Ainsworth 402 White Knob – moved here May. His neighbor Anabell Hall feeds approximately 12 to 18 feral cats. They use his property as their place to go to the bathroom. Would like the city to act with Anabell and see if we can get rid of these cats.

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

Motion by Dean Wall, seconded by Karen Hames, to approve the minutes of September 8, 2026, regular meeting as presented. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Jason Merrill, 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, Jason Merrill, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS (Idaho Code §74-204)

Complaint by Dan Birch about barking dog in neighborhood. Richard Mangum spoke with homeowner before meeting and problem seems to have resolved for now.

Request for Waiver – 707 Forest Drive (Hanson). Motion by Dean Wall seconded by Jason Merrill to approve waiver. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Jason Merrill, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Request for Waiver – 205 E White Knob (Bolgen). Motion by Dean Wall seconded by Jason Merrill to approve waiver. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Jason Merrill, Fred Rodriguez; Motion carried.

Motion by Karen Hames seconded by Jason Merrill for wage increase of $1.00 per hour for all employees. Research on contract employees before implementing the $1.00 raise. Vote: Yes – Dean Wall, Karen Hames, Jason Merrill, Fred Rodriguez; Motion Carried.

Past-due rental account – Rather than make and second a motion at the meeting, the council directed the clerk to send the client a letter requiring payment within 30 days of the letter's date. If payment is not received, the council will decide how to proceed.

Past due collection account – It was decided by the council to have the information regarding collecting on a small claims case to have it forwarded to the prosecuting attorney.

Discussion of vacated property – Alley on Artemisia by Mike Wall residence. Surveyor found the alley on his plot mapping, but it is not located on city maps. Can homeowners file an application to vacate the alley so the surveyor can finish the survey?

8. REPORTS

Dean Wall – Streets – Nothing currently

Karen Hames – Parks – Wyatt Barnes is doing a great job mowing. Wanted to know if we lose a renter due to nonpayment, is there a possibility for the school to rent it out as a gym for the little kids. Need to ask Pat Seefried for a sign that shows "space available for rent". Has city looked at using the building for a community center.

Jason Merrill – O.W. Bldg. – Nothing currently.

Fred Rodriguez – Water/Sewer – Wondering about a possible sewer leak behind a residence home because of the sewer smell.

Mayor Richard Mangum – Close Main Street on October 31st from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. for Halloween walk. HLE – has two grants they would like to go after for the city. One would be to continue Main Street to the bridge and then in March come up with the second one to fix Rose Avenue. HLE thinks it is quite possible for the City of Mackay to get these two grants. Cindy and I interviewed 2 potential applicants on Columbus Day for the City Clerk position.

9. ADJOURNMENT (Best practice – not statutory)

Motion by Karen Hames seconded by Jason Merrill to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

APPROVAL (Idaho Code §50-707)

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

Mayor: Richard S Mangum

City Clerk: Sarah Ryan