



CITY OF KETCHUM
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, April 09, 2026
191 5th Street West, Ketchum, ID

CALL TO ORDER: *(00:00:15 in video)*

Mayor Pete Prekeges called the Ketchum City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL CITY COUNCIL:

Matthew McGraw
Randy Hall
Tripp Hutchinson
Spencer Cordovano

ALSO PRESENT:

Angenie McCleary—Blaine County Commissioner
Ben Whipple—Director of Public Works
Brent Davis—Director of Finance
Brock Dille—Idaho Transportation Department
Jade Riley—City Administrator
Jason Shearer—Wood River YMCA
Justin Schoolcraft—Idaho Department of Transportation
Kirk Flannigan—County Administrator
Matt Johnson—City Legal Counsel (remote)
Morgan Ballis—Blaine County Sheriff's Office
Trent Donat—City Clerk and Business Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment opened *(00:00:09 in video)*

- Tom McClain *(00:01:43 in video)*
- Gerri Pesch *(00:03:19 in video)*
- Ed Binney *(00:04:31 in video)*
- Jack Neiman-Kimel *(00:05:48 in video)*
- Jamie Hoover *(00:07:03 in video)*
- Matthew White *(00:08:19 in video)*
- Ed Simon *(00:09:00 in video)*
- Heidi Scherthanner *(00:09:36 in video)*

Public comment closed *(00:11:00 in video)*

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS:

3. Week of the Young Child Proclamation *(00:11:12 in video)*
4. International Dark Sky Week Proclamation *(00:12:51 in video)*

Comments and discussion by the Council *(00:15:05 in video)*

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pete Prekeges deferred Item #9 to the next Council Meeting *(00:19:52 in video)*

Comments by the Council and staff (00:20:12 in video)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items #5-10, except for #9 (00:20:55 in video)

MOVER: Tripp Hutchinson

SECONDER: Matthew McGraw

AYES: Spencer Cordovano, Matthew McGraw, Randy Hall, Tripp Hutchinson

RESULT: Motion Passes

PUBLIC HEARING:

11. Second reading of Ordinances 1271 (City Code-Title 1-General Provisions), Ordinance 1272 (City Code-Title 2-Administration and Personnel), and Ordinance 1274 (City Code-Title 4-Commissions and Boards)

Presented by: Jade Riley (00:21:11 in video)

Public hearing opened (00:26:09 in video)

- Claudia McCain (00:26:10 in video)
- Carter Hedberg (00:28:45 in video)
- Larissa DeHass—remote (00:32:24 in video)

Public hearing closed (00:33:04 in video)

Comments and discussion by the Council and staff (00:33:09 in video)

Motion to approve the second reading by title only of Ordinance 1271, 1272, and 1274, Titles 1, 2, and 4 of Ketchum Municipal Code (00:42:00 in video)

MOVER: Tripp Hutchinson

SECONDER: Matthew McGraw

AYES: Tripp Hutchinson, Matthew McGraw, Spencer Cordovano, Randy Hall

RESULT: Motion Passes

Trent Donat read Ordinances 1271, 1272, and 1274 by title only (00:42:30 in video)

NEW BUSINESS:

12. Update on South of Ketchum/Highway 75 Construction

Presented by: Ben Whipple (00:43:57 in video)

Update from Justin Schoolcraft (00:52:46 in video)

Comments, questions and discussion by the Council and ITD (00:59:12 in video)

Public comment opened (01:07:08 in video)

- Perry Boyle (01:07:25 in video)
- Marta Linquinn (01:09:01 in video)
- Melina Burdette (01:10:10 in video)
- John Melin (01:12:59 in video)
- Vince Burgess (01:14:36 in video)
- Emily Coffman—remote (01:16:58 in video)
- Matt Rosenthal (01:18:46 in video)
- Larissa DeHass—remote (01:20:45 in video)

Public comment closed (01:22:26 in video)

Comments and discussion by the Council (01:22:30 in video)

13. Ambulance District Levy Presentation

Presented by: Commissioner McCleary and County Administrator Kirk Flannigan (01:52:44 in video)

Comments, questions, and discussion by the Council (02:00:09 in video)

Public comment opened (02:01:50 in video)

- Gerri Pesch (02:02:08 in video)
- Perry Boyle (02:06:00 in video)
- Ned Burns (02:08:55 in video)
- Gerri Pesch (02:10:18 in video)
- Alex Nelson—remote (02:11:22 in video)
- Max Lemon—remote (02:13:46 in video)
- Perry Boyle (02:16:33 in video)

Public comment closed (02:17:33 in video)

Comments and discussion by the Council (02:17:40 in video)

14. Recommendation to cancel law enforcement contract with Blaine County Sheriff

Presented by: Mayor Pete Prekeges and Sheriff Morgan Ballis (02:20:00 in video)

Comments, questions, and discussion by the Council (02:24:16 in video)

Public comment opened (02:44:56 in video)

- Ethan Mckee-Bakos (02:45:14 in video)
- Walt Femling (02:48:10 in video)
- Jerry Siefert (02:56:18 in video)
- Susan Neeman (03:05:30 in video)
- Ed Simon (03:08:58 in video)
- Gerri Pesch (03:11:33 in video)
- Baird Goulay (03:13:35 in video)
- Peter Hendricks (03:17:00 in video)
- Perry Boyle (03:19:45 in video)
- Jerry Siefert (03:23:13 in video)
- Susan Neeman (03:24:32 in video)
- Angela Brady (03:26:15 in video)
- Barbara Amick (03:28:22 in video)
- Annie Hall (03:29:20 in video)
- Perry Boyle (03:30:46 in video)
- Alex Nelson—remote (03:31:58 in video)
- Heidi Scherthanner—remote (03:35:29 in video)

Public comment closed (03:36:55 in video)

Comments and questions by the Council, Sheriff Morgan Ballis and staff (03:37:00 in video)

Motion to terminate the Blaine County Sheriff Policing contract and finalize transition plan to establish the Ketchum Police Department (04:33:50 in video)

MOVER: Spencer Cordovano

SECONDER: Matthew McGraw

AYES: Spencer Cordovano, Matthew McGraw, Tripp Hutchinson

NAYS: Randy Hall

RESULT: Motion Passes

15. Update on expanded public parking at YMCA

Presented by: Jade Riley (04:35:46 in video)

Comments and questions by the Council, Jason Schearer and staff (04:48:48 in video)

Public comment opened (05:14:59 in video)

- Casey Finegan (05:15:09 in video)
- Jamie Hoover (05:17:08 in video)
- Jack Neiman-Kimel (05:20:33 in video)
- Ned Burns (05:21:39 in video)
- Barbara Amick (05:23:31 in video)
- Larissa DeHaas—remote (05:25:02 in video)
- Alex Nelson—remote (05:26:51 in video)
- Heidi Scherntanner—remote (05:29:43 in video)
- Emily Coffman—remote (05:30:50 in video)

Public comment closed (05:32:21 in video)

16. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Development briefing (Capital Improvement Plan)

Presented by: Brent Davis

Item #16 deferred to the next Council Meeting (05:33:06 in video)

Motion to adjourn. (05:35:45 in video)

MOVER: Spencer Cordovano

SECONDER: Tripp Hutchinson

AYES: Matthew McGraw, Tripp Hutchinson, Spencer Cordovano, Randy Hall

RESULT: Adjourned

Pete Prekeges, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trent Donat, City Clerk