



CITY OF KETCHUM

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, January 08, 2026

191 5th Street West, Ketchum, ID

CALL TO ORDER: (00:00:14 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:

Ben Whipple—Director of Public Works

Daniel Hansen—Director of Community Engagement

Jade Riley—City Administrator

Matt Johnson—City Legal Counsel

Morgan Landers—Director of Planning and Building

Trent Donat—City Clerk and Business Manager (remote)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Comments and discussion by the Council (00:00:31 in video)

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion and confirmation of regular Council meeting dates/times and process

Presented by: Jade Riley (00:01:21 in video)

Public comment opened (00:03:47 in video)

- Heather Johns (00:04:05 in video)
- Andy Ross (00:05:51 in video)
- Gerri Pesch (00:06:24 in video)
- Ned Burns (00:09:57 in video)
- Joana Wiedemann (00:10:54 in video)
- Perry Boyle (00:12:40 in video)

Public comment closed (00:14:22 in video)

Discussion and questions amongst Council and staff (00:14:26 in video)

Public comment opened (00:34:36 in video)

- Scott Curtis (00:34:38 in video)
- Ned Burns (00:35:41 in video)
- Tom Bowman (00:36:33 in video)

Public comment closed (00:37:36 in video)

Motion to establish regular City Council meeting dates on the second and fourth Thursday at 5:30 p.m. each month and instruct staff to return with a resolution adopting the 2026 meeting calendar with a side note that Council will revisit this as policy in six months. (00:37:43 in video)

MOVER: Spencer Cordovano

SECONDER: Tripp Hutchinson

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

RESULT: Motion Passes

3. Election of Council President

Presented by: Mayor Pete Prekeges (00:39:37 in video)

Motion to elect Spencer Cordovano as Council President for the year of 2026 (00:43:29 in video)

MOVER: Tripp Hutchinson

SECONDER: Randy Hall

AYES: Tripp Hutchinson, Randy Hall, Matthew McGraw

RESULT: Motion Passes

4. Review of discussion regarding Mayor/Council liaison assignments

Presented by: Mayor Pete Prekeges (00:44:14 in video)

Discussion amongst Council and staff (00:47:17 in video)

5. Review and discussion regarding roles/responsibilities and communication flow between staff, Mayor, and City Council

Presented by: Jade Riley (00:58:08 in video)

6. Review and discussion of strategic priorities for the Mayor/Council, and identification of topics for upcoming strategic planning sessions

Presented by: Jade Riley (01:05:06 in video)

Discussion and questions amongst Council and staff (01:13:35 in video)

Motion to adjourn. (01:40:50 in video)

MOVER: Randy Hall

SECONDER: Spencer Cordovano

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

RESULT: Adjourned

Pete Prekeges, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trent Donat, City Clerk