



CITY OF KETCHUM
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, July 23, 2026
191 5th Street West, Ketchum, ID

CALL TO ORDER: (00:00:33 in video)

Mayor Pete Prekeges called the Ketchum City Council meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL CITY COUNCIL:

Matthew McGraw (remote)
Tripp Hutchinson
Randy Hall (remote)
Spencer Cordovano

ALSO PRESENT:

Allison Kennedy—Senior Planner
Ben Whipple—Public Works Director
Brent Davis—Director of Finance
Cece Albertson—Wood River Land Trust
Daniel Hansen—Director of Community Engagement
Jade Riley—City Administrator
Joshua Stanek—City Attorney
Robyn Mattison—City Engineer
Trent Donat—City Clerk and Business Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Public comment opened (00:01:25 in video)
 - Timothy Mounts—remote (00:02:27 in video)
- Public comment closed (00:03:50 in video)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS:

Comments by the Mayor and Council (00:03:56 in video)

CONSENT AGENDA

- Matthew McGraw pulled agenda items #15 and #16 (00:18:41 in video)
- Spencer Cordovano pulled agenda item #9 (00:19:04 in video)
- Comments and questions by the Council and staff (00:19:12 in video)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda excluding items #9, #15 and #16 (00:20:03 in video)

MOVER: Tripp Hutchinson

SECONDER: Spencer Cordovano

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

RESULT: Motion Passes

#9. Recommendation to approve Alcohol Beverage License Applications

- Presented by: Brent Davis (00:20:25 in video)
- Comments and discussion by the Council and staff (00:20:47 in video)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda item #9 (00:32:03 in video)

MOVER: Tripp Hutchinson

SECONDER: Matthew McGraw

AYES: Randy Hall, Matthew McGraw, Tripp Hutchinson

NAYS: Spencer Cordovano

RESULT: Motion Passes

#15. Recommendation to approve Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement 24913A between the City of Ketchum and Bruce G Vitarisi Trustee of the 219 E Canyon Run Trust Dated 5.27.21

#16. Recommendation to Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement Amendment 27017 between the City of Ketchum and Idaho Power

- Presented by: Robyn Mattison (00:32:35 in video)
- Comments and discussion by the Council and staff (00:33:00 in video)
- Public comment opened (00:35:17 in video)
 - Timothy Mounts—remote (00:35:18 in video)
- Public comment closed (00:36:36 in video)
- Comments and discussion by the Council and staff (00:36:41 in video)

Motion to approve items #15 and #16 of the consent agenda (00:39:15 in video)

MOVER: Matthew McGraw

SECONDER: Tripp Hutchinson

ABSTAINED: Spencer Cordovano

AYES: Matthew McGraw, Tripp Hutchinson, Randy Hall

RESULT: Motion Passes

Mayor Pete Prekeges swore in Joshua Stanek as City Attorney (00:40:09 in video)

PUBLIC HEARING:

18. Recommendation to approve an application to add 491 E Sun Valley Road on the City of Ketchum Historic Building/Site List

- Presented by: Allison Kennedy (00:40:46 in video)
- Comments and discussion by the Council and staff (00:50:45 in video)
- Public comment opened (00:52:53 in video)
 - Jacob Galczynski (00:53:17 in video)
 - Susan Desko (00:55:06 in video)
- Public comment closed (01:00:43 in video)
- Comments and discussion by the Council and staff (01:00:48 in video)

Motion to approve application No. P26-022 to add 491 E Sun Valley Rd to the City of Ketchum's Historic Building/Site list, finding that it meets criteria in KMC 16.07.060.F and direct staff to return with Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law (01:02:13 in video)

MOVER: Randy Hall

SECONDER: Tripp Hutchinson

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

RESULT: Motion Passes

19. Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Fees and Charges Public Hearing

- Presented by: Brent Davis (01:03:38 in video)

- Comments and questions by the Council and staff (01:11:47 in video)
- Public Hearing opened (01:31:45 in video)
- Public Hearing closed (01:31:25 in video)

Motion to adopt Resolution 26-016, a revised fee schedule for the City of Ketchum, Idaho, effective October 01, 2026 (01:31:41 in video)

MOVER: Tripp Hutchinson

SECONDER: Matthew McGraw

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

RESULT: Motion Passes

20. Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Public Hearing

- Presented by: Brent Davis (01:32:16 in video)
- Comments and questions by the Council and staff (01:42:17 in video)
- Public Hearing opened (01:43:25 in video)
- Public Hearing closed (01:43:46 in video)

Motion to direct staff to schedule the readings for the fiscal year 2027 budget ordinance 1281 (01:43:54 in video)

MOVER: Spencer Cordovano

SECONDER: Tripp Hutchinson

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

RESULT: Motion Passes

21. Recommendation to conduct first reading by title only of Ordinance 1282, authorizing a special election in November related to the original Local Option Tax

- Presented by: Jade Riley (01:45:21 in video)
- Comments and questions by the Council and staff (01:46:25 in video)
- Public Hearing opened (01:55:18 in video)
 - Annie Corrock (01:55:40 in video)
- Public Hearing closed (02:00:23 in video)

Motion to conduct the first reading by title only of Ordinance 1282, authorizing a special election in November related to original local option tax (02:01:08 in video)

MOVER: Matthew McGraw

SECONDER: Randy Hall

AYES: Matthew McGraw, Randy Hall, Spencer Cordovano

NAYS: Tripp Hutchinson

RESULT: Motion Passes

- Trent Donat read Ordinance 1282 by title only (02:01:46 in video)
- Public comment opened (02:03:04 in video)
 - Gerri Pesch (02:03:12 in video)
- Public comment closed (02:07:59 in video)

NEW BUSINESS:

22. Regional Watershed Planning Project Update

- Presented by: Cece Albertson (02:08:29 in video)

- Comments and questions by the Council and staff (02:31:09 in video)
- Public comment opened (02:39:19 in video)
- Public comment closed (02:39:29 in video)

23. FY2026 Third quarter financial update

- Presented by: Brent Davis (02:39:27 in video)
- Comments and questions by the Council and staff (02:56:36 in video)
- Randy Hall left the meeting (02:59:17 in video)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

24. Idaho Code 74-206(1)(c) – To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency

Motion to move into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(c) to acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency (03:00:13 in video)

MOVER: Tripp Hutchinson

SECONDER: Spencer Cordovano

AYES: Tripp Hutchinson, Spencer Cordovano, Randy Hall

RESULT: Motion Passes

- No formal action taken in Executive Session (03:01:11 in video)

Motion to adjourn. (03:01:16 in video)

MOVER: Matthew McGraw

SECONDER: Tripp Hutchinson

AYES: Matthew McGraw, Tripp Hutchinson, Spencer Cordovano

RESULT: Adjourned

Pete Prekeges, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trent Donat, City Clerk