

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING



Date: February 04, 2026
Time: 6:00 pm
Meeting called to order by: Mayor Anderson at 6:01 pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Council: Mayor Witt Anderson, Noah Estes, Lydia Koerner, Charlie Cannon, Ron Wright, Gary Lindemyer, Brenna Campbell

Staff: City Manager Andrea Rogers, City Recorder Amy Szilagyi, Special Projects Coordinator Colleen Coleman, City Planner Jaime Crawford, Finance Director Monica Morris, City Attorney Lura Westmeyer

AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: None

SUMMARY: Council conducted a public hearing regarding proposed skate park rules and safety policies. Topics included operating hours, prohibited activities, enforcement expectations, possible fencing, restroom placement, surveillance cameras, and establishing a process for reviewing complaints. Council also supported a volunteer project management agreement to assist with project coordination and implementation.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Mosier (Jacob's) Skate Park – Rules, Regulations and Policies: Volunteer Project Manager Lee Campbell presented and reviewed the proposed skate park policies, rules, and additional recommendations for Council consideration, noting that the City's insurance provider, CIS, completed a risk assessment informing the working group's recommendations.

Working Group Member Comments: Jayne Elken expressed support for the proposed rules and noted that broader area safety issues had been discussed with Main Street Mosier, including potential video surveillance and fencing along Mosier Creek. Planner Jaime Crawford reported that a site plan review is underway, that the design includes space for a potential porta potty, and that any fencing within the creek's sensitive area would require land use approval. Mike Sloan, representing Main Street Mosier, stated that the working group found its meetings productive and agreed to continue meeting at least annually, or as needed, to review issues and provide recommendations to the Council, noting that topics such as fencing could be revisited in the future if warranted.

Council Questions to the Committee

Mayor Anderson inquired about enforcement of skate park rules, including prohibitions such as "no glass." Lee Campbell explained that rules would be posted, with no ongoing supervision due to limited local police presence and liability concerns, and that public concerns could be reported to the City. Mike Sloan noted that peer pressure and self-enforcement are typical at skate parks, supplemented by a City contact number.

Jayne Elken emphasized that posted rules and incident documentation create a "paper trail" given limited police presence. Councilor Cannon asked about camera costs and potential cost-sharing with ODOT; Campbell noted cameras are not in the current budget, but archived footage could be useful. City Manager Andrea Rogers described citywide security camera exploration and coordination with ODOT and the Sheriff on traffic issues.

Planner Crawford suggested fire or police review of the rules; Campbell confirmed CIS had provided a risk assessment and rules could be forwarded to fire, with Jayne noting the City would manage agency coordination. City Attorney Westmeyer clarified that the Council's action is policy approval, not a land use decision. Jayne added that simple video surveillance could serve as a deterrent.

Public Comment

Mark Paine inquired about adding a rule addressing graffiti and tagging; Lee Campbell explained that the committee had discussed the distinction between urban art and graffiti, noting safety concerns from paint on the skate surface, but no rule was included and further discussion was welcomed. Matt Haase noted that skaters typically self-police debris and questioned the need for surveillance, to which Jayne Elken responded that limited surveillance was proposed due to minimal local police presence and informed by practices at larger parks. Joey Ciprari summarized emailed comments, recommending pets be leashed, children under 12 be accompanied by an adult, and signage encourage community self-policing, while raising questions regarding traffic, lighting, camera operation, and a committee member's past opposition. Jayne confirmed her support for the facility, and Lee Campbell clarified that the park is planned for dawn-to-dusk use with no additional lighting to address neighborhood concerns and hazards, noting existing ambient streetlight coverage, and that Jayne's role on the rules committee was valuable to policy development.

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Council Deliberation

Mayor Anderson thanked Main Street Mosier, committee members, and facilitator Emily, noting the proposal reflected working group consensus. He supported adding a pets-on-leash rule and inquired about graffiti language. Councilors and committee members discussed requiring children under 12 to be accompanied by an adult, sign design and readability, and signage examples from other skate parks, with graffiti language suggested to focus on safety impacts. Campbell and Sloan noted the rules are a "living document" with future updates possible via decals. The Council approved the rules as amended, adding leashed pets and adult supervision for children under 12, while deferring graffiti language to the working group's first periodic report. City Manager Rogers confirmed that insurer-recommended recreational immunity language would be incorporated consistent with state law and other City parks.

MOTION: Made by Councilor Wright that the Council approve the rules, regulations, and policies for the Skate Park as presented tonight and amended by discussion to include rules in regard to keeping pets on leash, having kids 12 years old and under being accompanied by an adult, and addressing the risk and liability with the input received from CIS and consistent with the City's recreational immunity. Councilor Cannon seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

Ayes: Anderson, Estes, Koerner, Cannon, Wright, Lindemyer, Campbell

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Meeting Adjourned 6:50 pm

ACTION ITEMS:

Main Street Mosier Working Group / Project Managers:

- Develop and provide proposed signage for the skate park, including spacing for future amendments and ideas about addressing graffiti versus art, for Council review.
- Review and potentially make recommendations to City Council regarding additional safety measures (e.g., fencing, signage by green chairs) at future (semi-annual or annual) meetings.
- Address the issue of graffiti/art in the first report and review process (e.g., within 6 months) and bring recommendations back to Council as appropriate.
- Pass the proposed skate park rules to the fire department (and possibly other relevant agencies) for review and comment before final posting.

- Consider and implement the addition of rules regarding pets on leash and minors under 12 accompanied by an adult to the skate park rules/signage.

City Manager Rogers:

- Ensure correct recreational immunity and liability language is included on skate park signage and, if needed, on signage at other city parks.
- Follow up with insurance provider regarding volunteer liability coverage for the skate park project managers and for potential future volunteer work parties.
- Respond to Jane Elkin's email and forward to City Council as indicated.

Witt Anderson

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Witt Anderson, Mayor

Amy Szilagyi

Amy Szilagyi, City Recorder

Approved by City Council on: April 01, 2026






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