

# MINUTES

## PUBLIC HEARING & CITY COUNCIL MEETING



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Date: May 06, 2026  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Meeting called to order by: Mayor Anderson at 6:00 pm

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### 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, Finance Director Monica Morris

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS:** Council discussed adding two items for later in the meeting: an update on the solar pavilion for the school and an update on public comment procedures.

**SUMMARY:** The meeting opened with a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2026-27 consolidated fee schedule. Finance Director Monica Morris reviewed the proposed planning application fee increase from \$350 to \$375 and utility rate adjustments, and the Council later adopted Resolution 2026-03 approving the consolidated fee schedule following a public hearing with no public testimony.

During regular business, Council approved the April 1, 2026, meeting minutes with a correction to the summary referencing green chair fundraising. The Council then received public comments regarding installation of a fire danger sign at the trailhead and heard updates and presentations on the city's financial report, Main Street Mosier's 2025 annual economic impact and funding needs, the skate park project, wildfire preparedness and possible ordinance development, public comment procedures, and upcoming planning and engineering Request for Proposals (RFPs).

### OPEN PUBLIC HEARING 6:01 PM

**Consolidated Fee Schedule FY2026-27:** Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing. No conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness challenges were disclosed. Finance Director Morris presented the proposed schedule, noting a 7% increase in the planning application fee and 12% utility rate adjustments due to outdated long-term projections that no longer reflect current projects, growth, and maintenance needs. Mayor Anderson emphasized that grant-funded capital improvements are expected to improve efficiency and reduce future operating costs. In response to Councilor Lindemyer's inquiry regarding commercial bulk water charges, City Manager Rogers explained that the previously adopted commercial bulk water rate, established in response to demand during the Mosier Valley well crisis, would remain unchanged and that bulk water rates outside city limits are substantially higher than standard residential rates. Mayor Anderson then opened up the hearing for public testimony, and no public comment was received.

**MOTION:** Councilor Wright moved to adopt Resolution 2026-03, adopting a consolidated fee schedule for fiscal year 2026-27 and repealing all previous resolutions adopting fees and charges. Councilor Lindemyer seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

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

**Nays:** None | **Abstentions:** None

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING 6:15 PM**

### OPEN MEETING

**APPROVAL OF 04.01.2026 MINUTES:** City Manager Rogers noted a correction to the summary in the April 1, 2026 minutes, clarifying that the reference should be to green chair fundraising. No other corrections were noted.

**MOTION:** Councilor Estes moved to approve minutes as corrected. Councilor Wright seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

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

**Nays:** None | **Abstentions:** None

#### **Public Comment**

- Jayne Elken: Requested the City install, or allow her to install, a fire danger sign at the trailhead, offering to cover associated costs and remove or conceal the sign during lower-risk periods if necessary.
    - City Manager Rogers: Noted that a similar sign had previously been located at the entrance to town and supported coordination with local fire officials to determine appropriate placement and available resources.
    - Mayor Anderson: Echoed Rogers' recommendation on coordination with local fire officials.
1. **City Financial Report:** Finance Director Morris presented the financial report through April, noting that with 10 months completed in the fiscal year, the City remained on stable financial footing. Property tax revenue was approximately 99% received and above budget, transient lodging tax revenue was projected to finish slightly below budget but above the previous year, franchise fees were performing well, and Rock Creek parking revenue was not expected to increase further this year due to gate changes. Morris also reported strong cost recovery planning revenue driven by active permits, General Fund revenue exceeding budget primarily due to railroad staging rent, and expenditure tracking as expected. Utility revenues were generally meeting projections, project reimbursements were being received on schedule, sewer contract costs may slightly exceed budget, and total cash on hand for April 2026 was approximately \$1.286 million, reflecting a year-over-year decrease largely attributable to project timing and reimbursement cycles.
  2. **Main Street Mosier (MSM) Annual Economic Impact Report:** Bob Cushman, Andrea Weinman, Greg Dearholt, and Carrie Davis presented, describing the nonprofit as a volunteer-driven organization with an eight-member board, part-time executive director, and active membership supporting economic vitality, promotion, design, and outreach initiatives. Presenters highlighted community festivals, business support programs, public space projects, educational events, and fundraising efforts, reporting approximately 2,263 volunteer hours in 2025, significant public and private grant funding, support for 76 businesses, artists, and vendors, and an annual budget of approximately \$44,900. Weinman noted that Main Street Mosier relies heavily on grants and event revenue compared to peer organizations, many of which receive modest city funding, and requested Council to consider a small, consistent annual municipal investment. In response to Councilor Estes' inquiry regarding transient lodging tax revenue as a potential funding source, Finance Director Morris and City Manager Rogers stated that such consideration would need to occur through the formal budget process alongside other funding priorities.
  3. **Skate Park Project Update:** Project Manager Lee Campbell provided an update on construction, reporting that the project was progressing well and ahead of schedule despite a large oak tree falling during construction, with no injuries reported. She stated that Dreamland's insurance carrier covers incidents within the construction fence and that there would be no financial impact on the City. Campbell further reported that concrete pours were nearing completion and that the project is expected to be finished ahead of the July 27 contract deadline. She also described design features including a donated railroad rail section and reviewed updated signage addressing age and use restrictions, potential video surveillance, and expectations regarding pets and waste management, and noted approximately \$50,000 in in-kind design and construction support provided by Dreamland.

4. **Introduction of Draft Defensible Space Ordinance:** Councilor Estes presented a proposal related to wildfire preparedness and defensible space, citing wildfire risk, insurance considerations, and potential opportunities for mitigation funding and grants through a structured framework. Council, staff, Mosier Fire District representatives, and members of the public discussed implementation considerations, including cost impacts to homeowners, ordinance clarity, enforcement feasibility, aesthetics, and alignment with existing City code. Chief Tom Oswald and Captain Connor McKibben of the Mosier Fire District indicated the District could support defensible space education and property assessments and emphasized the importance of public education should an ordinance be pursued. Public comment reflected both support for continued exploration and concerns regarding cost, practicality, and phased or model-based implementation approaches, with several individuals expressing interest in committee participation. Mayor Anderson noted the need to further align the proposal with existing fire code requirements and to develop a strong education component, and Councilor Estes agreed to assist in advancing the effort, with general support expressed for forming a committee to continue development of the concept.
5. **Public Comment Procedures:** Council discussed the handling of written public comment directed to Council. City Manager Rogers explained that public comment for council meetings is tracked and presented to Council, and that comments may either be compiled with the meeting packet or distributed when received. She stated that comments specifically directed to Council should be sent to the City Recorder for inclusion in the next meeting packet. Mayor Anderson indicated support for keeping the process manageable for staff.
6. **City Activities Updates/Reports:**
- City Manager Rogers: Reported that the planning services RFP had been advertised and that the engineering RFP would be publicized soon. She stated that Council would need to hold a meeting to award those contracts, possibly in mid-June, in connection with the June 15 budget meeting. Rogers also reported that the stormwater mitigation or management best practices plan was nearing completion and would require a future Council vote.

**MEETING AJOURNED 8:06 pm**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**City Manager Rogers:**

- Coordinate with interested parties regarding a possible fire danger sign at the trailhead.
- Continue budget and policy discussions regarding possible support for MSM and possible use of transient lodging tax funds.
- Proceed with planning and engineering RFP processes and bring contract award recommendations to Council.
- Bring the stormwater mitigation or management best practices plan forward for Council action.

**Councilor Estes:**

- Spearhead additional work on the wildfire preparedness / defensible space concept, including review of existing city code and coordination on possible committee development.

**Mayor & Council:**

- Consider future budget discussion regarding a possible consistent annual contribution to MSM.
- Consider formation of a committee to continue development of wildfire preparedness and defensible space concepts.

**City Recorder Szilagyi:**

- Continue receiving and including public comments directed to Council in meeting materials.

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Amy Szilagyi, City Recorder

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# 05.06.26 Public Hearing & Meeting Minutes

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