

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING & CITY COUNCIL MEETING



Date: June 03, 2026
Time: 6:00 pm
Meeting called to order by: Mayor Anderson at 6:00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Council: Mayor Witt Anderson, Lydia Koerne, Ron Wright, Gary Lindemyer, Brenna Campbell, Noah Estes (arrived after roll call)

Excused: Charlie Cannon

Staff: City Manager Andrea Rogers, City Recorder Amy Szilagyi, Special Projects Coordinator Colleen Coleman, Finance Director Monica Morris

AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: City Manager Rogers requested that City Recorder Szilagyi's presentation regarding the updated City of Mosier logo be moved to the end of the meeting so that she could focus on minutes until her presentation.

SUMMARY: The meeting opened with a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2026–27 budget. Finance Director Monica Morris presented the proposed budget, including key revenue sources, spending priorities, and debt service, and outlined several changes from the Budget Committee-approved version. These included the addition of a \$44,000 Community Development Code Amendment Grant, a reduction in projected Rock Creek parking gate revenue from \$14,000 to \$10,000, and an increase in park chemical toilet expenditures related to the skate park project. With no public testimony offered, Council adopted Resolution 2026-04 adopting and appropriating the fiscal year 2026–27 budget and imposing the tax rate, and Resolution 2026-05 electing to receive state shared revenue.

During regular business, Council approved the May 6, 2026, meeting minutes as presented and received no public comment. Council then adopted a fiscal year 2025–26 budget adjustment resolution addressing changes related to the EV charging station and skate park funds. The Council received informational updates on several ongoing projects, including skate park cost overruns and fundraising, the joint use facility and related grant and funding issues, the Washington Street sidewalk project, well completion, wastewater treatment plant construction, the stormwater plan and ordinance, the EV charging station, the parking study, cemetery plot sales, a project coordinator consultant contract, election materials, the City logo and branding system, the solar pavilion, and other City updates.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING 6:01 PM

FY2026-27 Budget: Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing on the fiscal year 2026–27 budget as approved by the Mosier City Budget Committee. Finance Director Morris presented a balanced budget of just under \$5.2 million, noting it maintains core services across all funds and reflects tighter revenue assumptions based on actuals. She identified primary revenue sources as property taxes and transient lodging taxes in the General Fund and utility service charges in the water and sewer funds, and reviewed approximately \$285,000 in debt service, including obligations tied in part to USDA water project revenue bonds. She also outlined changes from the Budget Committee version, including the addition of a \$44,000 Community Development Code Amendment Grant, a reduction in projected Rock Creek parking gate revenue from \$14,000 to \$10,000, a \$5,000 increase in park chemical toilet expenditures, and adjustments in Parks SDC timing related to the skate park schedule. Council discussed Rock Creek Park gate operations, potential system upgrades, anticipated summer demand, access constraints related to the wastewater treatment plant and Union Pacific, and the need for further financial analysis before considering upgrades or revised fee structures. Finance Director Morris

noted that no funds are currently available for gate upgrades, and that additional analysis would be required regarding installation, operations, and cost recovery. The hearing was open for public testimony, with two members of the public present; no testimony was received.

MOTION: Councilor Campbell moved to adopt Resolution 2026-04, adopting the FY 2026-27 Budget. Councilor Estes seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

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

Nayes: None | Abstentions: None

MOTION: Councilor Estes moved to adopt Resolution 2026-05, Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues. Councilor Lindemyer seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

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

Nayes: None | Abstentions: None

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING 6:13 PM

OPEN REGULAR MEETING 6:17 PM

APPROVAL OF 06.06.2026 MINUTES: No corrections

MOTION: Councilor Lindemyer moved to approve minutes as written. Councilor Koerner seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

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

Nayes: None | Abstentions: None

Public Comment - None

1. **Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Adjustment:** Finance Director Morris presented a proposed fiscal year 2025-26 budget adjustment affecting the Street Fund and the Parks SDC/skate park fund. She explained that the EV charging station project extended into July 2025, requiring a \$160,000 increase in Street Fund capital outlay offset by grant revenue, and that the skate park budget needed to increase from \$500,000 to \$560,000 to reflect work expected to be completed in the current fiscal year, offset by actual Parks SDC revenue of \$8,841 and recognition of the full \$552,000 grant.

MOTION: Councilor Wright moved to approve Resolution 2026-05 authorizing the FY 2026-27 Budget Adjustment. Councilor Campbell seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

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

Nayes: None | Abstentions: None

Following the vote, Council discussed skate park costs and fundraising efforts. City Manager Rogers reported that Main Street Mosier had approximately \$6,800 budgeted toward the project, with additional fundraising ongoing through sponsorships, including approximately \$2,000 raised through the Green Chair Project and about \$1,000 through a raffle. Finance Director Morris stated that the skate park grant totaled \$552,000, with Dreamland contributing approximately \$30,000 in in-kind support, and that the City was currently about \$40,000 over the grant amount, largely due to non-reimbursable costs including approximately \$15,000 in LUBA appeal-related legal expenses and planning costs from Bell Design. In response to Council questions, City Manager Rogers confirmed that Dreamland was responsible for removal of the fallen oak tree and noted that four planned mitigation oak trees were exchanged via change order for a \$3,500 retaining wall improvement, with a separate \$27,000 grant anticipated to support future tree planting and related green space improvements.

2. **City Projects Update:** Special Projects Coordinator Colleen Coleman provided updates on multiple City projects. For the joint use facility, she reported a preliminary June 2024 bid of approximately \$8 million and noted that the City had requested \$4.5 million from the Legislature earlier in 2026 after several grants had expired. She stated that current available funding totals approximately \$4.033 million, including about \$1.625 million in reimbursable grants, and that approximately \$1.5 million has been spent on soft costs. She further noted that roughly \$1.75 million in grant funding has sunsetted and identified a potential \$2 million BRIC grant with a July 1 deadline. Mayor Anderson reported that the Fire District is exploring a separate fire station project at the county gravel pit/Station 12 area and would coordinate with staff on funding implications if pursued independently. Council discussed Fire District contributions, City settlement funds from Union Pacific, donor funds held by Main Street Mosier, purchasing power concerns, and potential impacts of Fire District separation on grant eligibility. Coleman added that the Fire District has approximately \$1.01 million in cash, the City has approximately \$1.2 million in its JUF fund, and about \$170,000 in private donations is being held by Main Street Mosier pending direction.

Coleman also provided updates on other projects, noting that Washington Street sidewalk design is complete, permitting is nearing completion, and one temporary construction easement has been finalized, with the project expected to go out to bid and phase two ADA ramps to follow under a separate funding approach. She reported the new well is approximately 90% complete and awaiting Oregon Health Authority approval, with additional testing planned to follow a coliform hit in a downstream sample. She stated that wastewater treatment plant design and construction are underway, equipment has been received, and approximately \$1.2 million has been spent to date. She also noted that the final stormwater plan will return to Council with an ordinance package, that the plan primarily addresses commercial and industrial areas, and that the bike hub project is complete. City Manager Rogers added that the parking study is progressing but behind schedule, with stakeholder interviews currently being scheduled.

3. **Discontinuation of New Cemetery Plot Sales:** City Manager Rogers presented a proposal regarding the City's operation of the State Road and Pioneer Cemeteries and the need to pause sales of new cemetery plots while the City completes mapping, research, and procedures for plot sales and interments. She stated that the City needed time to confirm available space, avoid overselling or selling plots that may already contain interments, and better understand rules and historic records for both cemeteries. Council discussed the limited remaining capacity at State Road Cemetery, possible future research into expansion or other options, conditions at Pioneer Cemetery, and whether the pause should be explicitly temporary. Council agreed that the action should be described as a temporary pause and that the minutes should reflect an intent to receive a report back on progress by January rather than setting a specific deadline in the resolution.

MOTION: Councilor Estes moved to adopt Resolution 2026-07, temporarily pausing the sale of new cemetery plots at the State Road and Pioneer Cemeteries, directing administrative implementation consistent with ORS 226.410, ORS 226.440, ORS 226.450, and ORS Chapter 97, and affirming that the action would not affect previously sold plots, deeded burial rights, or the City's ongoing cemetery maintenance and operations. Councilor Campbell seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

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

Nays: None | Abstentions: None

4. **Project Coordinator Consultant Contract Approval:** City Manager Rogers asked Council to authorize her to enter into a contract for consultant/project coordination services with Colleen Coleman as the compensation structure moved from hourly billing to a fixed rate schedule. Finance Director Morris stated that the contract qualified as professional services and was below the threshold requiring bids or quotes.

MOTION: Councilor Campbell moved to allow Andrea Rogers, City Manager, to enter into a contract for contracted services with Colleen Coleman. Councilor Estes seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

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

Nays: None | Abstentions: None

5. **Election Manual and Calendar:** City Recorder Szilagyi presented an elections information packet and application materials for the upcoming general election, explaining that the City had not previously maintained a formal election packet and that the material provided a quick overview of the process and relevant deadlines.

6. **City Logo / Branding System:** City Recorder Szilagyi presented the updated City of Mosier logo and branding materials. Council discussed legibility, the treatment of the phrase “small enough to make a difference,” and ways the tagline might continue to be used on letterhead or elsewhere even if it was not part of the simplified logo.

MOTION: Councilor Estes moved to approve Resolution 2026-08, adopting a unified municipal logo and branding system. Councilor Wright seconded. The motion carried with the following votes.

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

Nays: None | Abstentions: None

7. **City Activities Updates/Reports:**

- City Manager Rogers: Stated that a June 15 meeting was no longer needed. Staff and Council discussed forthcoming ordinance work related to the stormwater project, a possible waterways/water update for a future meeting, and the solar pavilion, with City Manager Rogers reporting that the needed school information had been received, the findings report had been completed, and the project was on track to begin by the required deadline.
- City Recorder Szilagyi: Provided an update on the cluster mailbox issue, stating that with assistance from Senator Merkley’s office the City had received notice from the USPS congressional liaison that a cluster box unit would not be placed at the requested location because USPS considered its universal delivery obligation met through existing group E boxes in Mosier. Council discussed notifying affected residents and continuing follow-up.
- Mayor Anderson: Notified the Council and staff that he will not seek re-election in the upcoming municipal election. He will continue to serve as Mayor through the end of his current term and will support an orderly transition and the continuation of ongoing City projects.

Meeting Adjourned 7:53 pm

ACTION ITEMS:

City Manager Rogers:

- Contact owners of Zodiac at Rock Creek Park to address temporary boat parking and clarify city policy on boat parking at the beach/launch.

- Schedule & provide a report in January regarding progress toward mapping and procedures for cemetery plot sales.
- Bring stormwater ordinance to Council for approval in July/August - depending on City Planner availability.
- Schedule water/wastewater update from Chris at TEC for the July council meeting.
- Continue fundraising and sponsorships for skate park overages; provide updates as needed.
- Ensure Conditional Use Permits and Findings report for the solar pavilion project is completed.
- Oversee engineering and planning RFP process and update Council at the July Meeting.
- Research/obtain cost estimates for LIDAR or other cemetery plot mapping/surveying options.
- Contact bordering property owners of the State Rd Cemetery regarding potential expansion/donation of land for cemetery use.
- Schedule regular updates to Council on cemetery procedures and mapping progress, with first updates in January.

Special Projects Coordinator Coleman:

- Continue project work on the joint use facility/BRIC grant, Washington Street sidewalk phases, well completion, wastewater treatment plant, and related project implementation.
- Meet with Fire District and Andrea to discuss funding allocation and project options for the Joint Use Facility.

City Recorder Szilagyi:

- Send out updated city logo/branding materials
- Send official notification to the Senior Center and Postmaster Joe Atwood regarding USPS cluster mailbox decision and ongoing package delivery issues.
- Continue to pursue resolution for package delivery issues with Postmaster Atwood and Senator Merkley's Office
- Prepare draft AI Policy/Ordinance for Council review at the July meeting.
- Publicize the candidate election packet and election calendar.
- Prepare a city announcement to encourage candidates for open Council and Mayor positions
- Update cemetery resolution, adding "temporarily pause" language prior to signature.

Finance Director Morris:

- Collaborate with Andrea to prepare financial analysis for potential Rock Creek Gate system upgrades, including cost estimates and revenue projections, for consideration at the July council meeting.

Witt Anderson

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Witt Anderson, Mayor

Amy Szilagyi

Amy Szilagyi, City Recorder

July 01, 2026

Approved by City Council on _____

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