

**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 17, 2026  
REGULAR MEETING/ELECTRONIC MEETING – 6:00 P.M.  
ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 65 NORTH CENTER STREET**

Mayor Pro Tempore Chad Lyman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Escalante City Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting were Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman, Council members Sally Orme, Lenza Wilson, Ryan Cottam, City Attorney Barry Huntington and City Recorder Stephanie Steed. Mayor Melani Torgersen and Council member Marlene Stowe were excused.

Also present were Bill Weppner, Margie Weppner, Julie Brugger and Jenny Evans.

Bob Grosse and Michael joined electronically.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Council member Orme moved to adopt the agenda as written. Council member Cottam seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Orme and Cottam voting aye.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2026 MEETING**

**Council member Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 meeting as written. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Orme and Cottam voting aye.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS**

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There were no Planning and Zoning updates at this time.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**BEN WELCH - CANYONS OF ESCALANTE RV PARK BUSINESS LICENSE LATE FEE WAIVER**

Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman said Mr. and Mrs. Welch, owners of Canyon's RV Park, are requesting a one-time waiver of the business license enforcement fee for their 2026 renewal. City Recorder Steed clarified that while the \$45.00 renewal fee was paid in March, the \$100.00 late fee remains outstanding. City Attorney Huntington expressed doubt that the Council has the authority to waive the fee under the current ordinance. Council member Cottam inquired about the consequences should the Canyons of Escalante RV Park fail to pay the required fee. City Recorder Steed clarified that if the Council denied the request, the business license could be revoked if the fee remained unpaid. **Council member Wilson moved to deny the request from**

**Mr. and Mrs. Welch to waive the \$100 late fee on their 2026 business license. Council member Cottam seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Cottam, Orme and Wilson voting aye.**

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

City Recorder Steed said she is working on the 2026-2027 budget and proposed scheduling a work meeting on April 21, 2026 to review it.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

The Public Works Department was not present at said meeting.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Fire Department had nothing to report at this time.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN**

Mayor Torgersen was not present at said meeting.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LYMAN**

Council member Lyman said the Micro Meter Company will be here this week or in the next few weeks to install the water meters at the water tanks.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER LENZA WILSON**

Council member Wilson explained Sphere One has been unable to find parts for the fuel dispenser system due to its obsolescence. Council member Wilson said the estimated cost of a new system would be around \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Council member Wilson said there was an incident where he had to provide emergency fuel to a plane that landed without sufficient fuel.

Council member Wilson said people have inquired about setting up a reservation system for the campsite and car rental at the Airport.

Council member Wilson mentioned the closure of Turnabout, which affected local jobs.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER RYAN COTTAM**

Council member Cottam had nothing to report at this time.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE**

Council member Stowe was not present at said meeting

### **COUNCIL MEMBER SALLY ORME**

Council member Orme had nothing to report at this time.

## **UNPAID BILLS**

**Council member Orme moved to pay the unpaid bills. Council member Cottam seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Wilson and Cottam voting aye.**

**Mayor Pro Tempore Lyman adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.**

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Stephanie Steed, MMC, UCC  
City Recorder

Date minutes approved: 04/07/2026