

NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2024

The North Ogden City Council convened on February 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Ogden City Office at 505 East 2600 North.

Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on February 8, 2024.

Notice of the annual meeting schedule was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on December 13, 2023.

Note: The time stamps indicated in blue correspond with the recording of this meeting, which can be located on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCriqbePBxTucXEzRr6fclhQ/videos> or by requesting a copy of the audio file from the North Ogden City Recorder.

PRESENT:

S. Neal Berube	Mayor
Ryan Barker	Council Member
Blake Cevering	Council Member
Jay D Dalpiaz	Council Member
Chris Pulver	Council Member
Christina Watson	Council Member (excused)

STAFF PRESENT:

Jon Call	City Manager/Attorney
Rian Santoro	City Recorder
Jami Jones	Finance Director
Scott Hess	Community and Economic Development Director
Eric Casperson	City Engineer
Dave Espinoza	Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager
Crystal Polson	Public Works Inspector
Dirk Quinney	Chief of Police (Zoom)
Trent Wilkins	Sanitary Sewer Superintendent
Ryan Nunn	Planner
Justin Rasmussen	Leisure Services Manager
Bryce Nelson	Administrative Services Manager/Treasurer (Zoom)

VISITORS:

Phillip Swanson	
Kevin Burns	Kerry Wangsguard
Sandy Cochran	Susan Kilborn (Zoom)
Stefanie Casey	Cecil Satterthwaite
Reed Miller	Chris McIntyre

Mayor Berube called the meeting to order. Council Member Cevering invited Stake President Bryce K. Dalton to offer the invocation and lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **CALL FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

0:02:37 No conflict of interest was disclosed.

2. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:**

- January 9, 2024
- January 16, 2024
- January 23, 2024

0:02:39 Council Member Dalpiaz motioned to approve the listed City Council Minutes. Council Member Pulver seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Dalpiaz	aye
Council Member Pulver	aye
Council Member Watson	excused

The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO RELEASE COUNCIL MEMBER CHRISTINA WATSON FROM THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE PER CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES XIV4:**

0:03:46 Council Member Cevering motioned to release Council Member Christina Watson from the General Plan Advisory Committee per City Council Rules and Procedures XIV4. Council Member Dalpias seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Dalpias	aye
Council Member Pulver	aye
Council Member Watson	excused

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTIVE AGENDA

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

0:05:53 Sandy Cochran, a North Ogden resident expressed her support for the City's participation in the military banner project as a mother and former wife of someone who served and suggested City involvement in funding that project.

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 02-2024 TO AMEND THE CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE

0:07:39 Jamie Jones, Finance Director, presented amendments to the Consolidated Fee Schedule. The first change was regarding the City's annexation fee, aimed at avoiding double charges for applicants during the annexation process. The fee was increased to cover both administration and planning review costs. The second change focused on the North Shore Aquatic Center, where the entrance fee was increased to cover rising operational costs, and discounts for North Ogden City residents were removed. Various adjustments were made to reservation times and swim lesson fees to comply with labor laws and cover employee costs.

The discussion also touched on the impact of credit card fees and the need to cover expenses without relying heavily on external funds. Council members discussed options to increase revenue without discouraging attendance at the Aquatic Center.

Council Member Barker motioned to approve Resolution 02-2024 to amend the Consolidated Fee Schedule. Council Member Pulver seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Dalpiaz	aye
Council Member Pulver	aye
Council Member Watson	excused

The motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PLANNING PROGRAM

0:24:50 Trent Wilkins, Sanitary Sewer Superintendent, discussed the approval of the 2024 Municipal Wastewater Planning Program. It was explained that the program is required annually by the State to ensure compliance with regulations and funding for repairs. Trent provided a brief overview of the report's contents, noting its significance in maintaining the City's sewer system.

Council Member Cevering motioned to approve the 2024 Municipal Wastewater Planning Program. Council Member Dalpiaz seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Dalpias	aye
Council Member Pulver	aye
Council Member Watson	excused

The motion passed unanimously.

7. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2024-04, CORRECTING INCONSISTENCIES, AND ALIGNING TITLE 11 LAND USE CODE AND NORTH OGDEN PUBLIC WORKS STANDARD REGARDING THE SITE TRIANGLE CLEARANCE AREA**

0:29:26 Planner Ryan Nunn presented Ordinance 2024 -04, aligning inconsistencies between the Land Use Code and Public Works Standards regarding site triangles. Ryan explained that the amendment would make enforcement easier and less restrictive for property owners. Council Member Pulver inquired about accessibility to the public works document for homeowners, to which Ryan clarified that an updated diagram would be included in the Land Use Code for reference.

Council Member Pulver motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-04, correcting inconsistencies, and aligning Title 11 Land Use Code and North Ogden Public Works Standards regarding the Site Triangle Clearance Area. Council Member Barker seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Dalpias	aye
Council Member Pulver	aye
Council Member Watson	excused

The motion passed unanimously.

8. **MAJOR PROJECT 2550 RELOCATION – DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH NRCS FOR THE FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM**

0:34:49 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call presented information on the 2550 Pond Relocation Project, also known as the Park at Patriot Point. Jon outlined the project's progress, emphasizing its environmental analysis nearing completion and the impending design phase. He detailed the cost-sharing arrangement with the NRCS (National Resources Conservation Service) for the stormwater, Pineview, and recreation components, highlighting the significant federal funding covering environmental analysis and design. Jon clarified that the City's responsibility primarily involves construction costs, which have escalated due to various factors.

Mayor Berube underscored the project's significance as the land will serve as a commercial hub, which will aid in diversifying revenue streams and relieving tax burdens on citizens. The Mayor facilitated discussion addressing project timelines, potential cost escalations, and agreement numbering.

Council Member Dalpias motioned to approve Agreement 2024-01 with NRCS for the Federal Grant Funding Program Council Member Pulver seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Dalpias	aye
Council Member Pulver	aye
Council Member Watson	excused

The motion passed unanimously.

9. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE GRADING PERMIT
EXPANSION AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE ROCK-CRUSHING WITHIN THE
NORTHVIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION – PHASE 9**

0:48:17 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call reviewed the agreement concerning on-site rock screening processing. Cecil Satterthwaite, representing the company interested in the agreement, discussed some revisions needed. The agreement aims to explore options for working with landowners for on-site processing to reduce dump truck traffic on City roads. Not every site will be suitable, but Northview Phase 9 has appropriate materials for the road base and other products. Revisions included the need for landowners to apply for a permit, a minimum property size requirement, and restrictions on the assignment of the agreement. The scope of work mainly places obligations on the company, with mentions of safety standards and limiting operating hours. There was discussion about extending the agreement to future phases, with concerns about compliance and noise as well as insurance coverage. The Council agreed to incorporate the suggested revisions into the agreement, noting that the final draft would be reviewed for grammatical errors and formatting. It was also agreed to potentially revisit the agreement in three months.

Council Member Cevering motioned to approve the Grading Permit Expansion Agreement to include rock-crushing within the Northview Estates Subdivision - Phase 9. Council Member Pulver seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Dalpiaz	aye
Council Member Pulver	aye
Council Member Watson	excused

The motion passed unanimously.

10. **DISCUSSION ON THE NORTH OGDEN CITY MILITARY BANNERS**

1:25:13 North Ogden resident, Phillip Swanson began by discussing the current state of military banners in need of replacement, indicating that a majority are worn out. He outlined the number of banners needing replacement and those in good condition. The design and organization of the banners were described, along with the costs and fundraising efforts. Mr. Swanson requested a donation from the City Council to kickstart the project and discussed possible funding sources and the handling of donations. The Mayor facilitated a high-level discussion amongst the Council with some members expressing support and others raising questions about the City's responsibility and funding sources. The Mayor clarified that the event in question was a City-sponsored initiative rather than an external organization seeking donations. The City had initiated the program, with individuals initially funding it. Council members debated the necessity of budget adjustments, with the Mayor suggesting that finding additional funds within the Public Works budget could suffice. The Mayor emphasized the significance of the event and expressed willingness to allocate funds for it, likening it to other City-supported causes. It was agreed that the City should handle all funds related to the event, with commitments made to raise further money if needed. The logistics of donation handling and receipt issuance were discussed, with assurances that the City would oversee the process. Additionally, further support from the Mayor and a few Council members was offered if fundraising efforts fell short.

(See Attachment A – Military Banners)

Council Member Dalpias motioned to approve the \$2,440 contribution. Council Member Barker seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	nay
Council Member Dalpias	aye
Council Member Pulver	nay
Council Member Watson	excused
Mayor Berube to break the tie	aye

The motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

11. **COUNCIL DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

a. Council Member Dalpiaz – Police Department

1:52:58 Council Member Dalpiaz announced that the Public Safety Building is nearing completion, and an open house will be planned for February 29, 2024, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. The open house will be held prior to the building becoming fully operational to mitigate security concerns.

During the interim period, when moving between buildings and demolishing the old one, accessing the Police Department for business may be more difficult. However, contact can still be made via phone, and officers are available 24/7 through Dispatch.

The Chief asked that Council Member Dalpiaz extend a warning about an increase in scams, advising against giving personal information or making payments to unknown contacts. The Police Department can be contacted to verify suspicious claims.

A session organized by Terri McCulloch, involving the League of Women Voters, NAACP, and Police Chiefs from Weber County, is rescheduled for February 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Library to discuss gun violence and crime rates.

Mayor Berube announced the selection of two new Lieutenants and three new Sergeants due to impending retirements. Officer Boyette and Officer Childs were promoted to Lieutenant. Officer Mueller, Officer Holmes, and Officer West have been promoted to Sergeant.

b. Council Member Cevering – Building & Planning and Legislative Updates

1:57:42 Council Member Cevering reported the completion of the South Town Study, with the final document to be taken to the Planning Commission and City Council for adoption into the General Plan.

Building Permits and Licenses are all up to date. The new planner, Ryan Nunn, was commended for doing an excellent job.

The latest developments from the State Legislature were discussed; Senate Bill 172 on gravel pits was noted and HB 306, concerning property tax approval, is still pending in the House.

Discussion ensued regarding a bill involving the use of third-party inspectors, with uncertainty about its implications for City inspections.

Mayor Berube stated that he and CED Director, Scott Hess collaborated with developers on Providence Point, ensuring compliance with the Development Agreement for the upcoming townhouse construction.

c. Council Member Barker – Parks Department

2:01:18 Council Member Barker announced that construction has commenced at Lomond View Park on the pickleball courts, following discussions with residents. The playground design for the park has been completed and parts will be ordered within the next few weeks.

Maintenance work on all equipment is nearing completion, and the Parks Department has obtained full licenses for pesticide spraying and is pursuing additional certifications.

Efforts are underway to enhance safety on sports fields for children, including collaboration with an arborist and irrigation technicians.

Discussions with SWAT have been held regarding soccer dates, and preparations for baseball field maintenance are nearly complete.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were provided by the public.

13. MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

2:03:19 Mayor Berube commented on Council Member Dalpiaz' work order with Public Works to address potholes, noting those were promptly filled within several days, indicating an effective process. He encouraged others to report potholes for swift resolution.

2:04:14 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call provided updates on upcoming Council meetings, including the possibility of holding them in the new Public Safety Building. He also commented on the discussions with Weber County regarding Senior Services, noting the rescinding of a previous letter regarding its funding and operations and ongoing engagement to find solutions. Mayor Berube expressed concerns about funding disparities among senior centers and advocated for regional centers to ensure comprehensive programming.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

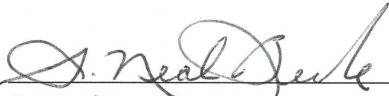
Council Member Dalpiaz motioned to adjourn the meeting.

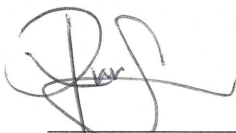
The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

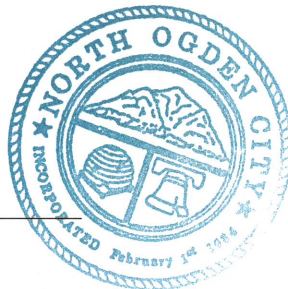
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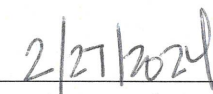
All Publicly distributed materials associated with this meeting are noted as the following attachments:

A. Military Banners


S. Neal Berube, Mayor


Rian Santoro
City Recorder




Date Approved

Military Banners

Current:

- 17 in good condition to be rehung
- 26 needing to be replaced with reply from sponsors
- 24 current needing to be replaced & with no reply from sponsors

Design & Organization:

- Branch of Service at the top
- Gold Star, Active, or Veteran indicator below branch designation
- Image of Service Member
- Name at the bottom
- Gold Star Service Members
- Active duty
- Veterans

Cost:

- Using Jones Shirts & Signs
- \$183/banner
- \$7,320 total
- Need today \$4,758 (26 x \$183)
- We already have \$2,440 from MBTF.
- Could increase depending on response to call for applications

Revenue:

- Community/City partnership
- \$4,880 from the MBTF
- \$2,440 from community members
- \$2,440 from North Ogden City
- \$2440 requested from RAMP through Major Brent Taylor Foundation (to augment, not replace, MBTF donation)

Fundraising Campaign:

- Lead by Phillip Swanson, Jennie Taylor, and other family members of veterans and current service members

Ask:

- \$2,440 from City Council