

NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2024

The North Ogden City Council convened on September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Ogden City Public Safety Building at 515 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 August 29, 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/UCriqbePBxTucXEzRr6fc1hQ/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 Dalpias	Council Member
Chris Pulver	Council Member
Christina Watson	Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Jon Call	City Manager/Attorney
Rian Santoro	City Recorder
Brian Eynon	Police Chief
Scott Hess	Community and Economic Development Director
Jami Jones	Finance Director
Dave Espinoza	Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager
Ryan Nunn	Planner
Dylan Hill	Public Works Inspector
Bryce Nelson	Administrative Services Manager
Katie Gerard	Human Resources Director

VISITORS:

Sandy Cochran	Brett Hadley
Kevin Burns	Stefanie Casey
Phillip Swanson (Zoom)	Megan Worthen Nelson

0:0:02 Mayor Berube called the meeting to order and Council Member Pulver offered the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. CALL FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

0:01:38 No conflict of interest was disclosed.

2. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE FOR QUAIL PONDS SUBDIVISION PHASE 5

0:01:52 Public Works Inspector Dylan Hill discussed the Quail Ponds Subdivision Phase 5, which involves a small subdivision with six lots from 2021. As of November 2021, the project had conditional status, requiring certain improvements, including paid access and trench finalizations, these requirements were completed a few weeks ago. Although there were no ADA ramps in the development, the City Engineer, Eric Casperson, has confirmed that all improvements meet City Code Standards.

Council Member Cevering motioned to approve the final acceptance for Quail Ponds Subdivision Phase 5. 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	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

3. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE FOR NORTH OAKS COVE SUBDIVISION PHASE 15

0:03:49 Public Works Inspector Dylan Hill explained that North Oaks Cove Subdivision Phase 15 includes 13 lots.

The subdivision was recorded in February 2022, with conditional approval for improvements granted in April 2022. The improvements encompass water, storm drains, sidewalks, and four ADA ramps. The sewer infrastructure was completed in previous phases, requiring only the installation of laterals. All improvements meet City Code Standards, and the City Engineer recommends granting final approval.

Mayor Berube added that there was an issue with the curb and gutter in one section of the subdivision, which was damaged by equipment. The Developer has agreed to address this issue.

Council Member Dalpias motioned to approve the final acceptance for North Oaks Cove Subdivision Phase 15. 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	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE FOR NORTH OAKS COVE SUBDIVISION PHASE 17

0:06:57 Public Works Inspector Dylan Hill discussed the North Oaks Cove Subdivision Phase 17, a five-block area recorded last year with conditional acceptance for improvements granted in June 2023. The subdivision map shows improvements, including work on a 30 by 50 area. There are two separate escrow accounts: one for the cul-de-sac and one for the roadway on 3550 North. The funds for the roadway will not be released until that portion is completed. Tonight, only the improvements on the cul-de-sac are up for acceptance and approval. These improvements meet City Code Standards, and the City Engineer recommends granting final approval for this portion of the subdivision.

Council Member Watson motioned to approve the final acceptance for North Oaks Cove Subdivision Phase 17. Council Member Cevering 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	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE FOR FERNWOOD ESTATES PHASE 6

0:08:37 Public Works Inspector Dylan Hill discussed Fernwood Estates Phase 6, a four-lot subdivision located on 2100 North, and received conditional status in November 2021. The delay in completing the subdivision was due to issues with road patching, which required significant repairs. These repairs were completed a couple of weeks ago. All improvements are now up to City Code Standards, and the City Engineer, Eric Casperson, has confirmed that all improvements meet City Code Standards.

Council Member Dalpias noted concerns from the residents who are impacted by the problematic intersection at Fruitland Drive. These residents currently have sandbags along 2100 North to manage the issue. Council Member Dalpias mentioned that there are plans to address the intersection in the future, potentially involving a roundabout or other solutions, but highlighted that property acquisition and funding issues make it a complex and costly project.

Mayor Berube confirmed that property acquisition for the intersection improvement has been challenging, as some property owners are not willing to sell. The project is also expensive, making it a difficult issue to resolve in the short term.

Council Member Pulver motioned to approve the final acceptance for Fernwood Estates Phase 6. Council Member Cevering 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	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTIVE AGENDA

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

0:11:48 Brett Hadley, a North Ogden City resident, expressed concerns about a recent road painting done by Harrisville City in front of his house on 2000 North. He provided a map to illustrate the issue. The painting included a new median that extends too far, creating a three-lane effect that has led to increased speeding and safety hazards. Brett noted that the lines were painted close to the curb, leaving no space for parking in front of his house. He also mentioned that the area across the road is now a field with ample space for parking. Brett suggested that the lines were painted incorrectly and offered to pay for repainting if necessary.

Council Member Watson agreed with Brett's concerns, noting that the median and new lane markings are problematic and unnecessary given the surrounding open fields and planned developments.

The Mayor asked Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Dave Espinoza to discuss the issue with Brett to find a resolution.

7. PRESENTATION ON THE 2024 NORTH OGDEN CHERRY DAYS CELEBRATION

0:17:46 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call provided a preliminary financial review of the 2024 Cherry Days celebration. He noted that the carnival and concert were the most costly, with expenses potentially exceeding \$40,000-\$50,000, while the fireworks typically do not cover their costs but are often sponsored by community donations. The luau and other smaller events, such as the car show and movies in the park, were reviewed, with some showing minimal profit or breaking even.

Mayor Berube and Council Members discussed the feasibility of continuing various events given their financial impacts. It was suggested that large-scale events like the carnival and concert might be discontinued due to high costs, while traditional events such as the parade and fireworks should be maintained if possible. The discussion included the potential for scaling back and focusing on fewer, more traditional activities to reduce financial strain.

Council Member Watson proposed that if individual Council Members were to take responsibility for coordinating specific events, it might be feasible to manage them effectively. She also suggested exploring options for finding sponsorships for each event and possibly hiring an Event Coordinator to oversee and ensure sponsorships are secured.

Council Member Pulver expressed concerns about the workload involved in managing events and suggested that the Council could oversee but not lead all the events.

Overall, the Council recognized the need to reassess event planning and budgeting, considering both community preferences and financial constraints, while exploring options for streamlining event management and securing necessary sponsorships.

8. DISCUSSION ON BARKER PARK AMPHITHEATER HOSTING COMMUNITY PLAYS

0:57:25 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call introduced Megan Worthen Nelson, a resident and founder of Broadway on the Side, to discuss a potential partnership for using the amphitheater. Megan proposed a collaboration where her group would use the facility for three weeks, one for rehearsals and two for performances, without incurring upfront rental costs. Instead, they would share ticket sale profits with the City. Megan outlined her group's plan to perform "Newsies" at the end of July and the beginning of August 2025, with a potential follow-up show in October. She emphasized that the financial risk would fall on her group, including insurance, production costs, and acquiring sponsors. She also suggested the possibility of offering free tickets for those in need and proposed other community engagement ideas, such as a donation night.

Mayor Berube and the Council discussed the feasibility of this proposal, noting that it aligns with their goal of maximizing Amphitheater use while mitigating financial risk. There were considerations about the ticket limit of 504, with Mayor Berube suggesting creative solutions like pairing ticket sales with free admission options or seeking external funding to cover costs.

Council Member Watson expressed enthusiasm for the proposal, citing Megan's passion and experience. The Council agreed to explore the details further and work towards drafting a formal contract for future approval, ensuring the partnership supports community involvement and facility utilization.

Megan also suggested a potential summer theater camp in June, which could be another opportunity for collaboration. The Council expressed interest in this idea and agreed to review it along with the primary proposal.

9. DISCUSSION ON CONTENT AND FORMATTING OF THE NEW NORTH OGDEN CITY NEWSLETTER

1:13:58 Human Resources Director Katie Gerard, who has been managing the City's Connection Magazine, presented a prototype of a 2-page City newsletter, which would replace the current magazine. The prototype includes various City updates, such as a message from the Mayor, event reminders, and other City news.

Katie outlined the transition process, emphasizing that while the new format would involve some additional work, it would be manageable.

The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter was discussed. Printing in black and white would cost approximately 10 cents per insert, totaling around \$500 a month. Full-color printing would be more expensive, at about 27.5 cents per insert, totaling around \$1,400 monthly. The costs are significant but lower than the \$2,000 previously spent on the Connection Magazine. The Council debated whether to proceed with full color or switch to black and white to save costs.

Council Members suggested a phased approach, starting with color for a few months and gradually transitioning to a digital-only format while providing physical copies at City Hall, the North View Senior Center, and local grocery stores for those who prefer print. The importance of maintaining a physical presence for the newsletter to accommodate residents who are less comfortable with digital formats was discussed. The consensus was to proceed with color printing for a period and then transition to digital distribution, ensuring that printed copies are still available at key locations for those who need them.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1:36:43 Sandy Cochran, a North Ogden City resident, expressed support for the City's recent decisions regarding the newsletter. She suggested making printed copies available at the Senior Center, as seniors often face challenges with digital access.

Mayor Berube responded by emphasizing the importance of keeping the newsletter substantive and ensuring that essential information is included.

1:37:38 Kevin Burns, a North Ogden City resident, expressed enthusiasm for the discussion about using the Amphitheater for plays, noting it seems like the right direction for the City. He also encouraged the City to consider hosting more events, such as Cherry Days events.

1:38:41 Phillip Swanson, a North Ogden City resident, expressed gratitude for the Council's discussion and decisions during the meeting. He acknowledged that not everyone will agree with the outcomes but commended the Council for making sound decisions based on the available information. He thanked them for their service.

11. MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

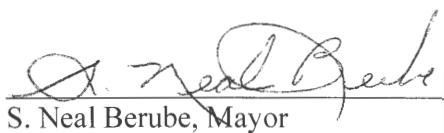
1:39:29 Council Member Cevering raised concerns about confusion among citizens regarding dog policies at Lomond View Park. He mentioned that some signs contradict each other, with one saying "No dogs" and another stating dogs must be on a leash.

He sought clarity on whether dogs should be allowed and if they should direct dog owners to the dog park instead. Mayor Berube and City Manager/Attorney Jon Call confirmed that dogs should not be off-leash in non-designated areas, as per City Code, and mentioned prior communication from the Police Chief on this issue.

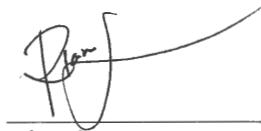
12. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Watson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



S. Neal Berube, Mayor



Rian Santoro
City Recorder



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Date Approved