

NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2024

The North Ogden City Council convened on October 8, 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 October 3, 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 (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)
Jay D Dalpiaz	Council Member
Chris Pulver	Council Member
Christina Watson	Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Jon Call	City Manager/Attorney
Rian Santoro	City Recorder
Scott Hess	Community and Economic Development Director
Dave Espinoza	Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager
Jami Jones	Finance Director

VISITORS:

Reed Miller
Kevin Burns
Brenda Ashdown
Phillip Swanson
Sandy Cochran
Michael Kincanon
Stef Casey (Zoom)

0:00:05 Mayor Berube called the meeting to order and North Ogden City resident, Brenda Ashdown offered the thought by quoting Mahatma Gandhi.

He also asked about the potential for future development in the area, to which Scott responded that challenges exist, especially with water pressure and the elevation of the site, but development could be more feasible in the long term.

Council Member Watson raised concerns about the steepness of the property and potential safety issues, such as kids sledding into neighboring yards. She also inquired about the viability of the investment after factoring in the costs of a restroom, water access, and other improvements. Scott confirmed that despite these additional costs, the property remains a valuable purchase, especially given the low price for the four-acre parcel. Council Member Watson also sought clarification on the requirement for a restroom, to which Scott explained that the County made the restroom a condition of the sale.

Council Member Barker motioned to approve A16-2024, the Acquisition of Weber County Surplus Property, Parcel 16-049-0130. Council Member Pulver seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF NEWSIES AT THE BARKER PARK AMPHITHEATER IN THE SUMMER OF 2025

0:13:26 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call discussed the agreement related to the use of the Amphitheater for the upcoming production of Newsies. He explained that after the show concludes, the production group will have 45 days to calculate their expenses and issue the City a check for half of any profits. There is no guarantee of revenue, but if profits are realized, the City will receive a share. The agreement was initially drafted to grant the group exclusive use of the Amphitheater from July 12 to August 9, but negotiations were made to ensure that the Amphitheater is available for other City events or performances, particularly on Friday nights when the group does not rehearse.

Council Member Pulver mentioned that in his review of the Utah Alcohol Beverage Control Act, he noticed some discrepancies in the City's Code where it references an older section of the State law, specifically 32A instead of the updated 32B. He noted that while it doesn't affect the current amendment, it might be relevant to other sections of the City Code. Council Member Pulver also raised a question about whether the City Code allows for the sale of alcoholic beverages with a higher alcohol content, such as wine.

Jon responded that the current City Code does not allow for alcohol above certain percentages. He suggested that if the City were to attract businesses or restaurants that sell higher alcohol content beverages, such as wine, the Code would need to be amended. He noted that this could be included in the broader Code changes that are scheduled for approval by January.

Council Member Barker motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-19, City Code Amendment for Alcohol Beverage Sales. 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	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

6. COUNCIL DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Council Member Dalpias – Police Department

0:22:35 Council Member Dalpias provided an update on the Police Department, announcing the swearing-in of two new officers, Officer Bersamin, and Officer Vargas. He shared statistics on calls for service, noting that in 2023 there were 10,755 calls received by Dispatch, while in 2024, the year-to-date total was 5,616. Including self-initiated and officer-involved calls, the 2023 total was 15,441, compared to 10,385 so far in 2024.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

0:32:52 Michael Kincanon, North Ogden City Resident, expressed both an observation and a complaint. He noted that this year, Heroes Boulevard lacked the hanging plants and banners seen in previous years. He mentioned cosmetic issues, such as missing and crooked banners, and highlighted that the banners for his two children, who are active-duty military, were missing entirely. Despite contacting the City before Cherry Days, and being told the banners would be reprinted, the situation remained unchanged weeks later. Mr. Kincanon shared his desire to see his children's banners displayed again, especially as they approach retirement from their military careers. He also commented on the light poles, stating they looked better with the plants last year, and encouraged the City to consider bringing them back. He suggested that local businesses could sponsor the plants to help beautify the area.

Mayor Berube responded, noting that the flowers had not been up for a couple of years and that the expenses for these beautifications were previously covered by RDA funds. Once funding shifted to the General Fund, which would require raising taxes, the Council decided not to continue the program. Mayor Berube asked City Staff to follow up on the banner situation.

0:36:22 Phillip Swanson, North Ogden City Resident, expressed his appreciation for the City's service, particularly in managing the recent burning at the Greenwaste Facility (the pit). He acknowledged that it likely led to an influx of text messages, emails, and phone calls. While recognizing the difficulty of the decision, he emphasized that, given the City's tight budget, burning at the pit is the most cost-effective way to dispose of waste without incurring significant expenses. He thanked the City for handling the situation, noting that it is always a challenging week when the pit is burned.

0:37:42 Reed Miller, North Ogden City Resident, commented on a large bump he encounters while driving from Ogden along Washington Boulevard to 2600 North near Wendy's. He mentioned that the bump affects the turning lane in that area and noted that it impacts hundreds, possibly thousands, of drivers.

8. **MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

0:38:30 Mayor Berube highlighted the recent Arbor Day celebration, where two trees were planted at Lomond View Park to maintain the City's Tree City status. He noted that North Ogden has been a Tree City for 17 years and expressed appreciation for Mr. Call, the Chairman of the Tree Board, for his efforts in overseeing the event.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Watson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.


S. Neal Berube, Mayor


Rian Santoro
City Recorder



11.12.24
Date Approved