

**NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

January 28, 2025

The North Ogden City Council convened on January 28, 2025, 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 January 23, 2025.

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 11, 2024.

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.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS 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

STAFF PRESENT:

Jon Call	City Manager/Attorney
Joyce Pierson	Deputy City Recorder
Scott Hess	Community and Economic Development Director
David Espinoza	Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager

VISITORS:

Kevin Burns
Andrea Rumsey
Darrin Rumsey
Reed Miller

0:00:39 Mayor Berube called the meeting to order and Council Member Barker offered the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. CALL FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

0:01:47 No conflict of interest was disclosed.

2. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 7, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

0:02:33 Council Member Cevering motioned to approve the January 7, 2025, City Council Meeting 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	aye

The motion passed unanimously

3. APPOINTMENT OF NORTH OGDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

0:02:45 Mayor Berube introduced the appointment of additional Planning Commission Members due to the expiration of 2 current members who have served diligently. He noted that these individuals would be recognized at the next meeting for their service. A Selection Committee, consisting of current Planning Commission Member Nicole Nancarrow, City Manager/Attorney John Call, Community and Economic Development Director Scott Hess, City Council Members Chris Pulver and Blake Cevering, and himself, conducted a thorough evaluation process.

Mayor Berube expressed appreciation for the quality of applicants and recommended the appointment of Mr. Lorin Gardner, former City Engineer familiar with North Ogden, and Mr. Steve Nabor, Chief Financial Officer of Weber State University, who has prior experience and an interest in serving the City. He mentioned that the Selection Committee discussed refining the Planning Commission's direction to ensure adequate focus on City growth.

Council Member Dalpias motioned to approve Lorin Garner and Steve Nabor as Planning Commission Members. 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

ACTIVE AGENDA

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

0:05:11 No Public Comment was made.

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO SET BUDGET HEARING FOR AN AMENDED BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE YOUTH CITY COUNCIL

0:05:20 Mayor Berube opened the discussion by expressing his opinion that a resolution for a budget hearing regarding this matter was unnecessary. He shared that he met with Council Member Watson for an in-depth discussion, where they identified ways to fund an advisor within the City's current budget without requiring an increase.

This would be accomplished by reallocating funds previously used for outside services, such as payments to Northern Ice for providing hot chocolate at the North Pole event, which was handled by the City Youth Council this year. Additionally, they discussed allowing the Youth Council to generate funds by selling soft drinks and water at charitable events.

Mayor Berube and Council Member Watson also reviewed the approach to compensation, noting that any adjustments to the City Council stipend would require changes to the existing ordinance. They examined the events and activities planned for the Youth Council and identified areas where costs could be reduced in the upcoming budget. During their discussion, it was discovered that there is no official ordinance establishing the City Youth Council, prompting the Mayor to request City Manager/Attorney Jon Call to draft one for clarity and future direction.

The largest budget expenditure under review was for training at Utah State University, given the unprecedented number of Youth Council participants, estimated at 25. They considered implementing a system where first-year members demonstrate commitment through attendance and service before qualifying for the training, while 2nd and 3rd year members would have priority. This approach would help manage costs and participation effectively.

Mayor Berube also addressed the challenges of coordinating volunteer drivers for Youth Council events, citing last-minute cancellations as a recurring issue. Moving forward, they plan to take a different approach to ensure reliability.

City Manager/Attorney Jon Call confirmed that under new procedural rules, the City Council is responsible for setting budget hearings, but given the current circumstances, he did not see a need to amend stipends or the Youth Council's budget.

With no further comments from Council Member Watson, the Council agreed to pass the agenda item without taking action.

6. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT**

0:12:13 The Council discussed the continued use of City fields by SWAT Soccer, focusing on field reservations, priority use, and the impact on residents. SWAT Soccer currently utilizes multiple fields, with an informal understanding that they do not exclude others from using the space when available. There have been no significant complaints about field access, though Orton Park experiences more external team use. Games take precedence over practices, and some recreation games now occur on weeknights due to time constraints.

Concerns were raised about balancing public park access with soccer reservations. Mayor Berube emphasized that taxpayers fund the parks and should have access, advocating for visible signage to notify residents when fields are reserved. Council Members noted that in practice, coaches and teams accommodate public use when possible.

The discussion centered around increasing SWAT Soccer's fee to \$14,000 annually, or \$7,000 per season, to cover 6-day-per-week reservations. Council Member Pulver expressed concerns about fee increases leading to a drop in participation, but it was noted this would equate to roughly a \$5 per-player increase. City Manager/Attorney Jon Call recommended a flat seasonal fee to simplify administration and allow for fee adjustments due to field unavailability, such as when retention pond conditions prevent use.

It was agreed to amend the consolidated fee schedule, setting SWAT Soccer's field use fee at \$7,000 per season. Fields will be blocked off 6 days a week during the season, with priority use for SWAT but without formal game reservations required. Midweek competitive games and rainout reschedules will not incur extra charges. Residents will still have access to other parks, with the City ensuring clarity on availability.

Council Member Dalpiaz motioned to approve Resolution 02-2025 for Consolidated Fee Schedule amendments. 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	aye

The motion passed unanimously

7. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY EVENTS PARTNERSHIP

0:48:18 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call discussed a resolution related to the City's partner program, which supports certain organizations using City facilities.

He noted that the Utah Special Olympics had been left off the list of partners but recommended adding them, as they meet all insurance and safety requirements and provide a valuable community service. The Council supported waiving fees for the Special Olympics' use of the pool, recognizing the event's positive impact.

Council Member Pulver motioned to approve Resolution 03-2025 amending the City events partnership. Council Member Watson 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	aye

The motion passed unanimously

8. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR WATERLINE PROJECT

0:51:04 Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager David Espinoza presented a unique water line project on 1700 North, which had exceeded the initial budgeted amount for the year. The project was planned as a multi-year effort, but due to the nature of the work, it was recommended to be handled as one continuous project to avoid delays and complications. The work involves upgrading water lines from 6-8 inch pipes to larger 12-14 inch pipes to accommodate future growth in the area, particularly the increased density near Washington. Impact fees will be used to help fund the project, with approximately \$600,000 in impact fees available.

David also explained that the project would cause some disruption to traffic but noted that the contractor had experience handling such work. The project's timeline is set to start in April and finish by October. The City plans to ensure adequate traffic control and detours during construction to minimize neighborhood impact.

Concerns were raised about the project's cost, which would be drawn from the Water Fund balance and Impact Fees, potentially leading to increased depreciation costs and possibly higher water rates in the future.

The Council discussed this impact and acknowledged that while necessary, such projects would affect the fund balance and depreciation.

Council Member Cevering motioned to approve Contract A1-2025 for Waterline Project. Council Member Watson 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	aye

The motion passed unanimously

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1:02:40 No Public Comment was made.

10. MAYOR/COUNCIL/COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

1:04:12 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call provided several Capital Project updates to the Council. For the 2550 detention basin relocation, the City has developed a plan to potentially construct a temporary basin at a low cost, leaving open the possibility of securing Federal funding if it becomes available.

Jon also mentioned the Waterworks Park project, which is funded through a combination of RAMP (Recreation, Art, Museum, and Parks) Grant funds, developer contributions, and some City money. The project is expected to be completed within 3 months, with weather conditions being a primary factor in the timeline.

Additionally, he highlighted upcoming park improvements, including playgrounds at Orton Park, Oaklawn, and Mountain View Park. Orton Park's budget is favorable, and the City is exploring ways to maximize its value.

The Aquatic Center project is underway, including the installation of a new electronic control system (SCADA) and the rehabilitation of pumps.

They are still finalizing the selection of a contractor for the pool liner, which will be installed after the new playground is completed, with work expected to begin in the fall. Lastly, Jon shared good news about the detention basin grant extension. Weber County reached out regarding the delay in Federal funding, and it seems likely that an extension for the grant will be granted, ensuring the continued progress of the detention basin project. The City also decided not to apply for new RAMP grants this year due to ongoing projects, and hope to complete current initiatives before applying for future grants.

1:07:50 Council Member Watson provided several updates. She began with the Aquatic Center, announcing staff recruitment for Summer 2025, the finalizing of training plans, and setting events for the upcoming year. The Polar Plunge event will take place on February 8, with lifeguard instruction beginning in February, she noted that registration is still open for that class. Winter maintenance is underway, and inventory and group reservations are ongoing. Swim lesson registration will begin on April 1. Additionally, North Ogden City is hiring for lateral officers (those who have completed or are on track to complete the POST Academy), as well as a Recreation Coordinator and Crossing Guards. Those interested are encouraged to visit the City's website for more details.

1:09:41 Council Member Cevering led a discussion on cottage kitchens, where the Council was asked to decide whether they wanted to pursue allowing home-based kitchens and food production in the City. It was explained that there are two ways ordinances are created: through Council or Planning Commission direction or by an applicant paying for a text amendment. Council Member Cevering acknowledged the potential need for home kitchens, citing a local example of a resident making sourdough bread. He emphasized that while the State governs cottage kitchens, the City currently does not permit them.

Council Member Pulver supported exploring the issue, noting that regulating cottage kitchens would allow the City to collect business fees and ensure they operate within State guidelines. The Council agreed to have staff pursue the matter further and explore how it could be implemented. Additionally, Council Member Cevering briefly mentioned the Polar Plunge event, suggesting he would participate if the Mayor did.

1:13:07 Council Member Dalpiaz shared excitement about attending the tour at the Utah State Capitol with the Youth Council the following day. He mentioned that he, Council Member Watson, and an Advisor would be driving the youth down and that they had a good tour planned, with the opportunity to listen to the legislative session.

1:13:41 Council Member Pulver provided several updates. The first Citizen Budget Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for February 19. He suggested reinvigorating the Economic Development Committee, based on a conversation with a Planning Commission Member. He also mentioned exploring different fee structures for business licenses, noting that some cities have varying fees depending on the business type. He highlighted the significant difference in business license fees, referencing a \$187 fee in North Salt Lake. Council Member Pulver also mentioned that Public Works has no major updates, noting that the City has had a long winter with no snow and is saving on salt and labor.

Mayor Berube agreed with the idea of pursuing an Economic Development Committee but emphasized the need for clear rules and a meaningful charter to ensure its focus and purpose.

1:16:09 Council Member Barker shared exciting news that the North View Fire Department received a Paramedic License from the County Commissioners, allowing their paramedics to act as full paramedics in emergency situations. Previously, even though North View had trained paramedics on staff, they were not authorized to provide paramedic-level care due to County regulations. With this new license, paramedics can now provide life-saving care on the scene, reducing response times and improving service to the community. Council Member Barker acknowledged the years of effort, including the Mayor's involvement, to make this possible.

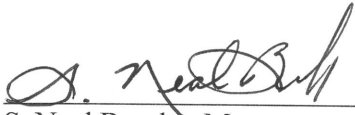
Mayor Berube commended the Fire Department and Council Member Barker for their hard work in achieving this important milestone, emphasizing the positive impact it will have on the community's safety.

1:17:16 Mayor Berube thanked Council Member Barker, who chairs the audit committee. He said that the audit report was submitted to the State and the audit received a clean opinion with one small finding. The audit will be discussed further at the next Council meeting. He also acknowledged the work of Finance Director Jami Jones and her team in preparing the audit. Mayor Berube provided a financial update, noting that fiscal year 2025 expenses and revenues are on track, with sales tax revenue slightly behind budget due to recent fluctuations. Interest income continues to perform well. He mentioned that the Citizen Budget Subcommittee, led by Council Member Pulver, is taking a macro approach to reviewing City processes and programs. The Subcommittee will also look into the stipend for Council Members, a topic raised by some citizens and Council Members.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Watson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.


S. Neal Berube, Mayor


Rian Santoro
City Recorder

2/25/25
Date Approved

