



NORTH OGDEN CITY

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NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2025

The North Ogden City Council convened on April 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Ogden 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 April 17, 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 timestamps 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 arrived at 6:25 p.m.
Christina Watson	Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Jon Call	City Manager/Attorney
Rian Santoro	City Recorder
Dave Espinoza	Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager
Casey Hunsaker	City Treasurer/Emergency Manager
Katie Gerard	Human Resources Director
Scott Hess	Community And Economic Development Director
Brian Eynon	Chief of Police
Maria Cabrera	Victim Advocate

VISITORS:

Phillip Swanson	Susan Clements	Clara Gunderson
Kevin Burns	Ellisyn Fidler	Kale Watson
Brenda Ashdown	Ashley Orton	Mike Mabey
Sandy Cochran	Mylie Harkness	Karen Sunderlund
Merrill Sunderlund	Haylie Squire	

0:00:08 Mayor Berube called the meeting to order, and Council Member Cevering offered the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATION

- **NORTH OGDEN CITY VICTIM ADVOCATE SERVICES**

0:02:51 Victim Advocate Maria Cabrera provided a report covering the first two quarters (July through December) of the fiscal year. Her presentation outlined key statistics, types of services rendered, and the demographics of victims she served. It was noted that the VOCA grant only allows 70% of the actual caseloads to be reported; those are the numbers reflected below.

Demographics:

- Total Victims Served: 48, with 30 qualifying under the VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) grant reporting requirements.
- Race/Ethnicity:
 - 1 Asian, 1 Hispanic
 - 26 White (Non-Latino), 5 Not Reported.

Maria noted that some Hispanic individuals are categorized as white due to reporting limitations.

- Gender
 - 16 female
 - 15 male
 - 2 not reported
- Age Breakdown
 - 0–12 years: 4
 - 13–17 years: 4
 - 18–24 years: 3
 - 25–59 years: 19
 - 60+: 2
 - Not reported: 1

Maria clarified that she always seeks parental permission before speaking with minors and excludes those cases from reporting if parents do not wish to participate.

Types of Victimization (Some Victims Experienced Multiple)

- Adult physical assault: 13
- Adult survivors of child sexual abuse: 1
- Burglary: 1
- Child physical abuse: 4
- Domestic/Family violence: 21
- Identity theft/fraud/financial crime: 6
- Other victimizations: 10
- Stalking/harassment: 9
- Criminal mischief/protective order violations/theft: 9
- 25 individuals experienced more than one type of victimization.

Special Populations & Compensation Assistance

- Limited English proficiency (Spanish): Reported
- Victim Compensation assistance (e.g., medical, dental, funeral expenses): Offered when applicable

Services Provided

- 80 victims received information about the criminal justice process
- 40 were informed of their rights
- 4 were referred to other victim services
- 2 were referred to other types of services/resources
- 1 case required interpretive services
- Notifications regarding criminal justice events: Provided
- Assistance with victim impact statements: 17
- Assistance with restitution: 2
- Legal support with protective/restraining orders: Provided
- Court and interview advocacy/accompaniment: 46
- Law enforcement interview advocacy: 28
- Criminal court advocacy: 11

Maria emphasized that much of her work, including follow-up support and court appearances, is ongoing and may not be fully reflected in the reported statistics.

- **UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY 2025 YOUTH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

0:11:30 Members of the North Ogden Youth Council shared highlights on their recent participation in a leadership conference held in March.

They shared what they learned, expressed appreciation for the opportunity, and reflected on how the experience helped them grow both individually and as a group. Several Youth Council members spoke about the impact of motivational speakers, particularly one who encouraged them to dream big, take action on their goals without delay, and understand that meaningful accomplishments often require sacrifice and effort. Another Youth Council member reflected on a message about whether growth and comfort can coexist, highlighting the importance of embracing failure as a step toward success.

The value of networking, meeting peers from other councils, and building friendships was highlighted. It was noted that staying on campus for the conference added to the experience by allowing more opportunities for interaction and collaboration. Breakout sessions provided chances to reflect on personal values and how they guide decision-making.

Youth Council members noted that participating in the Council has helped them build confidence, leadership skills, and a stronger sense of identity. Team-building activities and group service projects, such as the recent Easter egg hunt, have brought the Youth Council members closer together and improved their ability to work as a team. Many spoke about how their involvement on the Council has positively influenced their school and personal lives.

Council Member Watson expressed gratitude to the Youth Council for their ongoing service and noted how valuable these leadership experiences are. She also mentioned the Council's continued involvement in community events, including upcoming Cherry Days activities.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

0:18:09 No conflict of interest was disclosed.

2. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 25, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

0:18:34 Council Member Dalpiaz motioned to approve the March 25, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Cevering seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously

ACTIVE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

0:20:16 Susan Clements, a North Ogden City resident, provided public comment regarding the North Ogden Historical Museum in advance of a budget discussion. She gave a brief history of the museum, noting that it was initiated in 2006 under Mayor Harrop, who assembled a group of community members to form the museum. The City Council approved a \$5,000 budget in 2007, and the museum was initially housed above the fire station. It was incorporated in 2008 as a 501(c)(3), following advice from the City Attorney. Susan highlighted the museum's ongoing work in preserving artifacts and local history. She also shared background on the current museum building, originally a 1942 military house, later relocated and modified using wooden ammunition boxes, which added historical character to the structure. She concluded by thanking the Council for considering funding to maintain the exterior of the building, referencing an agreement where the City handles exterior upkeep while the museum maintains the interior.

0:24:31 Phillip Swanson, a North Ogden City resident, thanked the Council for posting the meeting agenda on the North Ogden Facebook page but suggested it be published earlier, ideally on Monday instead of late Tuesday, to give residents more time to review it and prepare if they wish to participate.

4. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF BANKING SERVICES WITH WELLS FARGO BANK

0:25:33 City Treasurer/Emergency Manager Casey Hunsaker led a discussion regarding North Ogden City's banking services.

The City has been working with Wells Fargo for over ten years, and their formal banking contract expired on June 30, 2024. Since then, services have continued under a handshake agreement. Casey presented a proposal to renew a five-year banking contract through June 2030 and outlined the results of a formal request for proposals (RFP) that received responses from Bank of Utah, Wells Fargo, and U.S. Bank. Bank of Utah offered the lowest monthly cost but did not provide a lockbox service, which is vital to City operations. Wells Fargo and U.S. Bank both offered lockbox services, with Wells Fargo's monthly cost just under \$1,000, consistent with the City's current expenses. U.S. Bank had a higher overall cost despite a lower lockbox fee.

Casey emphasized the importance of the lockbox service, which processes approximately 1,500 utility payments per month, around 30% of the City's total. Eliminating this service would require hiring additional utility billing staff and could disrupt current operations. He recommended continuing with Wells Fargo to maintain efficient service and avoid transition-related disruptions.

Council members expressed appreciation for the detailed analysis, acknowledged the potential transition costs and logistical challenges with changing providers, and generally supported maintaining the relationship with Wells Fargo.

Council Member Barker motioned to approve the continuation of banking services with Wells Fargo Bank. 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.

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO ADOPT THE WEBER COUNTY PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN

0:24:57 City Treasurer/Emergency Manager Casey Hunsaker presented a request for the City Council to adopt the Weber County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, a requirement by FEMA to remain eligible for federal grant programs such as the Hazard Mitigation Grant

Program (HMGP). The plan focuses on risk prevention, preparedness, and resilience, and includes prioritized strategies for local hazards like flooding, wildfires, and earthquakes. Casey explained that although FEMA had denied the County's 2022 submission, the plan has since been revised by local contractors and was officially adopted by the Weber County Commission in February 2025. The City now has one year from that date to adopt the plan to remain eligible for pre-disaster federal funding. He emphasized that participation in the plan strengthens North Ogden's emergency preparedness and coordination, aids in ordinance improvement, supports critical infrastructure protection, and enables faster recovery from disasters.

Council discussion confirmed that the City participates in the plan's updates every five years, and that future Council adoption will be required after each update.

Council Member Cevering motioned to approve Resolution 07-2025, the Weber County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. 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.

6. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-05
AMENDING NORTH OGDEN CODE TITLE 11 IN A WIDE VARIETY OF
SECTIONS AND SUBSECTIONS TO CORRECT REFERENCES AND CLEAN
UP THE LAND USE CODE**

0:42:30 Community and Economic Development Director Scott Hess presented Ordinance 2025-05, proposing corrections to Title 11 of the North Ogden City Code. The changes are non-substantive and primarily involve a clean-up of incorrect references that resulted from a chapter being renamed, which caused cross-referencing issues throughout the Code. Over time, City Staff, including Planning and the City Recorder, tracked these issues and compiled a list of necessary corrections.

Scott emphasized that no policy changes are included in this ordinance, and any substantive updates, such as the chicken ordinance, will undergo their own public hearing and approval process. The Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed clean-up and voted unanimously to approve the corrections.

During Council discussion, it was noted that additional code issues may still need correction in the future. It was confirmed that the chicken ordinance is scheduled for Planning Commission review on May 7, 2025.

Council Member Dalpiaz motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-05 amending North Ogden Code Title 11 in a wide variety of sections and subsections to correct references and clean up the Land Use Code. 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 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH WEBER HUMAN SERVICES TO OPERATE THE SENIOR CENTER IN NORTH OGDEN CITY**

0:46:45 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call presented an updated contract with Weber Human Services for the operation of the North View Senior Center. The contract continues the existing arrangement where the City provides the building, utilities, and maintenance, while Weber Human Services supplies a Senior Center Director and manages senior activities. A notable change is that the City's financial contribution for the Director's salary has decreased from \$44,000 to \$31,000, while Weber Human Services' share has increased from \$44,000 to \$59,000. This changes the cost-sharing from an even split to roughly a 60/40 arrangement.

The contract also includes a 3% annual salary increase for the Director to account for inflation and Weber County's internal step system. There is language clarifying that City staff cannot be directed by Weber County employees and that decisions regarding facility issues will be made jointly by the City Manager and Weber County's Community Services Director when needed. Both parties can opt out of the contract with six months' notice.

During the Council discussion, Council Member Pulver raised concerns about the City's ongoing costs, particularly since the City also pays for all building-related expenses. Mayor Berube explained that Weber Human Services is limited by flat funding from the federal government and Weber County, which restricts their ability to increase contributions. He also explained that although Pleasant View contributes financially, other nearby cities whose residents use the center do not. There was discussion around how collected funds, like lunch payments, go to the County, and that activity fees may go to either the County or the local senior group, depending on who organizes the events. Clarification was given that if the City chose to run the center independently, it would receive the full \$59,000 allocation from Weber Human Services but would also take on all staffing responsibilities. Council members expressed that continuing the current arrangement is practical and cost-effective given the reduced City contribution and operational benefits.

Council Member Barker motioned to approve the Agreement with Weber Human Services to operate the Senior Center in North Ogden City. Council Member Cevering 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 ON THE 2025-2026 BUDGET FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, BUILDING, AQUATIC CENTER, AND RECREATION**

1:02:13 Citizen Budget Subcommittee member Phillip Swanson presented the Committee's budget recommendations to the City Council. The key points discussed were:

- The Committee questioned the ongoing cost and benefit of the Flock camera system and recommended that the Police Department present a use analysis to determine its value.
- Regarding the second drone requested by the police, which would be funded by donations, the Committee recommended that the City more actively promote donation efforts.
- The Committee raised concerns about adding a new CSO (Community Service Officer), noting the total cost of approximately \$120,000. They urged the Council to weigh the benefits, especially in light of ongoing code enforcement discussions.
- A proposal was made to explore tiered business licensing fees to charge businesses that require more public safety services at a higher rate. Council discussion noted the need to balance fairness with business-friendliness, and examples from other cities were referenced.
- The Committee encouraged the City to promote ACH (Automated Clearing House) payments over credit card payments to save on transaction fees. There was discussion on whether the City is currently charging credit card fees, with direction to clarify what is allowed and what is being done.
- It was noted that a budget line for the discontinued Connection magazine still existed and should be removed. Staff confirmed it had already been addressed.
- The Committee suggested tracking cost savings when Public Works completes projects in-house rather than outsourcing.
- A recommendation was made to investigate possible energy rebates for motor upgrades at the Aquatic Center.
- The Committee strongly supported increasing non-resident fees and gate fees at the pool to ensure the facility at least breaks even. The Council discussed modest annual increases and reviewed impacts on participation.
- A broad philosophical discussion was encouraged regarding whether City departments and programs, particularly recreation, should be self-sustaining. The Council acknowledged the importance of developing a consistent policy.

- In response to economic uncertainty, the Committee recommended that departments prepare contingency plans for 5% and 10% budget reductions. The Council and Staff agreed this would be prudent planning.

Council and Staff also discussed the City's overall financial position. City Manager/Attorney Jon Call reported that the budget currently includes a 4% property tax increase and is \$60,000 short of balance. He noted efforts to trim costs and evaluate benefit plans. The budget does not include funding for a new CSO or contributions to capital project funds. There was discussion about using remaining current-year parks funds for the museum, and concern was expressed about growing reliance on interest income.

Mayor Berube emphasized the importance of having philosophical discussions on budget policy, including property tax philosophy, capital project funding, and whether recreation programs should be self-funded. He and the Council agreed that many of these items are best discussed in an upcoming Work Session.

Aquatic Center financials were reviewed, with proposals to increase admission fees by \$1 to improve cost recovery. The Council requested data on past revenues to better gauge the impact of fee increases.

Finally, the Council highlighted the importance of maintaining some capital contributions, considering savings and the potential for a downturn. They emphasized consistency in fee policies and the need for staff to return with clear answers and data before the next Work Session, scheduled for May 6, 2025.

9. **COUNCIL DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

a. Mayor Berube – Finance Department

2:03:08 Mayor Berube reported that revenues through March, 75% of the fiscal year, are tracking close to projections, especially within enterprise funds. Building permit fees are on target, indicating strong estimation. He noted that department expenditures appear well-managed, with no significant overages, except for one general government department already over 100% of its budget. Interest income, particularly within impact fee funds, is exceeding expectations. He also noted ongoing work to ensure all interest income is properly recognized. Finally, while there have been some budgetary savings due to unfilled positions, those savings may diminish as staffing levels increase.

Additionally, Mayor Berube reported that the proposed collaboration between North Ogden and Pleasant View regarding shared police department efforts is no longer being pursued. While the idea initially seemed beneficial, it is now off the table due to irreconcilable philosophical differences between the two cities, particularly in how each approaches police staffing and operations.

b. Council Member Pulver – Public Works Department

2:07:29 Council Member Pulver reported that the water main replacement project on 1700 North from 400 East to 600 East is progressing well. The main line has been installed, pressure tested, and flushed. Water samples are scheduled for testing on Wednesday and Thursday, with service connections beginning Friday. Paving of the first phase will follow, and work on the second phase will then begin. Hydrant flushing is underway to ensure valve functionality, and bolt replacements, full piping, and gate valve replacements are in progress at the PRV stations. He also noted the upcoming spring cleanup event through May 10.

c. Council Member Watson – Administration and Recreation Departments

2:08:49 Council Member Watson reported that the Aquatic Center is running smoothly, with lifeguard hiring progressing and pools currently being drained, cleaned, and prepared for opening. A service day by Venture Academy students was appreciated, and swim lesson registration is filling up. The Aquatic Center will also participate in the Safe Kids Fair to promote water safety and drowning prevention. In Human Resources, a new Court Administrator and an Accounts Payable Clerk have been hired. Two conditional offers have been extended for police officer positions. The City is still accepting applications for the Cherry Days parade. There will be a children's parade beginning at the IHC and ending at Kurt's Drive-In. From the Recorder's Office, Rian noted that the election season is approaching. The Mayor and two Council seats will be elected at-large. Official election notices and instructions are available on the City's website. Vendor applications for Cherry Days are also open, with a specific need for more food vendors. Additionally, the City's free Shred Day will take place on May 8 at the Aquatic Center, with a three-box or bag maximum per person.

d. City Manager/Attorney Jon Call – Capital Projects

2:11:33 Jon Call reported that the Orton Park playground installation is underway and expected to open by mid-May. The bridge at the park is also being repaired. The Water Works Experience, a new trailhead area focused on educating kids about the water system, is nearly complete. Because it lacks restrooms, it cannot officially be designated as a park.

The Aquatic Center is receiving pump upgrades. A new playground for the Aquatic Center was delayed due to lead times and will be installed after the season to be ready for next year.

Mountain View Park is scheduled for playground replacement in the next budget year, and Oaklawn Park will follow two years later. The City is on track with its 15-year playground replacement goal and has now caught up thanks to consistent annual upgrades. Parks like Lomond View and McGriff are seeing high usage.

The pond project is currently in a holding pattern due to uncertainty with federal funding.

Council will likely need to decide soon whether to move forward independently with a smaller basin project.

Jon also noted that the Council will need to decide on the transportation utility fee. A field trip is planned for May 6, where Council members and interested residents will tour City roads by hayride to assess road conditions. This tour will help inform discussions at the Work Session that same evening.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

2:17:09 Phillip Swanson, a North Ogden City resident, shared a public comment on behalf of the Citizen Budget SubCommittee, suggesting the City consider opening the pool on Sundays for a one-year trial. He noted that community demographics are changing, referencing that Lee's Marketplace and other businesses are now open on Sundays. The Committee believes it is worth evaluating whether the potential revenue would outweigh the costs.

11. MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

2:18:10 Community and Economic Development Director Scott Hess reported that Barker Depot at 2600 North and Washington Boulevard was officially recorded that day.

Building permits are now in hand for two drive-through businesses, including an America First Credit Union on the corner, which will go before the Planning Commission on May 7 for site plan review. He expressed appreciation to the City Recorder's Office for their significant efforts in helping complete the recording process efficiently. He also thanked City Staff for their collaboration and support in moving the project forward quickly.

2:19:13 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call informed the Council that there has been a request for volunteers to participate in the dunk tank during Cherry Days, with some individuals already suggested as potential participants. He said Staff will reach out individually to coordinate, and encouraged Council members to consider volunteering. Jon also mentioned volunteer opportunities for other Cherry Days events, such as the luau and concert, and clarified that those running for election typically do not serve in prominent roles to avoid the appearance of favoritism. He concluded by stating that Cherry Days planning is progressing.

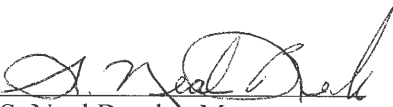
2:20:27 Council Member Watson shared that she received a call regarding a director interested in putting on a play at the amphitheater. While Newsies is already scheduled with a contract in place, Council Member Watson noted that there had previously been discussions about a second production in October, which she believes is no longer planned. She asked whether the Council would be open to hosting another event later in the summer or early fall. Mayor Berube and City Manager/Attorney Jon Call indicated that there is room in the amphitheater schedule, and if the director is interested, a similar agreement could be arranged. If it is a free community performance, the Council may consider waiving the rental fee. Any proposal would need to be brought before the Council for approval.

2:22:20 Council Member Cevering brought up a question about the availability of burial plots at the North Ogden Cemetery, noting that he and his wife had recently considered purchasing plots. He mentioned that the cemetery appears to be nearing capacity and asked about the City's involvement. City Manager Jon Call explained that the cemetery operates as a separate taxing entity and is not managed directly by the City. He added that an expansion is being planned in Pleasant View near the Pepsi plant, largely because Pleasant View residents are currently using the North Ogden Cemetery. This expansion aims to provide additional options and alleviate space concerns.

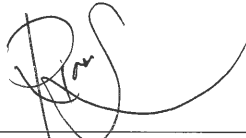
12. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Watson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.


S. Neal Berube, Mayor




Rian Santoro
City Recorder

5/13/25
Date Approved