

**WOODS CROSS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 20, 2025**

The minutes of the Woods Cross City Council meeting held May 20, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. in the Woods Cross City Hall located at 1555 South 800 West, Woods Cross, Utah.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ryan Westergard, Mayor
Julie Checketts
Jim Grover

Eric Jones
Gary Sharp
Wally Larrabee, Mayor Protem

STAFF PRESENT:

Bryce Haderlie, City Administrator
Curtis Poole Community Development Director
Sam Christiansen, Public Works Director
LaCee Bartholomew, Community Services Manager

Annette Hanson, City Recorder
Johnny Filler, Public Work
James Bigelow, Police Chief

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

LeGrande Blackley
Emmalee Peters
Lily Corob
Joy Gibb

Don Schrader
Sharon Peters
Jason Corob
Shane Stenquist

John Taylor
Sean Peters
Brooke Corob

INVOCATION/PLEDGE:

Wally Larrabee

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL REPORT

The Mayor gave the floor to Youth Mayor John Taylor. He reported on the following activities for the Youth City Council.

- April 18th/19th, Easter Eggstravaganza—It was a great success with both the teen activity and the youth activity. \$2600 was raised for future service opportunities.
- May 5th, work meeting—Clean up after egg hunt. Applications for next year's YCC are now open.
- May 26th, Memorial Day—We will be helping with the Memorial Day activities.
- June 2nd, end of year party—Our last activity for this year will be a year end party.

Council Member Checketts congratulated the YCC for their service this past year and thanked them for everything they have done. She said two of the Woods Cross were Sterling Scholars for Woods Cross High School, and they are amazing youth who have represented the city of Woods Cross well.

Mayor Protem Larrabee and the City Council also thanked Youth Mayor Taylor and the YCC for all of their excellent work and service they have done for the Youth City Council over the past year.

AWARDING 2025 YCC SCHOLARSHIPS

Mayor Protem Larrabee gave the floor to Community Services Manager, LaCee Bartholomew.

Ms. Bartholomew introduced Emalee Peters who would be receiving a scholarship from the City Council. She said Emalee had been a four-year member of the YCC, serving as treasurer for this year. Emalee addressed

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the Council and said one of her favorite activities for Youth City Council has been doing Sub-for-Santa. She said she loved helping others and being able to make a difference for someone's Christmas celebration.

Ms. Bartholomew presented a check for \$250 to Emalee and the Mayor and Council congratulated her and thanked her for her years of great service to the city on the YCC.

Ms. Bartholomew then introduced Lily Corob, who was also receiving a scholarship from the City Council. She said Lily had also been a four-year member of the YCC, serving as the Communications Specialist this last year and shared that Lily is the English Sterling Scholar at Woods Cross High. Lily addressed the Council and said the Sub-for-Santa was also her favorite activity for YCC. Lily said she especially enjoyed YCC this year because she got to serve with her own mentorship group and was able to teach the next group coming up how much fun and how rewarding being a part of the YCC is.

Ms. Bartholomew presented a check for \$250 to Lily and the Mayor and Council congratulated her and thanked her for her years of great service to the YCC.

RATIFY CASH DISBURSEMENTS

The City Council ratified the cash disbursements for the time period of 3/21/25-5/1/25 through the consent agenda as noted below.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved for the meeting held 5/1/25 through the consent agenda as noted below.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-918 BID FOR 1100 W WATERLINE PROJECT

The Public Works Director noted this project is part of the upcoming Water Project Bond, the parameters resolution passed in the May 6th Council meeting. He said it was also part of the FY 2025-26 Tentative budget that will be adopted in June.

He noted that in anticipation of the 1100 W road widening project that will occur in the summer of 2026, a review of the waterline under the future road improvements found the existing waterlines to be unreliable and undersized for fire flow. He said one of the existing current waterlines was installed in 1963 and has had multiple leaks repaired in the last 4 years. He said this project was planned to avoid building on top of an old unreliable waterline to increase the fire flow from which businesses and refineries can pull water.

The Public Works Director noted that as part of this project, extra steps were taken to ensure safe drinking water in an area with a shallow contamination plume. He said things have also been coordinated with property owners to ensure their needs were met and service interruptions were minimal. As per the contract, the contractor shall notify the business and residents 48 hours before access limitations and water shutoffs. Special considerations are also being required for Silver Eagle's access and water supply.

He also noted there will be times when traffic will have to route north on 1100 W to 500 S while work is being done in the 2600 S intersection and in front of Silver Eagle. A separate resolution will be presented to authorize the temporary truck restriction for 1100 W, North to 1500 S.

He said bids were held on May 14th and there were six bids for the project. The bids came in as noted below:

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CONTRACTOR	BID AMOUNT
ENGINEERS'S ESTIMATE	\$1,019,483.00
SILVER SPUR	\$843,000.00
NEWMAN	\$1,060,000.00
ALLIED	\$1,007,802.53
BECK	\$1,304,928.00
C&L WATER	\$897,029.37
ORMOND	\$853,472.95

Resolution 2025-918 Awarding the Bid for the 1100 West Waterline Project was approved through the consent agenda as noted below.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-919 TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING TRUCK ROUTE

The Public Works Director noted that during the planning and design phases of the 1100 W, 2150 S to 2600 S, waterline project some concerns were brought up about the impacts of multiple businesses on the project that rely on daily truck traffic. He said that a meeting with Silver Eagle revealed that they see 60-90 trucks a day, and during different phases of the waterline project, truck traffic will be restricted due to road closures and truck restrictions. He said all waterline work in the 2600 S intersection will require a complete intersection closure and detours for traffic utilizing businesses along 1100 W.

He said that the current city code prevents trucks from traveling on 1100 W, north of 1500 S. This section of code was implemented to protect resident's quality of life and extend the service life of the road. During construction, some road closures will impact the access of businesses that rely on the daily truck traffic.

He said city staff has worked closely with Silver Eagle and Wood Preserving to coordinate a plan that will minimize the impact and timeline on their businesses and the quality of life for our residents. Weekly coordination meetings will be held between city staff, the contractor, and Silver Eagle and Wood Preserving to coordinate a plan that will minimize the impact and timeline on their businesses and the quality of life for our residents. Staff has also asked JUB Engineering to analyze the impact on the pavement on 1100 W. Their opinion is that while the section of the road was not built for repeated use by these Class 8 Commercial trucks, they expect the road to hold up on a temporary basis but will need to be monitored for damage.

Staff and the contractor will work to minimize the time of detours that utilize 1100 W, 500 S to 1500 S to a minimum. Staff has communicated with the contractor that the detour will not last the entire project, but only when the construction directly interferes with the affected business's daily operations.

Resolution 2025-919 Temporarily suspending the truck route on specific streets was approved through the consent agenda as noted below.

Following the review of the above items on the consent agenda, Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the consent agenda items with Council Member Grover seconding the motion and all voted in favor of the motion through a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Mayor then opened the meeting to public comments that would take less than three minutes.

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Ms. Joy Gibb addressed the Council and said she had been a resident in Woods Cross for 27 years. She said she lives on 1220 West and had recently sent an email regarding parking problems on her street. She said she appreciated the quick response to the email today in having someone investigate the parking issues. She said these parking issues have been going on for years with people parking their trucks and work vehicles as well as their toys on the street in front of her house for extended periods of time. She said despite the quick response today, she felt like there needed to be something done long term to take care of this continuing problem. She said it should not be a complaint-based issue. She said that the street is a huge poster for the city as it is a street where people come to park for soccer games at Mill's park. She said the street is starting to look quite trashy because codes are not being enforced. She said there has not been a lot of response from the city until today. She said in years past she has been told that people can park on their lawns and not worry about it. She said there are three neighbors that she knows of that are in violation of this code and she said she feels it is a poor representation of our city for people passing these homes that are on their way to park for the soccer games. She said as a resident it is super frustrating because the houses that are in violation with parking are right next to each other and there is only enough room to get one car up and down the street. She said there are neighbors who are also doing construction at their home on that same street, and she said there are days she is unable to get out of her own driveway because of all the vehicles parked on the street. She asked if there could be a plan in place moving forward so that code enforcement can come out more regularly to monitor this area. She said there is now a neighbor who is going to pour another RV pad on the other side of his house so he will have two RV pads. She said it was her understanding that the city code is loosely written so these things are allowed and people are able to get around things like this. She said she loves living in Woods Cross, but she does not feel like the city should let things decline that could be addressed and fixed.

Mayor Protem Larrabee thanked Ms. Gibb for her comments and concerns and said he felt this should be able to be addressed with code enforcement. He said it could be put on the list so it can be checked on a more regular basis.

Council Member Checketts also asked the Community Development Director if he could look into the city code to see if it can be adjusted to help make sure things like this do not occur.

Mr. Poole said as far as parking on the property goes, it is detailed in the code. He said parking on lawns is restricted. He also said he had spoken with the Public Works Director about parking on an arterial road opposed to a main artery road and what type of access they can have on their property. He said on the smaller roads there are not as many restrictions.

Council Member Jones asked about the second RV pad being put in and if there was going to be a second approach on the property or just a singular approach with a second pad. It was noted there was going to be a second pad on the other side of the home from the driveway and it would seem they would be going over the curb to be able to access the second pad.

Council Member Sharp said he thought there was something in the code that said that those vehicles would need to be behind a fence.

Mr. Poole said that it has been talked about, but there is nothing in code right now.

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Council Member Jones asked if the yard could be all concrete or would there need to be some landscaping. Mr. Poole said there would need to be landscaping or xeriscaping required.

The Public Works Director said he did receive an application from the resident in question requesting a second drive approach cut. He said there was nothing in the code prohibiting it, so it has been approved.

Mr. Shane Stenquist was online and addressed the Council with public comment. He said he was also a neighbor living on 1220 West and said the neighbor in question has been jumping the curb and parking on the grass. He said there have been up to five vehicles parking on the lawn at once. He also said the neighbor had parked and blocked the sidewalk as well completely blocking the sidewalk for three days at a time. He said he had also been reporting these things to the city and nothing had happened. He said he did see an officer that came to the residence in question once and looked at the vehicle blocking the sidewalk, but the officer just looked at it and then left. He said there had been no solution to the problem. He has small kids and doesn't feel they should have to go out into the street because the sidewalk is blocked if they want to walk to the park. He questioned code allowing for a second driveway. He said he read there could be two driveways, but they had to be separated by 50 feet from edge to edge of the cement and at most the one the neighbor is putting in will be 39 feet. He said if they wanted to get to 50 feet, it would be halfway onto his property. He said there is a two-foot piece of grass in between his property and the neighbors, and he is going to have to either redo all of the sprinkling system or tear it out and put in cement because he will not be able to mow it due to the lawn mower being wider than the two strips of cement. He said the optics are not great and there are older vehicles that will be parked on the property continuing to make it an eyesore. He said there were a few other code issues that his attorney had pointed out as well.

Mr. Poole asked where he saw the 50-foot separation in the code. Mr. Stenquist looked and said it was in chapter 12-19. The Public Works Director looked it over and said that those restrictions were for the industrial chapter. Mr. Stenquist said he echoed the complaints brought up by Ms. Gibb regarding the parking issues.

Mr. Haderlie said if they are doing things that are damaging Mr. Stenquist's property it's a civil matter. He said the city is happy to enforce the code and encourage the residents to communicate what is happening quickly and directly.

The Police Chief recommended they call dispatch and have officer contact you about any issues. He said if the police do not know about a problem, they cannot enforce it. He said to make sure to let an officer know. Mr. Stenquist said he had called dispatch before but felt there was nothing done.

Council Member Jones asked if it was the police that took care of the issues or the code enforcement officer. The Police Chief said police officers can take care of the parking issues and there could be a citation given but it is up to the officer's discretion when they are called for parking issues.

Mayor Westergard entered the meeting at this time and took over conducting the meeting. He thanked Mayor Protem Larrabee for filling in for him while he was attending a family obligation.

Council Member Grover noted there was an email that was sent from Ms. Cassie White. He read it for the Council. Cassie lives on 1350 S and is concerned about the grassy water retention area behind her home. Cassie said there has been issues behind her home between 1250 W and 1350 W with people using the area as an off-leash dog park and an area where kids are riding their gas-powered dirt bikes tearing up the grass.

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Cassie said the off-leash dogs have been causing issues resulting in fence damage, along with issues with digging. She said she knows that area had been previously considered for a dog park, but that request was denied by the city. She asked that the city put signage up in the area to make it clear to people that use the area for dogs. She said she felt that inappropriate use should result in penalties. She said they have tried to be understanding and let things go but the problems are occurring more frequently and there is more damage occurring with dogs digging. She said there is a safety issue as well as a property damage issue. She said there is now a clear path from damage from dirt bikes where the grass is completely dead and younger boys are consistently riding back there. She said she appreciated any help with these issues.

Mayor Westergard said he knew that parks and police had been notified of the motorized bike problems in Mills Park. He said that while this area initially had been intended to be off leash, it was ultimately determined that the linear parkway and trailway allow dogs on-leash.

Mr. Poole said when the dog park was put into the west part of the city, the linear parkway went back to being an on-leash area for dogs.

Council Member Sharp said dog owners should be using the doggy bags that are being made available at the beginning of the linear parkway to clean up after their dogs.

The Public Works Director shared that there are signs defining the need for dogs to be on-leash at every entrance to these areas. He also noted there is a dog run in the city and there are upgrades happening to that area and it should be done by this summer so it can be used by dog owners.

The Mayor noted that if residents could call dispatch with their complaints, it would be much better to be able to take care of the problems so they can be addressed in a timelier manner.

The Chief of Police said calling dispatch would be better to file a complaint than by sending an email so there could be a record of how many calls and complaints were being made and what different types of complaints are made. He said it would be more effective to address the problem immediately instead of not receiving an email until much later.

Council Member Grover said he would reach out to Ms. White and let her know that when she sees an issue happening to call dispatch so the police can address it sooner.

Council Member Checketts said She said if people continue to abuse the privilege of having dogs on the trail, there may need to be a "no dogs allowed" policy implemented just as there is in the city parks.

Mr. Don Schrader said he had heard people say they have a dog on a leash, but the dog is dragging the leash behind them. The Council said they may need to define that better.

The Mayor suggested that maybe some more education can be implemented, such as putting information in the city newsletter and on social media to address these issues.

The Chief said detailed information shared with the police could be helpful, especially pictures, video, ring video, addresses of offenders or if anyone can help identify the kids causing trouble, it would give the police more to go on.

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There were no further comments, and the Mayor closed the open session.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED OPENING AND AMENDING OF THE FY 2025 BUDGET FOR ALL CITY FUNDS

The Mayor gave the floor to the City Administrator who noted the following proposed amendment of the FY 2025 Budget for All City Funds as noted below:

General Fund – 10

Revenues – Adjustments in the General Fund revenue include reductions in anticipated sales tax, transient room tax, and planning and zoning fees. There are offsetting increases in revenues in a variety of line items including property taxes, permit and land use fees, user fees, court fines, the sale of fixed assets etc. The overall budget amendment in revenue is \$1,463,491 higher than anticipated revenue when the budget was adopted.

Expenditures – The expenditures in the general fund have been adjusted up or down in each function based on anticipated year end expenditures and the additional expenditures approved the city council on May 6, 2025. Some of those budget increases included additional transfers to the fleet fund and a transfer to the Capital Improvement fund of \$1,000,000. These transfers enable the General Fund budget to balance and to keep the Fund Balance below the 35% cap required by state law.

Class C Special Fund – 21

Revenue – Class C Revenue shows the use of fund balance which is the 2022 Road Bond revenue that needs to be spent.

Expenditures – The expenditure lines include the anticipated expenses for the 800 W 1500 S intersection and design costs for 1100 W construction that is slated to start next spring.

RAP Tax – 23

Revenue – The RAP tax revenue is reduced slightly due to lower interest earnings.

Expenditures – The RAP tax loaned \$200,000 to the Park Development (Impact Fee) Fund last year when the impact fee study created a deficit in that fund (24). This fund is being paid back over time. This fund will put \$302,000 into Fund Balance (savings) this year that can be used for future park improvements.

Park Development Special Revenue Fund (Park Impact Fees) – 24

Revenue – This fund has collected very little funds due to few building permits and the park impact fees associated with new residential development. A \$200,000 loan is included in this budget amendment to make this fund solvent.

Expenditures – This fund has been upside down as we continue to work to be reimbursed for the Legacy Trail asphalt project. The park impact fee study was also conducted this year.

Redevelopment Agency Fund – 25 – The fund is covering the remaining costs with the impact fee study and placing the rest into fund balance (savings).

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Youth City Council (26) and Community of Promise (27) Funds – Little change in these two funds. One up, one down by less than \$2,000 in each.

1960 S Assessment Area – 41 – This fund received revenue from the general fund to pay for past litigation. The fund will now be relatively flat as annual assessments pay for the annual bond payments.

Capital Improvements Development Fund – 46 – The city paid for the 1659 S 800 W property and received interest earnings and the \$1,000,000 transfer from the general fund to pay for the future city hall project.

Enterprise Funds – 51, 52, 53, 56

These funds have remained solvent by the recent utility rate increases. The funds continue to perform well and have adjustments based on actual expenses year-to-date.

Fleet Fund – 61

The fleet fund is performing as intended and has enabled public works and police to rotate out old vehicles for newer and more efficient/reliable vehicles. The fund received an additional infusion of revenue from each fund that pays into it to work towards a self-supporting fund in the future so that we do not have to borrow money in the future.

Summary – The budgets are operating well, and we appreciate our employee's efforts to use the citizens money prudently. I appreciate Brian Passey's diligence to prepare the budget documents and supporting information.

"Please remember that we budget ample money in each fund to pay for invoices that continue to arrive thru July and early August. We do this so that there are no audit findings for insufficient funds. A true accounting of the year will come out during the audit report in November-December.

"A public hearing for the budget amendment will be held during the May 20th meeting with the anticipated approval by the council so that we will close out the 2024-25 budget year with a balanced budget. Staff recommends approving the FY25 budget amendment as presented."

Following the information given by the City Administrator, the Mayor said that property taxes were a little higher in the budget and some of the fines and fees came in a little higher and a transfer from the fund balance for capital improvement and the fleet fund also occurred.

The Mayor said suggested a summary of the changes would be good to have to keep track of additional funding that has happened during the year.

The City Administrator said all of this information was on the website, so the public had access for review.

The Mayor then opened the public hearing on this matter.

There were no questions or comments, and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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There was some discussion looking at the budget regarding issues with vacuuming not being done after someone has rented the public works multipurpose room for an event. There was a suggestion that the cleaning company that cleans the other areas of the public works building be hired to take on the multipurpose room. It was also suggested that the parks seasonal employees could take on that task.

There was no further discussion and Council Member Sharp made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-920 opening and amending the FY 2025 Budget for all city funds. Council Member Larrabee seconded the motion, and all voted in favor of the motion through a roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 9 UTILITIES AND SERVICES, CHAPTER 2 STORM WATER, AND TITLE 15 STORM WATER REGULATION

The Mayor gave the floor to the Public Works Director who noted the following for the City Council:

“In the 2024 Legislative session, HB-507, and the 2025 Legislative session, SB-220, required changes to the way municipalities oversee and manage Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) inspections, compliance, and reporting. The bill went into effect on January 1, 2025, and many MS4s are navigating new requirements that aim to standardize processes and enhance environmental oversight. From updated inspection forms to new standard operating procedures (SOPs), these changes are set to reshape how MS4s operate. As directed by the City Administrator, we are operating in compliance with the draft code changes and have held off changes in the city code until the 2025 legislative session ends.

“City Staff and JUB Engineers put together an update to the City Code pertaining to HB 507 and had the City attorney review it for compliance. There was also an opportunity to consolidate Title 15 Storm Water Regulations into Title 9, Chapter 02 Storm Water, to clarify some confusion and make it easier to search for compliance.”

Some changes are:

- Restrictions on what the Cities can enforce in “penalties”
- Changes in inspections by Storm Water Official
- Allow Electronic Contractor Self-inspections
- Changes in Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) permit forms and review timelines
- Increased documentation.

The Mayor said he wanted to know more about electronic contractor self-inspections.

The Public Works Director said the city is required to accept electronic self-inspections by state code. He said they can do that by email at present. He said the city can do their own inspections as the state code allows. He said the legislation has slowly given back some of the ability to do enforcement over the past few years.

There were no further questions, and the Mayor then opened the public hearing on this matter.

There were no public comments, and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

There was no further discussion and Council Member Checketts made a motion to adopt ordinance 628 amending Woods Cross City Code Title 9 Utilities and Services, Chapter 2 Storm Water, and Title 15 Storm

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Water Regulations. Council Member Grover seconded the motion, and all voted in favor of the motion through a roll call vote.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

The Community Services Director noted the following for the Council:

YCC—The Easter Basket Raffle was a success and raised nearly \$2600 for the Sub-for-Santa-Wildcat Wishes. The Easter activities were a great success. Thank you to everyone for coming and making this a great event.

May/June/July Senior Lunch—May was great with a few new faces! Next month the Ace Disposal Sales Manager will be coming to speak and answer residents' questions regarding the switch in service.

July—WXPd will be coming to cook hamburgers and hot dogs and speak.

New News—Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt was a huge success for a first time event—over 250 teens participated. We are looking forward to making this an annual event.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Building Permits and Land Use Applications

- 22 Residential Building Permits (1 New Single-Family)
 - o \$805,765 total valuation
 - o \$20,304 total permit fees
- 2 Commercial Building Permits
 - o \$160,000 total valuation
 - o \$1,955 total permit fees
- 3 Miscellaneous Permits
 - o \$36,600 total valuation
 - o \$1,198 total permit fees
- 1 Site Plan Application
- 2 Conditional Use Applications

Business Licenses

- 8 new Business Licenses
- 642 total

Code Enforcement

- We have unfortunately lost our Code Enforcement Officer. He had schedule conflicts with his job in Morgan County. We are posting again for the position.
- If residents come to Council members regarding potential code violations, please refer them to me without promising actions that will be taken to resolve the potential code violations.

Updates

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- Bryce and I continue to gather information for a new city hall. We have scheduled another meeting with the working group to gather some additional information. Once we have that we will be close to submitting the RFP.
- I am working on the lease agreement and pricing for the new property to the south of city hall and other properties owned by the city.
- Two text amendments have been prepared and are going through the public hearing and review process with the Commission. The amendments will amend street tree maintenance and height and address shipping containers and accessory structures.
- There will be additional amendments coming through the review process that will address changes brought to us by the state legislature.
- Arcadis, the consultant for the Station Area Plan, continues to work on a survey that will be announced by the city newsletter and social media. They have not received the responses they were hoping for and have extended the survey to capture as much feedback as possible. There has been continued announcements on social media and flyers at the FrontRunner Station. Once the feedback has been gathered, they will present their findings to the Planning Commission and City Council for adoption.

REPORT POLICE REPORT

Dispatched/On View Calls			
2025		2024	
January-	475	January-	445
February-	420	February-	419
March-	474	March-	448
April-	530	April-	501
May-		May-	
June-		June-	
July-		July-	
August-		August-	
September-		September-	
October-		October-	
November-		November-	
December-		December-	

Patrol Overview			
March 2025		February 2025	
Calls for service-	530	Calls for service-	474
Reports-	217	Reports-	222
Citations-	69	Citations-	103
Physical Arrests-	07	Physical Arrests-	10
Use of Force-	01	Use of Force-	03

DETECTIVE DIVISION

- 28 New Persons Crimes/Sexual Assault/C.A.N.R. cases (child abuse neglect report)
- 16 New Theft/Property/Fraud Cases
- 35 Cases closed with and without arrests 2 Death Investigations USE OF FORCE REVIEWS The sergeants and administration reviewed one use of force report. The use of force was determined to be within department policy and state law. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY WX Elementary Lunch with Chief. Autism Council of Utah delivered autism awareness bags for every officer Dispatch Appreciation Day. Detectives participated in Operation Hive Strike with ICAC task force. FBI National Academy Conference attended by Chief Bigelow in Moab.
- 2 Death Investigations

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The Utah Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force announced 15 arrests as a result of a four-day operation. The Office of the Utah Attorney General hosted a statewide undercover investigation called Operation Hive Strike to locate and apprehend individuals exploiting children. Over 80 task forced agents from 31 different federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies participated in the operation. The operation resulted in the arrests of 15 people, who will face charges of crimes against children.

Council Member Checketts asked about the dash cams and what improvements would come with the LPR that would come with the dash cams.

The Chief noted that the LPR or License Plate Reader is an effective tool in helping officers, using it to run the license plates for detailed information in milliseconds, revealing information such as if there is no insurance on the vehicle or important information connected to a license plate read. The Chief said one of the neighboring cities has LPR cameras installed at some of their intersections, and they have helped the Woods Cross Police Department with information from the LPR locating suspects that have committed crimes within the city. He said it would be beneficial to the city if there were about 6 of these LPR cameras installed at intersections to help with monitoring criminal activities that may occur within the city.

There was discussion on how much it would cost to fund the dash cams as well as the LPR cameras at the intersections. It was noted that AXON was the company that would provide the services if the Council were interested in going in that direction.

Council Member Sharp asked if there was anything the Council could help with for Officer Linton who had been injured. The Chief said he did not think so and he was hoping that Officer Linton would be able to recover as quickly as possible.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was presented to the City Council.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. Ongoing work with FY25 budget amendment and FY26 tentative budget.
2. Working on gathering information for new city hall meetings and associated efforts. Curtis Poole and I toured three city halls this week to see office designs, layout configurations, lessons learned and learn more about bid/construction processes. We also held a virtual meeting with Saratoga Springs staff that is in the middle of their building construction.
3. Cass Hart and I met with Utah Local Governments Trust staff to discuss 2025-26 renewal information. The Trust provides the city with general liability, property, automobile coverage, and workers compensation insurance. The premiums will increase 6% over last year for all insurance coverage for the city.
4. Working with staff to wrap up FY25 budget expenditures and recent expenditures approved by the city council.
5. Coordination and oversight of the property purchase at 1659 S 800 W (home south of city hall). This went smoothly and staff have all helped with the variety of responsibilities needed to manage the property and look to lease it.

QUESTIONS/DIRECTIONS TO STAFF

There was discussion on the email sent about employees and elected officials renting pavilions and community rooms. It was noted there was no charge for employees or elected officials.

Council Member Checketts said she felt like this should be a benefit for employees and elected officials working in the city.

The City Administrator said he would work on bringing back some language for the Council to review in adding this to city ordinance.

In response to a question regarding police staffing, the Chief said they had one officer resign the past week, but had offered three conditional offers on Friday, which would make them fully staffed.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Grover reporting for the Mosquito Abatement District said the fogger trucks are out. He said they are looking at upgrading the facility at the Mosquito Abatement District and are looking at costs right and see what the budget would be for the upgrade.

Council Member Sharp reported on the Planning Commission meeting he had attended. He said there had been a good discussion on the street trees, as well as shipping containers and accessory buildings.

Council Member Larrabee said Nicole Riley has been hired as the Director of the Wasatch Integrated Waste District. There will be a transition with Nathan leaving at the end of June. He said on June 5 between 11:00 and 3:00 there will be an open house to say goodbye to Nathan if any of the Council would like to attend.

The Mayor said the Fire District met and Fire Marshal, Cole Fessler will be setting up a time to meet with the Council to discuss legislation that was passed that will require all cities to adopt a wild land urban interface map and other regulations. He said Woods Cross has no high risks areas for fire at present. He said the map and fee structure will need to be adopted.

The Mayor noted things at the Recreation District were going well. Their audit was just presented, showing a little excess in the fund balance. He said it had been a bit hard to get there but there had been good progress made. He said they continue to review the needs and the programs that are offered through the district. He mentioned there was a request for a mountain bike team to be organized through the recreation district.

The Mayor said the Sewer District had also met and they will meet with the new project management committee for the waste to energy project. He said Opal Fuels has purchased a share and will have seats on the committee, and they are hoping to help get this project profitable and sustained on a continuous basis.

The Mayor said Davis County Council of Governments met. All the mayors were invited to go to a Mayor's lunch and share reports from each of the cities. He said Woods Cross had news about the Skypark Airport working on electric jets, which was an exciting project.

Council Member Checketts asked Mr. Poole about the survey link for the rail station area plan. She asked if he could send her an email with it and Mr. Poole said he would do so.

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ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL—MOVE TO RDA MEETING

There being no further business before the City Council, Council Member Sharp made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:07 PM with Council Member Larrabee seconding the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

Ryan Westergard, Mayor

Annette Hanson, City Recorder

Approved by City Council June 3, 2025