

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Wednesday, March 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the Civic Center, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

Present:

City Council:	Braden Mitchell, Mayor Alan Arnold, Councilmember Bart Stevens, Councilmember Anne Hansen, Councilmember Mike Richter, Councilmember Stacey Haws, Councilmember
City Employees:	Steve Brooks, City Administrator/Attorney Brandon Cooper, Community Development Director Shawn Douglas, Public Works Director Casey Warren, Police Chief Rich Taylor, Community Services Director Michelle Marigoni, City Recorder
Excused:	None
Visitors:	Tanner Lenart, Mike Staten, Bonneville Bike Team members

Welcome & Roll Call

The City Council meeting began at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, noting that all Council Members, city staff, and members of the public were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Cody Cardon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Councilor Stacey Haws offered the invocation.

Public Comment

Mayor Mitchell opened the floor for public comments, asking speakers to limit remarks to three minutes and noting no action would be taken during this period. No public comments were made.

Presentations and Reports

Mayor's report

Mayor Mitchell provided updates on recent activities, including the previous night's meeting where RAMP grants were announced. He highlighted two successful grants: \$22,000 for Old Glory Days (credited to Mr. Taylor) and funding for the Old Glory Outdoor Classroom (proposed by Ms. Marigoni). Ms. Marigoni explained the classroom concept—an open area with bench seating around a flag, supported by the Lions Club, to be located near the volleyball pit—aimed at enhancing the park and testing grant-writing capabilities. The Mayor noted public feedback, including online discussions and resident concerns about grant priorities, emphasizing this as a learning experience with plans for future applications. He encouraged councilors to gather community input on grant ideas.

Additional updates included Hill Air Force Base's request to remind residents via newsletter not to fly drones over the base due to safety incidents, with potential law enforcement assistance requested. Lastly, he announced the Northern Utah Development Symposium on March 19, where Riverdale was invited to host a booth, recognizing Mr. Cooper's economic development contributions.

City Council Assignment Reports

Councilor Stevens raised concerns about pending legislation discussed at a prior meeting, noting potential encroachments on municipal rights and funding. He urged councilors to act on League calls-to-action. No other reports were provided.

Consent Items

1. Consideration to approve meeting minutes from:
February 4, 2025 Council Work Session
February 4, 2025 Council Meeting

Mayor Mitchell asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes. There were no changes.

MOTION: Councilmember Arnold moved to approve the meeting minutes as discussed in the work session. Councilmember Richter seconded the motion. There was not any discussion regarding this motion, which passed unanimously.

2. **Consideration to approve Trader Joe's beer license local consent.**

Michelle Marigoni introduced Tanner Lenart, representing Trader Joe's, requesting local consent for an off-premise beer license for their Riverdale location. Ms. Lenart confirmed the application's completeness, with no proximity issues, and answered council questions.

MOTION: Councilor Arnold moved to approve the local consent. Councilor Haws seconded the motion. There was not any discussion regarding this motion, which passed unanimously.

Action Items

1. **Presentation about Riverdale bike trails with possible action.**

Mayor Mitchell introduced Mike Staten, Bonneville High Mountain Bike Team Coach, requesting permission to lead volunteer restoration of disrupted bike trails on city property near the Weber River Parkway Trail. Mr. Staten detailed the trails' history, disrupted by Eagles Landing Apartments LLC's legal clearing, and proposed restoring connectivity using volunteer labor, avoiding private property and wetlands. He offered engineering expertise and ongoing maintenance through the mountain bike team, citing the trails' value for beginners and community use, with a tentative timeline of late April to early May.

Mr. Brooks raised concerns about liability and insurance, noting past unauthorized use and potential conflicts with park use policies. Mr. Douglas expressed worries about wetland proximity and long-term maintenance commitments. Councilors discussed insurance (covered by the Mountain Bike League for trail work days only) policy consistency, and upkeep, suggesting research into other trail systems' practices. Mr. Staten proposed transparency with Public Works and clarified the trail's use for practice, not tournaments.

MOTION: Councilor Arnold moved to table any action on the bike trails proposal.

SECOND: Councilor Richter

Discussion: Staff agreed to investigate insurance, policy adjustments (e.g., trading maintenance for fees), and legal implications.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilor Arnold:	Yes
	Councilor Stevens:	Yes
	Councilor Hansen:	Yes
	Councilor Richter:	Yes
	Councilor Haws:	Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

H. Comments

Councilor Haws asked about revisiting park fee discussions due to public feedback. Mayor Mitchell noted it could be agendaized. Councilor Arnold emphasized explaining fees publicly, citing misunderstandings on social media about school usage (e.g., PE classes). The Mayor acknowledged past negotiations with schools and openness to future talks.

I. Adjournment

MOTION: Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Arnold moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Date Approved: 4/1/2025