

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Wednesday, April 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the Civic Center, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

Present: City Council: 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
Michelle Marigoni, City Recorder

Excused: Braden Mitchell, Mayor

Visitors: Mike Staten, Steve Hampton

Welcome & Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Stacey Haws led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Brandon Cooper offered the invocation.

Public Comment

Councilmember Arnold opened the floor for public comments, asking speakers to limit remarks to three minutes and noting no action would be taken during this period.

Steve Hampton who lives in Riverglen expressed concern about a fire in the area behind his home, which is controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers. He said the deadfall needs to be cleaned out as it is a fire hazard. The citizens in the neighborhood are willing to do work.

Presentations and Reports

Mayor's report

Councilmember Arnold, on behalf of Mayor Mitchell, reported on a recent incident in the trailer court on the south side of Riverdale. Chief Warren elaborated, thanking the fire department, public works, Weber County Attorney's Office, and Riverdale Police Department for their coordinated response to a homicide case that resulted in the safe recovery of children. He also recognized assistance from Ogden Fire and Roy City Police. Additionally, Chief Warren was honored as Chief of the Year for small departments, an award credited to the dedication of his officers, highlighted by their handling of multiple cases that week, including the homicide, a silver alert, and a suicide attempt intervention.

City Council Assignment Reports

- Mosquito Board – Councilor Stevens reported the recent mosquitos out were in hibernation from last year and not a new hatch. The abatement's website has a number to call or an online request to have the truck spray residences.

Riverdale Police Grant and Resource Officer Funding FY2025

Chief Warren presented a recap of FY 2025 grant funding, totaling approximately \$158,000, including DUI/seat belt/crosswalk enforcement shifts, a JAG Ramp ballistic shield, mental health services for first responders (\$23,750), LIDAR

speed enforcement devices, ICAC liaison equipment, and Utah Military Academy resource officer funding (\$72,000 this year, increasing to \$85,000 next year). No questions were raised.

Protest Update

Mr. Brooks reported on a Tesla protest, noting extensive planning with Chief Warren, including coordination with neighboring jurisdictions, businesses, and a local surveillance company. The event was small and uneventful. Chief Warren praised the organizers' cooperation and staff support. Councilmember Haws inquired about a car with signs parked near Tesla, to which Mr. Brooks responded it was likely not a violation unless obstructing traffic.

Community Development Update

Mr. Cooper updated on upcoming ribbon cuttings for DXL Big & Tall and Good Vets, and progress on Trader Joe's, with core/shell and tenant improvement submittals received, anticipating an October opening and formal announcement in August.

Consent Items

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

Councilmember Arnold asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes. There were no changes.

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

Action Items

1. **Consideration of Resolution #2025-09 accepting the Annual Municipal Wastewater Report.**

Shawn Douglas reported this is mandated by the state to be completed and approved by council. There were no reportable incidents or backups.

MOTION: Councilor Haws moved to approve Resolution #2025-09 accepting the Annual Municipal Wastewater Report

SECOND: Councilor Hansen

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

The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Motion to un-table, discussion, possible action concerning Riverdale bike trails** (no further documentation submitted)

MOTION: Councilor Haws moved to un-table the discussion.

SECOND: Councilor Richter

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion:

Mr. Brooks reported the city's insurance would cover the trail if engineered properly. Mike Statton proposed maintenance by his mountain biking team, citing International Mountain Biking Association standards, and suggested dig days on April 23 and May 1. Discussion addressed special event permits (triggered at 50+ attendees), insurance via the biking league, and the trail's non-permanent status. Consensus was reached to draft a resolution acknowledging the trail's existence with a separate maintenance agreement, allowing work to proceed by April 15.
CONSENSUS: Unanimous to move forward with a resolution for the April 15 meeting.

3. Discussion and consideration of Resolution #2025-10 accepting city's vision for long-term land use - as reflected in the Wasatch Front Regional Council Wasatch Choice Vision

Mr. Cooper presented a non-binding vision map from an October 2024 workshop, designating retail, city center, neighborhood, employment, and industrial districts, aligning with the Wasatch Front Regional Council's 2035-2040 plan.

MOTION: Councilor Haws moved to approve Resolution 2025-10 accepting city's vision for long-term land use - as reflected in the Wasatch Front Regional Council Wasatch Choice Vision

SECOND: Councilor Richter

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Haws:	Yes
Councilor Arnold:	Yes
Councilor Hansen:	Yes
Councilor Stevens:	Yes
Councilor Richter:	Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Discussion and direction regarding pickleball courts in Riverdale City

Mr. Brooks revisited a proposal for three pickleball courts at Golden Spike Park, citing survey demand but noting maintenance costs and nearby alternatives (ROR Park). Councilmember Stevens opposed permanent structures in neighborhood parks, favoring open space, while Councilmember Hansen suggested delaying for further research.
CONSENSUS: Unanimous to delay from the current fiscal year budget.

5. Strategic Planning discussion

Mr. Brooks proposed a small steering committee (himself, the mayor, Cody) to guide the city toward 2030, with options to consult others for historical insight.
CONSENSUS: Unanimous to proceed with the smaller group and optional outreach.

6. Consideration to enter a closed session pursuant to one or more of the provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act 52-4-205(1)

MOTION: Councilor Arnold moved to enter the closed session.

SECOND: Councilor Richter

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Arnold:	Yes
Councilor Stevens:	Yes
Councilor Richter:	Yes
Councilor Hansen:	Yes
Councilor Haws:	Yes

Motion passed unanimously, closed session entered at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Council members Arnold, Hansen, Haws, Richter and Stevens, Steve Brooks, Brandon Cooper, Shawn Douglas, Casey Warren, Michelle Marigoni

MOTION: Councilor Stevens moved to adjourn the closed session and reopen the meeting.

SECOND: Councilor Haws

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Haws:	Yes
Councilor Stevens:	Yes
Councilor Arnold:	Yes
Councilor Richter:	Yes
Councilor Hansen:	Yes

Motion passed unanimously, closed session adjourned and meeting reopened at 7:57 p.m.

H. Comments

Councilor Stevens asked about Honey Baked Ham – they are moving to a temporary location for the holidays.

Mr. Brooks reminded council members of upcoming ULCT Conference, budget, and 2030 discussions.

I. Adjournment

MOTION: Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Richter moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Date Approved: 4/15/2025