

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

City Hall

Price, Utah

June 11, 2025

Present: Mayor Pro Tempore Miller

Councilmembers:

Joe Christman

Amy Knott-Jespersen

Tanner Richardson

Terry Willis

Jaci Adams, City Recorder

Brandon Sicilia, Chief of Police

Lisa Richens, Finance Director

Miles Nelson, Public Works Director

David Johnson, Fire Chief

Excused: Mayor Kourianos, Nick Tatton, Administrative Director

Staff/Others: See Public Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Councilmember Miller called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and asked for a motion to authorize him to conduct the regular City Council meeting as Mayor Pro Tempore in the absence of Mayor Kourianos.

MOTION.

Councilmember Willis moved to authorize Councilmember Miller to conduct the regular City Council meeting as Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Knott-Jespersen seconded and motion carried.

Angela Chacon, Ascension St. Matthews offered a word.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tempore Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called with the above Councilmembers and staff in attendance.

3. SAFETY SECONDS

Councilmember Christman reminded everyone when out in the heat, stay hydrated, wear a hat and sunscreen.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

a. RETIREMENT RECOGNITION. Recognition for Sid Nelson, Price City Fire Department who will be retiring after 40 plus years of service.

Mayor Pro Tempore Miller and Price City Council recognized and congratulated Sid Nelson, Price City Fire Department on his retirement and 43 years of service. Fire Chief David Johnson expressed his gratitude for Sid's service throughout the years. Each Councilmember thanked Sid and wished him a happy retirement.

b. DISCUSSION REGARDING PRICE CITY PICKLEBALL COURTS. Erick Mortensen along with other concerned citizens will be in attendance to discuss the Price City Pickleball Courts.

Erick Mortensen was not in attendance; however, it was noted by Mayor Pro Tempore Miller of information he received from Miles Nelson, Public Works Director, that there is almost enough funding needed, the approximate cost of \$250,000, to start construction on the Pickleball courts tentatively this fall. The city has \$80,000, Mayor Kourianos has verbal commitments in the amount of \$20,000 and \$150,000 will be funded from ZAP Tax.

c. PRESENTATION. Dave Reeder with Previdence a comprehensive mental health and wellness platform will be in attendance to discuss this item.

Mayor Pro Tempore Miller asked for a motion to strike agenda item 4.c. because Dave Reeder was not in attendance.

MOTION.

Councilmember Willis moved to strike agenda item 4.c from the agenda. Councilmember Knott-Jespersen seconded and motion carried.

d. PUBLIC HEARING. Public hearing to receive input regarding an Ordinance Establishing the Compensation of Price City Elective and Statutory Officers and Manager Level Employees.

Mayor Pro Tempore asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing.

MOTION.

Councilmember Knott-Jespersen moved to open the Public Hearing at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Christman seconded and motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tempore Miller and Councilmember Christman explained that the Utah State Legislature passed a bill last year to mandate before an increase in salary is given to municipal officers, city/town managers, city attorneys and supervisors or directors, a public hearing must be held. Wayne Jackson, Price resident asked if the ordinance applies to everybody in the city, he feels not everyone should get a 1% wage increase. Jeff Richens, Price City resident asked that more information be given when public notices are published so that the public understands it better and how it will affect the city's budget, and also suggested dividing the wage increase up equally between everyone. Brandon Ratcliffe asked if a director versus a parks department employee would both receive a 1% raise, and asked the council if they could see the disparity, and asked if it made sense to them. Since there was no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tempore asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTION.

Councilmember Christman moved to close the Public Hearing at 5:29 p.m. Councilmember Knott-Jespersen seconded and motion carried.

e. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-004. Consideration and possible approval of an Ordinance Establishing the Compensation of Price City Elective and Statutory Officers and Manager Level Employees.

MOTION.

Councilmember Willis moved to table Ordinance No. 2025-004 establishing the compensation of Price City Elective and Statutory Officers and Manager Level Employees to the next City Council meeting scheduled June 25, 2025. Councilmember Knott-Jespersen seconded and motion carried.

f. TENTATIVE BUDGET. Authorization to adopt the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and to set a Public Hearing on June 25, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 185 East Main, Price, Utah, to receive public comment on the Tentative Budget; notice shall be published as a Class A notice under Section 63G-30-102 for at least 7 days before the day of the hearing.

Councilmember Willis explained that this is a tentative budget and there could be changes made now until the final budget.

MOTION.

Councilmember Willis moved to adopt the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and set a Public Hearing on June 25, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 185 East Main, Price, Utah. Councilmember Christman seconded and motion carried.

g. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15. Consideration and possible approval of A Resolution Adopting the Price City Electric Rate Schedule for the Retail Sale of Electric Energy Through Price City Owned and Operated Electric Vehicle Charging Pedestals.

Councilmember Knott-Jespersen explained that the electric vehicle charging stations have been free use prior to now, which was grant funded for 5 years. Now that the grant has expired and with the cost of maintenance and operating the charging stations, it has been decided that they will no longer be free to use.

MOTION.

Councilmember Richardson moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-15 adopting the Price City electric rate schedule for the retail sale of electric energy through Price City owned and operated electric vehicle charging pedestals. Councilmember Knott-Jespersen seconded and motion carried.

h. NRCS EWP WOOD HILL FLOOD PROJECT. Consideration and possible approval of B Hansen Construction as the successful low bidder at \$373,380, Notice Of Award to be authorized. Other bids received Perco Rock = \$414,469.00; Dennis Llerd II = 471,450.00; TSJ Construction = \$502,021; & Allred Construction = \$564,998.27. Project funding sources include NRCS-EWP Grant, CIB Grant/Loan, & Price City Stormwater Fund.

Miles Nelson, Public Works Director explained the reason for the project.

MOTION.

Councilmember Christman moved to approve B Hansen Construction as the successful low bidder at \$373,380 with the Notice of Award for the NRCS EWP Wood Hill Flood project. Councilmember Willis seconded and motion carried.

i. UNIT #7330 1986 HONDA ATV REPLACEMENT. Consideration and possible purchase of a 2024 Can Am Outlander Pro HD7 with winch and snowplow installed, from Jorgensen's through State Contract #47QSMA21D08NA for \$9,501.65. Unit is budgeted on the City's current year Capital Improvement Plan.

Miles Nelson, Public Works Director explained the need for the ATV replacement.

MOTION.

Councilmember Knott-Jespersen moved to approve purchase of a 2024 Can Am Outlander Pro HD7 with winch and snowplow installed, form Jorgensen's through State Contract #47QSMA21D08NA for \$9,501.65. Councilmember Christman seconded and motion carried.

j. PROJECT 6C-2025 POLICE UNITS. Consideration and possible approval to purchase two (2) 2025 Dodge Durangos from AutoFarm Dodge for \$47,980 & 50,101 (Total = \$98,081). Other bids received: Blue Diamond – 2025 Chevrolet Blazer \$52,889; AutoFarm Dodge – 2025 Dodge Durango (V8) \$58,029; and Young Ford – 2025 Ford Explorer (V8) 58,465.

Councilmember Richardson disclosed that he is an employee for AutoFarm. Chief Brandon Sicilia explained the urgent need for the vehicles which will be unmarked and lower end vehicles.

MOTION.

Councilmember Willis moved to approve the purchase of two (2) 2025 Dodge Durangos from AutoFarm Dodge for \$47,980 & 50,101 (Total = \$98,081). Councilmember Christman seconded and motion carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION.

Councilmember Christman moved to approve consent agenda items a. thru j. Councilmember Richardson seconded and motion carried.

- a. MINUTES for 05-28-2025 City Council Workshop & City Council.
- b. MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL AGREEMENT. Consideration and possible approval of a Multi-Jurisdictional Automatic Aid, Mutual Aid, Fire, Training, Emergency Medical, and Other Services Agreement between Price City and Carbon County, Helper City, Spanish Fork City, Utah County and Wasatch Fire District.
- c. FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT. Authorization to approve the 2025 Office of the State Auditor Fraud Risk Assessment Questionnaire.
- d. AUDIT SERVICES. Consideration and possible approval of the renewal of financial and single audit services with Larson & Company, PC for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029.
- e. REVISED 04-09-2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. Consideration and possible reapproval of revised 04-09-2025 City Council meeting minutes. It was requested that more detail was needed from the residents that had concerns during the Public Hearing for the Spring Water Transmission Line Replacement.
- f. PUBLIC HEARING. Authorization to set a Public Hearing on June 25, 2025, at 5:0 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 185 East Main, Price, Utah, to receive public comment on the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 year-end budget revision; notice shall be published as a Class A notice under Section 63G-30-102 for at least 7 days before the day of the hearing.
- g. PUBLIC HEARING. Authorization to set an Enterprise Fund Transfer Public Hearing on June 25, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers located at 185 East Main, Price, Utah, to discuss the budgeted transfer from the Electric Fund to the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; notice shall be published as a Class A notice under Section 63G-30-102 for at least 7 days before the day of the hearing.
- h. FEE WAIVER REQUEST. Mersades Morgan and Damon Davis, UARA are requesting fees be waived for use of the Price City Peace Gardens for Recovery Days on September 5, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- i. FEE WAIVER REQUEST. Consideration and possible approval for fees to be waived for use of the Price City Auditorium for a community free music event performed by musician Sammy Horner on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- j. BUSINESS LICENSES. Law Offices of Ryan C. Gregerson, PLLC at 97 E 100 N Suite C for Ryan C. Gregerson.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Zena Robinson, Price City resident had concerns after watching the last recorded City Council meeting from May 28, 2025 of how she felt Captain Brandon Ratcliffe was treated. Wayne Jackson, Price City resident asked if the Public Hearing to adopt the tentative budget will be advertised. The Councilmembers assured him it would be advertised. Angela Chacon, Ascension St. Matthews asked what the time frame is for public notices to be posted to the time it is actually held. The process and time frame for posting public notices were explained to her.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed or reported.

Mayor Pro Tempore Miller asked for a motion to close the regular City Council meeting.

Councilmember Knott-Jespersen moved to closed the regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Willis seconded and motion carried.

The regular City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Layne Miller, Mayor Pro Tempore

Jaci Adams, City Recorder