



Herriman City Fire Service Area Minutes

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Approved July 10, 2025

The following are the minutes of the Herriman City Fire Safety Area meeting. The meeting was held on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Herriman City Council Chambers, 5355 West Herriman Main Street, Herriman, Utah. Adequate notice of this meeting, as required by law, was posted in City Hall, on the City's website, and delivered to members of the Council, media, and interested citizens.

Presiding: Chair Lorin Palmer

Trustees Present: Jared Henderson, Teddy Hodges, and Sherrie Ohrn

Trustees Excused: Terrah Anderson

Staff Present: City Manager Nathan Cherpeski, Assistant City Manager Wendy Thomas, City Recorder Jackie Nostrom, Finance Director Kyle Maurer, Assistant City Matthew Brooks, Communications Manager Jonathan LaFollette, Community Development Director Blake Thomas, Public Works Director Justun Edwards, Building Official Cathryn Nelson, Deputy Police Chief Cody Stromberg, Police Chief Troy Carr, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Events Anthony Teuscher, and UFA Division Chief Anthony Widdison.

1. Call to Order - 6:30 p.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter)

Chair Lorin Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- 2.1. Motion for the review and outline of the finalization process to approve the June 11, 2025, Herriman City Fire Service Area Meeting minutes**

Trustee Teddy Hodges moved to have the minutes of June 11, 2025 be prepared and distributed to each member of the Herriman City Fire Service Area Board. The Board will have ten days to review the minutes and submit any changes to the clerk, if after ten days, there are no changes, the minutes will stand approved. If there are changes, the process will be followed until all changes are made and the board is in agreement. Trustee Teddy Hodges seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

3. Discussion and Action Items

3.1. Discussion and consideration of a Resolution adopting a proposed rate of tax and levying taxes upon all real and personal property within the Herriman City Fire Service Area – Kyle Maurer, Finance Director

Director Kyle Maurer presented on the topic of property tax rates for the 2025 tax year. He began by reviewing the basics of property tax, noting that the certified tax rate is calculated to generate the same revenue as the prior year, plus revenue from new growth. Importantly, rising property values do not necessarily equate to increased taxes for homeowners due to how Utah's tax system is structured. For 2025, the certified tax rate was set at 0.001329, slightly higher than the previous year due to adjustments related to redevelopment project areas. This increase was projected to generate approximately \$382,000 more in revenue due to new growth, not rate increases. The average home in Herriman, valued at \$640,000, would pay about \$468 in Fire District taxes if the certified tax rate were adopted.

Director Maurer emphasized that the Herriman City Fire Service Area's tax revenues had been affected by its participation in redevelopment areas, though this did not reduce overall revenue, just redirected a portion. He also explained that proposing a rate higher than the certified tax rate would trigger the Truth in Taxation process, requiring formal hearings and public notice. Staff recommended a small, incremental increase to the rate to maintain purchasing power over time, citing that there is no built-in inflation adjustment in the certified tax rate. The primary driver for the increase was a \$147,766 rise in the assessment paid to Unified Fire Authority (UFA), which provided the fire services. A 1.7% tax rate increase, or about \$8 more annually for the average homeowner, was proposed to cover this cost. He noted that if the Board moved forward with a proposed increase, the Truth in Taxation Hearing would be scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Trustee Jared Henderson supported the proposal, explaining past efforts to exit the larger taxing district and realign with more sustainable funding. He pointed out that the City had already paid for land and buildings with cash savings and was planning for future fire stations and staff to accommodate Herriman's growing population. Trustee Henderson stressed the importance of steady, manageable increases to avoid sudden large tax hikes in the future. He asked for a detailed financial outline comparing fund balances over time to aid in transparency and long-term planning.

Trustee Teddy Hodges agreed, emphasizing the importance of preserving purchasing power and engaging the public more effectively, possibly through clearer communication about proposed increases. The Board echoed support for the modest increase, citing improved fiscal responsibility and long-term sustainability.

Trustee Henderson moved to approve Resolution R01-25 adopting a proposed rate of tax and levying taxes upon all real and personal property within the Herriman City Fire Service area in the amount of \$8,552,067. Trustee Ohrn seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Trustee Terrah Anderson	Absent
Trustee Jared Henderson	Aye
Trustee Teddy Hodges	Aye
Trustee Sherrie Ohrn	Aye
Chair Lorin Palmer	Aye

The motion passed unanimously with Trustee Terrah Anderson being absent.

4. Adjournment

Trustee Ohrn moved to adjourn the Herriman City Fire Service Area meeting at 6:55 p.m. Trustee Hodges seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

I, Jackie Nostrom, City Recorder for Herriman City, hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true, accurate and complete record of the meeting held on June 11, 2025. This document constitutes the official minutes for the Herriman City Fire Service Area Meeting.



Jackie Nostrom, MMC
City Recorder