



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025

WORK SESSION – 5 PM IN EOC ROOM

COUNCIL MEETING – 6 PM IN COUNCIL ROOM

WORK SESSION MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Russell Porter, Council Members Susan Stewart, Mike Howard, Jeanette Smyth, and Jeremy Howe

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED

Doug Stephens

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Matt Dixon, Assistant City Manager Summer Palmer, Finance Director Peter Anjewierden, Parks and Public Works Director Jon Andersen, Fire Chief Cameron West, Deputy Fire Chief Brandon Storey, Police Chief Darin Parke, Communications and Events Manager Danielle Bendinelli, Accounts Payable Clerk Lori Hurd, and Recorder Leesa Kapetanov

OTHERS PRESENT

No one else attended this meeting.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- At 5:04 pm, Mayor Porter called the meeting to order and explained about the agenda for the Truth in Taxation public hearing 00:00:00
- The mayor called for a motion to begin the meeting 00:00:30

Council Member Smyth so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Howard. Council Members Stewart, Howard, Smyth, and Howe all voted aye.

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

- There were no requests for review of agenda items

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Annual Fraud Risk Self-Assessment Report

- Finance Director Peter Anjewierden reviewed the Fraud Risk-Self Assessment Report with the Council 00:00:42

B. FY2026 Budget

- Mr. Anjewierden began the budget discussion by talking about capital projects. During the discussion, Mr. Anjewierden used several visual aids. See Attachment A. 00:12:37
- After discussion, the majority of the Council indicated they were comfortable with using Fund Balance money for capital projects, bringing the Fund Balance down to 25% of the General Fund
- Finance Director Anjewierden began a conversation on the tax rate 00:33:49
- The Council discussed donations from the City included in the budget, including donations to Bonneville High School and Bonneville Communities That Care. Staff was also instructed to include a donation to Your Community Connection (YCC). No Council members were opposed to the proposed donations. 00:41:59
- City Manager Dixon informed the Council that the cost for the Heritage Trail monuments had increased and \$35,000 more would have to be allocated to the project in order to complete the eight monuments 00:49:09

IV. RECESS/ADJOURN

- At 5:56 pm Mayor Porter called for a motion to adjourn the work session 00:51:57

Council Member Howe so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Howard. All present voted aye.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Robin Holley, Ame Lawlar, Bruce and Joyce Hartman, Staci VanDyke

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I. OPENING CEREMONY

A. Call To Order

- Mayor Porter called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm. He then entertained a motion to begin the meeting. 00:00:00

Council Member Smyth so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Howard. In a voice vote Council Members Stewart, Howard, Smyth, and Howe all voted aye.

B. Prayer/Moment of Silence

- The mayor led those present in a moment of silence

C. Pledge Of Allegiance

- Council Member Smyth led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance
- The mayor explained the Truth In Taxation process and property tax increase 00:00:48

- Mayor Porter called for a motion to enter into public hearings to receive and consider comments on a proposed increase to South Ogden City's portion of property taxes as well as other items in the FY2026 Budget

00:03:33

Council Member Howard so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Stewart. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

To Receive and Consider Comments on the Following Items:

A. Possible Increase to South Ogden City's Portion of Property Taxes

- The mayor invited those who wished to comment on the proposed increase on property taxes to come forward

Robin Holly –

00:04:11

Spoke against a raise in property taxes

B. FY2026 Budget

- Mayor Porter invited those who wished to speak about any other items in the budget to come forward. No one came forward to speak

00:05:22

- The mayor called for a motion to close the public hearings

00:05:31

Council Member Howe so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Smyth. All present voted aye.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Possible Increase in South Ogden City's Portion of Property Taxes

- Finance Director Peter Anjewierden affirmed the City noticed the public hearing as required by law and explained what the maximum tax increase would cost for the

00:05:54

- The council discussed the proposed property tax increase. During discussion a majority of the Council indicated they were in favor of increasing taxes the full .002578 %

00:08:41

B. FY2025 Budget

- Council Member Stewart asked several questions about some anomalies in the budget
00:10:33

IV. ADJOURN

- At 6:29 pm, Mayor Porter called for a motion to adjourn the meeting
00:27:33

Council Member Howe so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Smyth. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the South Ogden City Work Session and Council Meeting held Tuesday, August 5, 2025.


Leesa Kapetanov, City Recorder

August 19, 2025
Date Approved by the City Council

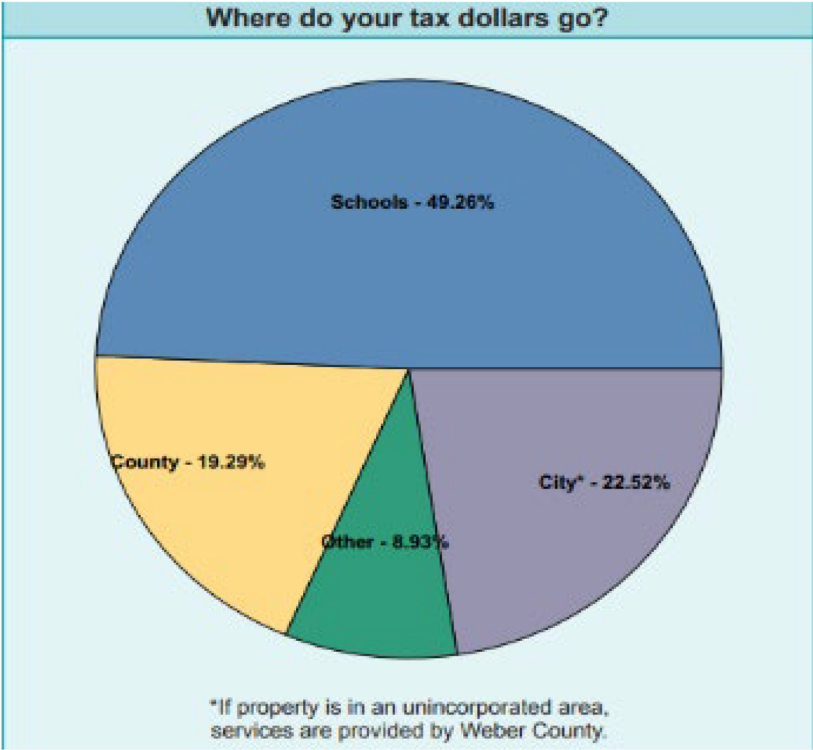
ATTACHMENT A

Finance Director Anjewierden's Visuals

South Ogden City Historical Proposed vs. Adopted Rates

Fiscal Year	Calendar	County	Proposed	Difference	Adopted	County Prop. Rate	Final Budgeted Revenue	City Increase over County Rate
FY 2023	2022	0.002209	0.002408	0.000291	0.002408	\$ 3,832,456	\$ 4,177,707	9.0%
FY 2024	2023	0.002398	0.002506	0.000108	0.0025	\$ 4,201,161	\$ 4,379,859	4.3%
FY 2025	2024	0.002434	0.002507	0.000073	0.002507	\$ 4,435,551	\$ 4,568,618	3.0%
FY 2026	2025	0.002455	0.002578	0.000123	???	\$ 4,562,634	\$ 4,813,623	
Scenario 1	2025	0.002455	0.002578	0.000123	0.002578	\$ 4,562,634	\$ 4,813,623	5.0%
Increase after new growth of 21K							\$ 229,665	
Scenario 2	2025	0.002455	0.002553	0.000098	0.0025532	\$ 4,562,634	\$ 4,745,139	4.0%
Increase after new growth of 21K							\$ 161,181	

Average Home Valuation		
FY 2025	\$	451,000.00
FY 2026	\$	483,244.00



Total General Fund Balance beginnning FY 2025 Pro Forma

Updated 08-05-25		2024		2025	
6/30/2024 financial statement fund balance:		\$3,596,249.00		\$5,153,249.00	
				Projection	
Restricted balances:					
Class "c" Funds		(\$292,602.23)		(\$292,600.00)	
Restricted Fund Balance - Other		(\$4,963.96)		(\$5,000.00)	
Restricted Fund Balance - General		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Restricted Fund Balance - leave liability		(\$860,945.17)		(\$860,900.00)	
7/2024 / 7/2025 Unappropriated Fund balance - Beginning*		\$2,437,737.64		\$3,994,749.00	
35% state general fund maximum:		Actual / Projected %		35%	
FY 2024 General fund revenues		24%	\$15,015,125.00	\$5,255,293.75	\$4,504,537.50
FY 2025 General fund revenues Estimated		32%	\$16,172,300.00	\$5,660,305.00	\$4,851,690.00
*FY 2026 General fund revenues Estimated		36%	\$16,037,500.00	\$5,613,125.00	\$4,811,250.00

*Includes 1.1 Million in Restricted Fund Balances and does not address any additional Capital Expenditure Needs

30% Would Allow the City to earmark between 600-750K for Capital Expense Needs
25% Would Allow the City to earmark between 1.3-1.5 for Capital Expense Needs