

Sunset City Corporation
City Council Minutes
August 19, 2025
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Minutes of a regular meeting held August 19, 2025 at Sunset City Hall, 200 West 1300 North, Sunset, Utah; Mayor Wiggill presiding.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor and Council Present:

Scott Wiggill	Mayor
Sam Bartling	Council Member
Ricky Carlson	Council Member
Nancy Smalling	Council Member
Hope Thompson	Council Member

City Employees Present:

Recorder Supp	Recorder
Brett Jamison	Police Chief
Jason Monroe	Public Works Director
Judith Hampton	Police Secretary

Others Present:

Robert F. Smalling	Sunset
Katherine Hunter	Sunset
Cornel Thomas	Sunset
Tom Ewell	Sunset
Brenda Ewell	Sunset
Sarah Bailey	Sunset
Larry Hampton	Clinton
Andrea Hood	North Davis Communities that Care

Excused:

Nakisha Rigley	Council Member
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The regular session was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Wiggill.

Council Member Carlson gave a prayer/inspirational thought and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Wiggill asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes and whether any changes were needed, noting that one change had already been made.

Council Member Thompson said she had already sent in a change but had another question. She did not recall an official decision being made about the Agent Orange Memorial but later saw that it had been announced. Council Member Thompson wondered if the minutes were missing details or if she had missed them, particularly on the first page. Recorder Supp responded that on page four, Mayor Wiggill had started the discussion about the Agent Orange Memorial.

Council Member Thompson confirmed this, explaining that the minutes showed Mayor Wiggill expressing support for the Agent Orange Memorial Project but did not clearly state whether the City was officially moving forward with it. She asked if something more had been discussed after that point.

Mayor Wiggill explained that because of the donated nature of the memorial, a formal Council vote had not been required. Mayor Wiggill said he wanted everyone to be involved in the decision, and recalled that all Council Members had all expressed approval. Mayor Wiggill added that it felt unanimous at the time to proceed. Council Member Thompson clarified that it was unanimous she had only been unsure if a vote was required since it involved a park change.

Mayor Wiggill announced that the new Agent Orange memorial would be placed in the Veterans Park, with the opening planned for Veterans Day, November 11. He emphasized how honored and proud the City was to host the memorial and said details were posted in the City building for residents to view.

Council Member Smalling made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 5, 2025 as presented and Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Bartling, Carlson, Smalling and Thompson voting yes.

Public Comments: Sam Bartling – 2243 N 250 W, representing the Sunset Utah Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, requested that certain dates in 2025 and 2026 be reserved at Rachael Runyan Memorial Park to avoid parking conflicts with stake activities. He listed the requested dates into next year.

Council Member Carlson responded briefly, that one of the listed dates, September 13, 2025, might conflict with the City's Mental Health Fair event. Mayor Wiggill asked that the dates be submitted to the office manager so they could be reviewed and solutions met.

Katherine Hunter – 2104 N 300 W, expressed concern about the Sunset Farmers Market. Ms. Hunter explained that organizers and participants were frustrated with the lack of promotion, fearing that without more community support, the market might be canceled. She urged the City to help raise awareness to ensure its continuation.

Mayor Wiggill thanked Ms. Hunter and said he would work with the office manager and staff to help promote the market.

Recorder Supp asked to comment briefly on promoting outside events and businesses and explained that the City attorney had recently confirmed the City could promote community events and businesses as long as promotion remained fair to all. Mayor Wiggill agreed, as long as the opportunity was open to everyone, promoting such events would be good.

Regular Meeting

1. **Recognize Police Secretary Judith Hampton on her Retirement:** Mayor Wiggill acknowledged recent challenges affecting the Tremonton Police where there was an incident where two officers were shot in the line of duty. He recognized the community's support for first responders. Mayor Wiggill introduced Police Secretary Judith Hampton and noted that Police Chief Jamison would speak about her retirement.

Chief Jamison shared that Judith Hampton had served the Police department for 33 years. He described her as a central figure in the department, recalling how she greeted staff

each day with a smile and how her dedication had impacted countless officers and leaders throughout the years. Chief Jamison said it was hard to imagine the department without her and expressed deep gratitude for her service.

Mayor Wiggill and Chief Jamison presented Secretary Hampton with a trophy and certificate recognizing her years of service. Both thanked her sincerely, and the Council and attendees expressed their appreciation. Mayor Wiggill announced that a retirement party would be held for Secretary Hampton on Thursday, August 21, at noon in the Sunset Room, inviting anyone who wished to attend.

2. Presentation from North Davis Communities That Care (CTC) with Andrea Hood:

Andrea Hood, representing Davis School District and North Davis Communities That Care (CTC) introduced herself to the Council. Ms. Hood explained that CTC was a coalition working on youth substance use prevention and mental health promotion across five northern Davis County cities, including Sunset.

Ms. Hood emphasized that the coalition used data-driven strategies, relying heavily on the SHARP student survey as well as qualitative feedback. She thanked the City for its annual \$1,800 contribution, which had helped support youth clubs, extracurricular activities, and summer programs. Ms. Hood highlighted the Sunset Junior High STEM club and Sunset Elementary student council, which received \$1,500 in grants, and a summer camp at Doxey Elementary that served 98 students with literacy support, social skills development, meals, and field trips.

She noted positive outcomes, such as a 30–40% reduction in family conflict for participants in family programs like Strengthening Families, and recognized retailers who passed compliance checks by refusing underage tobacco sales.

Ms. Hood also described upcoming initiatives, including mentor training, youth and adult mental health first aid, and a new youth summit featuring speakers on leadership, positive decision-making, and wellness. She encouraged the City to help promote these programs on social media now that legal clarification had been provided.

Ms. Hood explained that with the younger generation, intentionality would be very helpful. She said the effort would also have a new credit makeup to help students toward graduation, which was a great addition if needed. Ms. Hood then moved to the next slide and said a social norms campaign was being launched. Ms. Hood shared excitement about the project, explaining that the goal was to partner with schools and also use social media and billboards in the area. She acknowledged that billboards were expensive, so only one might be affordable, but even one would have impact.

Ms. Hood explained that SHARP survey data showed students often believed their peers used drugs and alcohol much more frequently than they actually did. By correcting that misperception, behavior could be positively influenced, since people tended to do what they believed was normal or socially acceptable. Ms. Hood gave an example: the data showed only 4.3% of peers reported using marijuana in the past 30 days, yet many

students believed the number was closer to 16%. By sharing accurate numbers, the perception could be corrected.

Ms. Hood said the example came from Bonneville CTC, and a media company would help tailor it for this community. She invited the Council to partner, offering to create the media content if the City would help distribute it. Ms. Hood then moved to the final slide and shared contact information. Before wrapping up, Ms. Hood said that decisions in the coalition were made based on both the data and who was able to attend meetings. She expressed that it would be valuable to have a City Council representative present to guide decision-making and represent the City's citizens. Ms. Hood noted that some meetings were in person, while others were via Zoom. She also asked for support with distributing materials, both for the social norms campaign and family classes, so citizens would know the programs were available.

Mayor Wiggill said the only request in return would be for Ms. Hood to provide the City with materials and a synopsis of what assistance would be needed to promote or participate. Mayor Wiggill said the Council would be happy to help distribute the information.

Council Member Smalling asked about meeting expectations.

Ms. Hood explained that general coalition meetings were held once a month, with key leader meetings every three months, and work groups meeting monthly. Ms. Hood said attendance could be flexible and based on schedules—if a Council Member could attend general coalition meetings and a work group, that would be ideal, but participation at any level was appreciated.

Mayor Wiggill asked if there were any further questions from the Council, then thanked Ms. Hood for the work already done with schools and social foundations. Mayor Wiggill said the City appreciated the effort, invited Ms. Hood to provide the requested information, and committed to advocating and moving forward with support.

3. **Mayor, Council and Department Head Reports:** Council Member Bartling reported that they were continuing to work with neighboring cities—Clinton, Clearfield, and Roy—on potential collaborations for CERT programs, training opportunities, and exploring North Davis training abilities.

Council Member Smalling reported on attending the Mosquito Abatement meeting the previous week. She stated that the West Nile virus had now been detected in Utah and emphasized the importance of eliminating standing water. Council Member Smalling explained that although water was scarce, any standing water—such as in a bucket or container—should be removed to reduce mosquito breeding. She noted that 108 positive mosquito pools had been found in Utah. Council Member Smalling described the abatement crew, which was smaller now because many student helpers had returned to school. The crew counted and even sexed mosquitoes, which she found remarkable. She noted that although West Nile virus was serious and had caused the death of a Sunset

resident in the past, there were worse mosquito-borne diseases. The Mosquito Abatement program remained vital to protecting public health.

Council Member Smalling also addressed a recent concern raised on social media about mosquito spraying trucks in the City. She explained that when drivers saw people outside, they stopped spraying as a precaution. She acknowledged that in the past, children had even played in the spray, but emphasized that the risk from diseases was far greater than the risk from the spray.

Council Member Smalling continued with updates about the Mosquito Abatement district offices, which were located on 200 North on the west side of I-15. She explained that the office was expanding due to growth and new programs, including the drone program, which had proven successful in treating hard-to-reach mosquito pools. Plans were underway for an expansion, including a pesticide building for safety, a new lab, and additional locker rooms to accommodate all staff, not just men.

Council Member Smalling noted that the expansion could require a tax increase, though options were still being reviewed. The director of the district planned to retire in March, but had emphasized the importance of moving forward with the expansion before leaving. Council Member Smalling suggested inviting the director to a future council meeting for more details.

Before closing her report, Council Member Smalling spoke emotionally about the Agent Orange Memorial project. She said the topic was very personal to her and expressed pride that Sunset had welcomed the project when other cities had declined. She said the memorial would honor service members who had been impacted not only by Agent Orange but also by more recent exposures during military service. Council Member Smalling encouraged everyone to view the display in the City building and expressed gratitude that Sunset was hosting the memorial, particularly for the many retired military residents in the community.

Council Member Thompson began with updates from the Senior Center. They shared that three new activities had been added: Tai Chi for fall prevention on Tuesdays, Texas Hold'em poker, and Theater Thursdays. Council Member Thompson said she was particularly excited about Theater Thursdays. She announced that on Wednesday, August 20, the Senior Center would host a Mad Hatter's Tea Party at 10:30 a.m., with food, themes, laughter, and costumes encouraged. Council Member Thompson said she planned to attend, dress up, and take photos. She then explained that Davis County posted monthly activity lists online, with September's list scheduled for release on Friday.

Council Member Thompson shifted to discuss a community concern about property upkeep. She said Chief Jamison had recently commented on how some yards in the City looked neglected, including her own. She had reached out to residents about organizing a fall cleanup event and received positive responses from 17 people, with only one negative reply. She hoped to schedule a community cleanup event for mid-September, dividing the City into quadrants and forming teams to assist residents. She said the effort could both

improve the City's appearance and help rebuild a sense of community. Mayor Wiggill expressed support for the initiative and encouraged her to proceed with planning.

Council Member Thompson then reported on the Citizens Police Academy, which had begun the previous week with a canine demonstration. She shared that she had participated and even been bitten during the demonstration, which she described as an amazing experience.

Council Member Thompson said that in the 14 years of the academy's existence, no Council Member had ever participated before. She encouraged others to join, describing it as highly informative and realistic. The upcoming sessions would cover topics like LIDAR, use of force, and corrections. She noted that some sessions would leave participants with bruises, but emphasized the value of the program, which was offered in both spring and fall.

Mayor Wiggill reacted by noting how impressive it was to have firsthand knowledge of the law and law enforcement practices.

Council Member Thompson explained that the program covered nearly every aspect of law enforcement over 15 weeks. She admitted she was not looking forward to the correctional officer training but remained enthusiastic about the overall experience. She offered to provide websites and information for anyone interested in joining. Mayor Wiggill thanked Thompson for their participation.

Council Member Carlson said he wanted to echo Council Member Thompson's comments about the Police Academy, noting that he had participated in the past and found it valuable. Council Member Carlson continued, saying he appreciated Secretary Hampton's years of service with the Police department and joked about the department shutting down now that she was retired. He added that the fire department would meet the following Thursday, so he had no report yet. Council Member Carlson also congratulated candidates who had passed the primaries and advanced to the general election.

Director Monroe explained that Public Works had many projects underway, including water line shutoffs and reactivations related to UDOT projects and the Main Street project. He warned the Council that residents might call about leaking valves, explaining this was typical with older systems. Director Monroe said a staff member was currently training to become skilled at managing valves, but it could take days or weeks for the valves to fully seal.

Director Monroe said UDOT remained on schedule to have concrete paving completed by the end of October on the south side of 1800 North to the tracks. Once that section was opened, UDOT would begin tearing up the other side, which would likely cause greater impact on nearby residents and businesses, particularly below Maverik.

Director Monroe then reported on the upcoming Mental Health Wellness Fair, which he had been planning with Council Member Rigley. The event would feature inflatables,

sensory activities like necklace and bracelet making, and coloring stations. Director Monroe admitted event planning was not their specialty but said he was excited about the additions. Parking remained a concern, and adjustments would be needed.

Chief Jamison gave a reminder that on Thursday at noon there would be a lunch for Judy's retirement, encouraging everyone to attend to show support. Chief Jamison explained that the past couple of weeks had been chaotic. An email had been sent out about a citizen who had lit a police car on fire and then turned themselves in after running out of fuel. Chief Jamison noted that incidents like that reflected the challenges faced in the City. The fire caused about \$2,500 in damage to the car. He stated that the individual would hopefully be held accountable and restitution would be pursued.

Chief Jamison thanked everyone for their support, adding that the last few days had been surreal. He reflected on the recent events in Tremonton, noting similarities between that community and Sunset in size and population. Officers there had acted as expected in a tragic situation. Chief Jamison shared that members of the department had taken part in the procession to return the bodies, and two Sunset officers were honored to participate.

Chief Jamison went on to describe, when passing by the City office, he had seen families putting up signs that read, "We love our officers, we support our officers." Chief Jamison said it was uplifting to see, as such visible support often only appeared after tragic events. Chief Jamison noted that in the past 24–48 hours many people had come in to thank the officers personally. He stated that law enforcement support in Utah was strong compared to many other states, which was meaningful though bittersweet under such circumstances.

Chief Jamison emphasized that officers were not looking for sympathy, as they had chosen their profession, but noted how surreal it was for the officers to hear the 911 calls and communications, and then see the reality of lives lost. Chief Jamison reminded the Council that officers were human, with the same emotions and vulnerabilities as anyone else, and that mental health issues often played a role in tragedies of this nature. Chief Jamison remarked that such events opened the eyes of newer officers, who were still adjusting to the reality of what the job required.

Chief Jamison concluded by expressing hope that such tragedies would never occur in Sunset. He thanked the community for their overwhelming support, pointing out the flags and the display placed outside the City office by Mayor Wiggill and staff. Chief Jamison described it as tear-jerking and said it meant a great deal to the department.

Recorder Supp commented that it was hard to follow the Chief Jamison's remarks, but provided a brief update. She reminded everyone that there would be a special meeting on August 26 at 6:00 p.m. to canvass the final primary election results.

Mayor Wiggill reported next on the North Davis Sewer board. The board had recently undergone an audit, which went very well. Only four minor discrepancies had been found, all of which could be corrected with documentation. Mechanically and

operationally, the system was running smoothly. Mayor Wiggill noted significant work on Fairfield and Gentile, including nearly a mile of pipe installed along Hillfield Road. Crews had shifted to complete work at the Gentile and Main Street intersection before school began, with Hillfield Road expected to be completed by the end of the month. Financially, the sewer district was on budget, which Mayor Wiggill said was encouraging.

Mayor Wiggill congratulated all candidates who had advanced through the primary election. Mayor Wiggill reminded everyone to campaign respectfully and shared a personal story about running for office the first time, motivated by efforts to save the City's fire department. Mayor Wiggill reflected on that decision and expressed appreciation for the community's support over the years.

Mayor Wiggill also thanked the Police department for their strong showing in honoring fallen comrades, noting that two Sunset officers participated in a national procession. Mayor Wiggill commented that while some outside the community might not understand the significance, such acts were deeply meaningful locally.

Mayor Wiggill closed their remarks with a thought: to always give without remembering, and always receive without forgetting, while remaining kind.

Council Member Bartling made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session and move into a Work Session and Council Member Smalling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Bartling, Carlson, Smalling and Thompson voting yes.

Work Session

1. **Discuss Playground Equipment for Rachael Runyan Park:** Mayor Wiggill introduced the first item in the work session: playground equipment for Rachel Runyan Park. He asked if Council Member Thompson would present her research.

Mayor Wiggill began the work session by explaining that the agenda item was the purchase of new playground equipment for Rachel Runyan Memorial Park. The original plan was to place the equipment where the sand volleyball court was located, as it was believed the playground would see more use. Research had been done and a piece of equipment had been identified. Mayor Wiggill asked that Council Member Thompson coordinate with Director Monroe to place the order and manage installation.

Council Member Thompson expressed excitement about the project, explaining that the equipment was called "Fort Deressy," though they jokingly referred to it as the "crayon" set due to its colorful poles. Council Member Thompson reported that she had finished preparing a proposal and letter of intent to apply for a \$7,000 grant from Kiwanis. The grant, if awarded, would reduce the City's costs and potentially allow for the addition of more equipment or fitness stations around the track. She committed to emailing the proposal to the Council for review before submitting it, noting the application deadline was approaching.

Mayor Wiggill explained that funds originally set aside for Central Park improvements had been redirected to focus on Rachel Runyan Park. Mayor Wiggill expressed enthusiasm for enhancing the park and thanked the Council for their support. Mayor Wiggill asked Director Monroe to move forward with ordering the equipment, with the Council giving unanimous approval.

Council Member Thompson asked whether a notice should be issued so residents could use the volleyball pit before it was removed. Director Monroe explained that a net had been put up three weeks earlier but was cut down by someone after only four days.

Mayor Wiggill commented that while the net could not be left up due to vandalism, staff could provide one temporarily if residents requested it. Mayor Wiggill then addressed recent vandalism in nearby Roy, noting that Sunset had been fortunate to avoid similar severe damage. While Sunset had experienced some tagging at the skate park, it had not reached the same level as Roy, where bathrooms had been destroyed at great expense. Mayor Wiggill said efforts would continue to monitor and prevent vandalism in Sunset.

Mayor Wiggill thanked everyone for attending, acknowledging the effort it took to get to the meeting, and expressed appreciation for their participation.

Council Member Carlson made a motion to adjourn and Council Member Smalling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Bartling, Carlson, Smalling and Thompson voting yes.

The Regular meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Approved – September 2, 2025

Scott Wiggill, Mayor

Nicole Supp, Recorder