



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN
TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING MEETING**

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 – 6:00 PM

Approved September 9, 2025

8000 S Redwood Road, 3rd Floor
West Jordan, UT 84088

1. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCIL: Chair Kayleen Whitelock, Vice Chair Bob Bedore, Pamela Bloom, Kelvin Green, Zach Jacob, Chad Lamb, Kent Shelton

STAFF: Council Office Director Alan Anderson, Mayor Dirk Burton, City Attorney Josh Chandler, Budget & Management Analyst Rebecca Condie, Public Utilities Director Greg Davenport, Policy Analyst & Public Liaison Warren Hallmark, Assistant City Administrator Paul Jerome, Public Information Officer Marie Magers, Council Office Clerk Cindy Quick, Deputy Police Chief Jeremy Robertson, Administrative Services Director Danyce Steck

Chair Whitelock called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Paul Jerome led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

Administrative Services Director Danyce Steck presented on the proposed property tax rate increase. She explained that under State Code 59-2-919, property tax rates decrease as property values rise, keeping city revenue level. In 2024, the city collected \$20.8 million at a rate of .001428; in 2025, the certified rate dropped to .001289, yielding the same revenue.

The proposed adjustment is a 2.93% increase, resulting in about \$2 more annually for the average home compared to 2024 (\$392 vs. \$390). With debt retired, residents will still see an overall tax reduction. Steck emphasized that West Jordan receives only \$0.57 of every property tax dollar, with most funding going to other entities.

She outlined the need for the increase as inflationary costs, funding two additional police officers, one firefighter, two part-time community service officers, and a new concrete crew. She reviewed where property tax dollars go: primarily to police, fire, streets, and general government. Compared with neighboring cities, West Jordan remains among the lowest in property tax rates.

Administrative Services Director Steck also highlighted best practices: listening to the taxpayer, address service demands and inflation annually not every 5-7 years and maintaining long-term sustainability of on-going revenue. She outlined the independent process to maintain oversight through the Salt Lake County Assessor Office, Salt Lake County Auditor, State Auditor, and State Tax Commission.

It was noted that the Council must adopt the final tax rate and budget by September 1, with the next meeting scheduled for August 26.

Chair Whitelock opened the public hearing at 6:10 pm

Comments:

Rob Bennett, resident expressed support for the proposed tax increase, noting past concerns with transparency but appreciating the improved information this year. He said contributing \$2 more annually is reasonable if it helps fund police, firefighters, code enforcement, and a concrete crew, making the city safer. He encouraged the Council to feel confident in supporting the proposal.

Chair Whitelock closed the public hearing at 6:13 pm

4. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent an accurate summary of what occurred at the meeting held on August 19, 2025. This document constitutes the official minutes for the West Jordan City Council meeting.

Cindy M. Quick, MMC
Council Office Clerk

Approved this 9th day of September 2025