

# Lake Point City Council Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, Sept 10, 2025

Place: Lake Point Fire Station 1528 Sunset Rd Lake Point, UT 84074

Time: 6:00 PM

**1. Opening Formalities**

- A. Call to Order- Kirk Pearson
- B. Prayer- Kirk Pearson
- C. Pledge of Allegiance- Jonathan Garrard
- D. Presiding Officer- Kirk Pearson
- E. Attendance Roll Call-

Lake Point Council & Staff (C=Council)	Public	Public
<del>Alexis Wheeler (Chair)</del> Absent	Regina Nelson (Sheriff Office)	
Kathleen VonHatten (Vice Chair) online and left the meeting at 7:00 pm	Buck Peck (NTFD)	
Jonathan Garrard (C.)	Kirk Arnold (NTFD)	
Ryan Zumwalt (C.) online		
Kirk Pearson (C.)		
Jamie Olson (RCDR)		
Jay Springer (Attorney)		

**2. Legal Training/Clarification**

- A. (Attorney Jay Springer) The training prepared is more suited for the whole council in attendance, so it can wait for a future meeting.

**3. Staff Updates-**

- A. (Jamie Olson) at the Commission meeting Monday, they had recommended the Annexation Policy Plan forward to the Council. All notice requirements have been completed for the Council public hearing on Sept 24, 2025

**4. Public Comment-**

- A. Motion- Kirk to open Public Comment. Kathleen 2nd
  - i) Vote was unanimously approved
- B. No public comment
- C. Motion- Jonathan to close Public Comment. Kirk 2nd
  - i) Motion passed unanimously

**5. Reports/Presentations**

- A. Tooele County Sheriff's Office
  - i) Officer Regina Nelson handed the Council the Sheriff Report and asked if they had any questions
  - ii) She passed along that the Chief Deputy expressed there would be proactive approach to policing tonight.
  - iii) The speed trailer will be back in Lake Point as soon as it is available
  - iv) (Kathleen) expressed appreciation for the Sheriff's office and Fire Dept involvement in the safety fair.
- B. North Tooele Fire District (8:58 recording)
  - i) Captain Kirk Arnold reported on incidents in Lake Point and I-80 over the last month.

**6. Action/Business Items (10:12 recording)**

- A. Decision on whether to continue allocating the beer tax revenue to the police services budget.

- i) Council discussed if they wanted to change the allocation.
  - ii) Motion- Kathleen- to allocate those funds towards our current police services so that they can allocate it towards use for prevention and enforcement under our alcohol and drug program. Kirk 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - 1) Motion passed unanimously by those present.
    - 2) Jonathan would like to know occasionally where the funds are being used with the beer tax revenue.
- B. Lake Point letter of support, for the county in their efforts to secure State and Federal Funding for all new phases of the Mid-Valley Highway. (17:49 recording)
- i) The Council discussed a request from the County to sign a joint letter of support for the Mid Valley Highway project. Background was provided that the County has already approved funding for a lobbyist to accelerate the project. The County hopes that coordinated support will help restore funding sooner, and no costs would come from the City.
  - ii) Council members generally agreed that the project would help alleviate traffic on SR-36.
  - iii) Concerns were raised by Council member Jonathan Garrard regarding the City's role in decision-making, potential development pressures, and the importance of preserving local control over land use and annexation.
  - iv) Motion- Kathleen- to approve the letter to support the Mid Valley Highway. Kirk 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - 1) Motion passed 3 to 1 by those present
- C. Round About Repainting Cost Approval (24:04 recording)
- i) (Kirk) discussed the difference between the two bids, and expressed the approach to painting the existing paint black vs power washing it out. He explained what would be supplied in the Christensen and Griffith bid.
  - ii) (Ryan) was concerned that Kirk might be making money on this bid and Kirk replied he was just paying his crew for their time and was not benefitting him.
  - iii) Motion- Jonathan we go with the pricing with Christensen and Griffith's through Kirks arrangement at this moment. Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - 1) Roll Call Vote-[Jonathan-Yea] [Ryan-Nay] [Alexis-Absent] [Kathleen-Yea] [Kirk-Yea]
      - (a) Motion passed 3 to 1 by those present
- D. Ordinance Fence In/Fence Out for establishing (41:20 recording)
- i) The Council revisited the previously tabled draft livestock fence in/out ordinance. Attorney Jay Springer advised that state code already provides sufficient regulation and questioned whether additional city code would add value. Council members expressed a preference for education rather than new regulation, emphasizing local control, reasonable expectations for fencing, and avoiding unnecessary enforcement burdens.
  - ii) Motion- Ryan- to table and get some public education. Kirk 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - iii) Motion Amended- Ryan- to table indefinitely and get some public education. Kirk 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - 1) Motion passed unanimously by those present
- 7. Council Updates (59:42 recording)**
- A. Committee Updates
- B. Kirk Pearson
- i) Reported that in the last legislative session, a bill was proposed to create a non-elected public-private partnership board to regulate inland ports related to new ports in Tooele County and elsewhere. The bill failed, but Governor Herbert is now attempting to pursue the concept through executive order.
  - ii) The concern raised was that such a structure would limit cities' ability to have a say in decisions about inland ports and related developments, shifting control to unelected entities. Kirk suggested that, if this proves to be a concern for Lake Point, the City may need to send a letter to state representatives expressing opposition. Further information will be gathered and he will report back.
- C. Alexis Wheeler
- i) absent
- D. Kathleen VonHatten

- i) absent
- E. Jonathan Garrard
  - i) Expressed sorrow over the fatal shooting of Charlie Kirk at Utah Valley University, calling it a tragic act of violence that runs counter to Utah's values of principled dialogue, respect for liberty, and civil discourse. The statement emphasized concern that the civic climate has shifted toward division and hostility, overshadowing respectful discussion and eroding the respect for personal liberties that should unite communities. Jonathan expressed declared solidarity with those seeking justice for this senseless act and urged Lake Point and Utah as a whole to recommit to serving as a model of civil discourse. They stressed the importance of fostering respectful debate, maintaining an open exchange of ideas, and upholding the unwavering protection of personal freedoms as foundational responsibilities of community leadership.
- F. Ryan Zumwalt
  - i) The ordinance committee will send out the parking ordinance for review by the Council

**8. Public Comment**

- A. There is no public comment

**9. Closed Session-** if needed for purposes listed under Utah Code 52-4-205

- A. Not needed

**10. Adjournment-** 7:05 pm

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**PASSED AND APPROVED** but the Council this 24 day of Sept., 2025

  
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 Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Jamie Olson, City Recorder