

PAYSON CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Payson City Center, 439 W Utah Avenue, Payson UT 84651
Wednesday, September 17, 2025

CONDUCTING William R. Wright, Mayor

ELECTED OFFICIALS Taresa Hiatt, Brian Hulet, Anne Moss, Ryan Rowley, William R. Wright

EXCUSED Brett Christensen

STAFF PRESENT David Tuckett, City Manager
Cathy Jensen, Finance Director
Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder
Brandon Dalley, City Attorney
Robert Mills, Assistant City Manager
Travis Jockumsen, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Scott Spencer, Fire Chief
Jill Spencer, Development Services Director
Shawn Black, Power Director

OTHERS Ella Jewell, Ronda Hair – Payson Santaquin Chamber of Commerce, Mike Olson – Payson Chronicle

A. CALL TO ORDER

William R. Wright, Mayor, called this meeting of the City Council of Payson City, Utah, to order at 6:01 p.m. The meeting was properly noticed.

B. PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prayer offered by Ryan Rowley.

9/11 Moment of Silence

National Anthem of the United States by Ella Jewell

Pledge of Allegiance led by Anne Moss.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the September 3, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes
2. Proclamation – Fire Prevention Week
3. Confirmation of Monthly Financial Information

MOTION: Councilmember Hulet – To approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Moss. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes - Taresa Hiatt

Yes - Brian Hulet
Yes - Anne Moss
Yes - Ryan Rowley

D. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

1. Payson/Santaquin Chamber Business, Employee, or Community Service Award

Ronda Hair announced the Chamber Business Award to the Payson Chronicle represented by Mike Olson. Mike Olson reviewed today's issue of the Payson Chronicle and recited a poem.

2. Presentation on I-15 Interchange

No report.

3. Discussion regarding the arterial road naming near the new interchange

Robert Mills stated the new interchange includes an arterial road between I-15 and SR-198 referred to the Nebo Beltway. Some have been concerned with the name because Mt. Nebo can't be seen from this road and confusion with the Nebo Loop Scenic Byway. It has always been suggested to the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) that this road should have a different name and more recognizable with Payson. Staff formed a committee that discussed different names and suggested Payson Parkway. If the council is okay with the name, it will be submitted to UDOT.

Councilmember Moss noted many different names were discussed, but one of the deciding factors was identifying where the road is located, which is Payson. Discussions included naming it after a spring or mountain, but many of those names were already taken in other ways throughout the valley. She feels Payson Parkway will be easily identifiable.

Councilmember Hulet voiced a concern that this will be a beltloop from Spanish Fork Canyon around through Provo Bay. Other cities may not want it to be associated with Payson running through their city.

Robert Mills clarified that the road will connect at Highway 6 at the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon, loop through several communities all along the bench, come down through Payson, continue north up through Benjamin and Spanish Fork, cross Provo Bay, and connect to Lincoln Parkway. He has been in discussions with other communities that felt they would name their sections their way. Other discussion involved creating a generic name for the entire road, but the committee wanted something identifiable with Payson. The name may change in the future as one name.

Councilmember Rowley noted this is to be a UDOT road, which will most certainly be changed in the future. Many of these types of roads change names throughout communities.

Councilmember Hulet is okay naming it Payson Parkway, but knowing the entire beltway may be changed to one name in the long term. He would like to let the adjoining communities know that Payson isn't trying to force the name Payson Parkway in their communities.

Robert Mills explained there are many similar examples such as North County Boulevard, Pioneer Crossing, and Pony Express that traverse communities. He doubts UDOT will have any problems now, but there will be future discussions.

Mayor Wright noted it sounds like the council is okay with the name.

4. Public Forum

No public comments.

5. Staff and Council Reports

Staff Reports

ADMINISTRATION – Dave Tuckett invited the council to attend the conversion contract signing tomorrow at the Bureau of Reclamation office in south Provo along with the canal companies and other cities. There is an employee appreciation luncheon tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. with guest speaker, Mike Schlappi, who is a Paralympian. He appreciates the council and what they do for the employees.

ADMINISTRATION – Robert Mills stated Karl Teemant asked him to remind everyone of the Festival Latino de Payson on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Peteetneet. A reminder of the MTECH Payson Campus ribbon cutting is Friday with a ceremony at 10:00 a.m., ribbon cutting at 10:30 a.m., and open house until noon.

FIRE AND AMBULANCE – Chief Spencer reminded everyone of the Emergency Preparedness Fair this Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. here at the banquet hall, council chambers, and court room. It will include presenters and vendors as well as many exhibits, handouts, and a helicopter.

Council Reports

Mayor Wright voiced that after much thought, he mentioned the untimely death of Charlie Kirk and expressed his condolences to his wife and family.

Councilmember Hiatt agreed with Mayor Wright on the sad situation.

Councilmember Moss expressed her appreciation for the city employees and everything they do. She read a few words from her son regarding Charlie Kirk on the day he died. “Charlie Kirk was one of my biggest political heroes and inspirations. The reason I am such a proponent for American conservatism is owed in large part to that man. He was an inspiration for so many young men and women to overcome their afflictions, to make something of themselves, and to stand for what is true. He was a hero, not just for conservatives, but for everyone who holds American values close to their hearts. What happened today is tragic beyond words. This is the kind of person that was killed. A disciple of Jesus Christ and patriot, a staunch example of a husband and father, a champion of marriage and raising children, an advocate for the ideals of the Founding Fathers to be valued and defended, a massive proponent of free speech and open dialogue, and an example to so many of my generation. He was a great example of civil discourse. Even if you disagree, it was a tragedy.” Her condolences go out to his family and all affected.

Councilmember Rowley echoed and expressed his condolences to the Kirk family and those at Utah Valley University and Orem City that dealt with this tragedy. He thanked Ella Jewell for her singing and sharing her talents tonight. That song matters, means something divine, and everlasting for this country. He met with Jill Spencer today on development and challenges facing the city. Transportation impact fees need to be addressed for use in updating existing roads and be in line with other south Utah County cities that charge this fee. He doesn't want to add to the burden of home buyers because those fees will be passed on by builders. A small transportation fee could be used for a lot of good and the constraints on the roads. The zoning code is being looked at for updates, and he wants to make sure acreage that is being subdivided/developed is done in net units per acre for a true idea of how many houses go into an acre. He mentioned a concern at the intersection at 1300 East and Salem Canal Road has an issue with a new black iron fence that is positioned at an angle so it's difficult to see the east coming traffic on Salem Canal Road. He expressed his gratitude to the staff and city residents because the last few weeks have been tough, but it reminds us all that community matters, the way we treat each other matters, and violence doesn't resolve anything.

Councilmember Hulet encouraged everyone to see the innovation center at MTECH during the ribbon cutting; it will be a real asset to the city. He thanked Kris Phillips and Stadium Cinemas for all they've done for the community and the years of serving us. The theater was sold to Wayfair Media, who will show a lot of family films. With the elevated discord in the country, he hopes that here in Payson we can figure out a way to be an example to the state of Utah and the country on how to disagree agreeably, be nice, and be the best community. We can do this.

E. ACTION ITEMS

F. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember Rowley – To adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilmember Moss. Those voting yes: Taresa Hiatt, Brian Hulet, Anne Moss, Ryan Rowley. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

/s/ Kim E. Holindrake

Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder