



Mayor - Bryan Cox
City Council - David Fowles
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Hyde Park City Council
113 East Center Street
Hyde Park, Utah

September 24, 2025

The Hyde Park City Council meeting began at 7:00 and was conducted by Mayor Cox.

City Officials Present Live & Electronic: Mayor Bryan Cox, Council members; David Fowles, Stephanie Allred, Tiffany Atkinson, Gerald Osborne and Kirk Brower, and City Recorder; Donja Wright.

Others Present: Chris Guyman, Amanda Ralphs

Thought / Prayer: Council member Fowles

Pledge of Allegiance: Council member Fowles

Adoption of Agenda: *Council member Osborne made a motion to approve the agenda as amended for September 24, 2025. Council member Brower seconded the motion. Council members Fowles, Allred, Atkinson, Osborne and Brower voted in favor. The motion carried 5/0.*

Minutes: *Council member Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes from September 10, 2025 as presented. Council member Allred seconded the motion. Council members Fowles, Allred, Atkinson, Osborne and Brower voted in favor. The motion carried 5/0.*

Minutes: *Council member Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025 workshop. Council member Allred seconded the motion. Council members Fowles, Allred, Atkinson, Osborne and Brower voted in favor. The motion carried 5/0.*

Citizen Input: The mayor opened the meeting for public input. There was no input. The mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayor/Staff/Council Reports:

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Mayor Cox reported that they had met with a light industrial business the previous week, referring to them as "Back 40." The Mayor and staff were preparing questions for the group, and council members could submit additional questions. Marcus would serve as the focal point to get questions to Sean Milne, the economic development person. The group is expected to attend a council meeting, possibly the second meeting in October.

Mayor Cox provided an update on Center Street, indicating a tentative date for asphalt in mid-October, though he noted that contractors have struggled to meet dates. He explained that there is a required minimum ground temperature for asphalt, and batch plants typically close in mid-November.

The mayor reported on water line issues, where there had been five leaks in four different locations on the same line since Monday. He emphasized this pointed to a need for better assessment of infrastructure before road resurfacing projects. He noted this road had new asphalt put down recently without evaluation of the underground infrastructure, and now the road will have patches all over it.

Mayor Cox also mentioned that the grant information proposal for Wolfpack Way was ready, with a presentation scheduled for October 6th, and grant award recommendations later in October, pending Cache County Council approval.

He reported an incident where a contractor at the wheelhouse knocked down a power line, which created safety concerns. He expressed frustration with the lack of communication around this incident.

Mayor Cox reminded everyone about the "Meet the Candidates" night scheduled for the following evening at 7 p.m.

Councilmember David Fowles brought up the meeting he and Councilmember Tiffany had attended regarding USU landscape architecture. Mayor Cox explained that Visionary Homes had acquired Lois Farley's property and was planning development with a two-acre park. USU landscape architecture department was engaged to develop concepts for the park, with the consensus being to create something different from existing parks, possibly with nature and learning opportunities. The students would present preliminary ideas in a month, with final proposals by December.

Action Items:

Public Hearing and Consideration of Resolution 2025 – 14 – A resolution amending the fee schedule to modify the sports field rental fees and subdivision, land use and development fees.

Mayor Cox opened the public hearing to discuss the proposed changes to the fee schedule.

Donja Wright, from Administration, read a letter from Amanda Rouse who was unable to attend. The letter requested hourly rental options for field use in addition to day rates. Amanda noted that the weekday rate of \$50 resulted in \$11-15 per hour for limited usable time after school hours, which was inefficient for teams needing only 1-2 hours. She provided examples of neighboring cities that offer hourly rates: North Logan (\$10/hour), Smithfield (\$25/hour or \$125/day), Logan (\$10/hour, \$40/4-hour block, \$60/day), and Hyrum (\$20/hour for practices, \$40/hour for games, \$100/field/day).

Chris Guyman, president of Northern Utah United (NUU), spoke next. He explained that NUU is a nonprofit providing soccer opportunities for 1,400 children in the valley. He highlighted their community service, including raising over \$25,000 for families in need. He noted that NUU has been a good partner to Hyde Park City, securing grant money for the Cedar Ridge fence and voluntarily paying \$10 per game. He explained that state association scheduling brings teams from across Utah to Hyde Park, with schedules set by March 1st for games running through early June. He expressed concern that the proposed fees were double or triple those of surrounding municipalities and requested an hourly rate option.

After closing the public comment portion, the Council discussed the proposed fee changes. Mayor Cox acknowledged that there had been some scheduling conflicts and communication issues with field use. He emphasized that he wanted to ensure children could continue to use the parks.

Councilmember Tiffany Atkinson explained that the fee changes were part of a broader effort to create a structured reservation system, maintain the fields, and recover costs from wear and tear. The Council discussed various options for hourly rates versus daily rates. They acknowledged that most neighboring cities offer hourly rates, and this would allow for more efficient use of fields, particularly on weeknights during school seasons when only a few hours are available before dark.

After extensive discussion, the Council reached a consensus on adding a \$15 per hour rental rate for weekdays, while keeping the \$100 per day weekend rate for fields. They also agreed to maintain the \$100 deposit that could be handled through contracts for regular users.

The Council also discussed other fee schedule changes related to subdivision plans and development reviews. Mayor Cox expressed concern about the "culinary water in lieu of shares" fee, suggesting the city should consider requiring developers to bring water rather than paying a fee. He also noted that the proposed fee for development agreements seemed low given the amount of staff time involved.

Council member Atkinson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025 – 14 – A resolution amending the fee schedule to modify the sports field rental fees and subdivision, land use and development fees as amended, with an hourly rate of \$15 per hour and the deposit staying at \$100 per day or by contract as negotiated with the group for Field Rental. Council member

Fowles seconded the motion. Council members Fowles, Allred, Atkinson, Osborne, and Brower voted in favor. The motion carried 5/0.

Adjourn: *Council member Allred made a motion to adjourn Council member Atkinson seconded the motion. Council members Fowles, Allred, Atkinson, Osborne and Brower voted in favor. The motion carried 5/0.*

Minutes: *Council member Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes from September 24, 2025, as presented. Council member Brower seconded the motion. Council members Fowles, Allred, Atkinson, Osborne and Brower voted in favor. The motion carried 5/0.*

Donja Wright