



WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

"DRAFT" MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 01, 2025

THE WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION LIVE AND BY ON-LINE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 01, 2025, IN THE WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED IN THE WASATCH COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AT 25 NORTH MAIN, HEBER CITY, UTAH 84032

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CALL TO ORDER

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:00:03)

- A. **SUMMARY:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Councilmember McMillan with the following members in attendance:

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Karl McMillan (Council Chair & Seat F Councilmember)	☒	☐
Erik Rowland (Council Vice Chair and Seat C Councilmember)	☒	☐
Luke Searle (Seat A Councilmember)	☐	☒
Colleen Bonner (Seat B Councilmember)	☒	☐
Kendall Crittenden (Seat D Councilmember)	☒	☐
Mark Nelson (Seat E Councilmember)	☐	☒
Spencer Park (Seat G Councilmember)	☒	☐

PRAYER/REMARKS

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:00:40)

- A. **SUMMARY:** A prayer was provided by Councilmember Rowland.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:02:05)

A. **SUMMARY:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Bonner.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:02:30)

A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any members of the public who wanted up-to 3 minutes to provide public comments to the Council on any item not on the agenda.

There were no individuals who asked to make a public comment.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:02:48)

A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any topics to be added as a future agenda item.

Dustin Grabau:

- Reminded Council that the next meeting will be held at the Senior Center due to interlocal meeting being at 6:30.
- Updated council that policy recommendations and code revision will be on upcoming agendas based on the results of the report on the Wasatch County Sheriff's Office.
- Inquired about tax increment policy discussion. Council advised to work with the CRA Subcommittee

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

SSA #1

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:05:13)

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Crittenden made a motion to "go into SSA #1" Councilmember Park seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

	McMillan	Rowland	Searle	Bonner	Crittenden	Nelson	Park
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1. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS – BEN PROBST

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:05:30)

- A. **SUMMARY:** Ben Probst presented a list of warrants owed to Gilbert & Stewart, JSSD, Larson, and Steve Farrell and added an invoice from JSSD bringing the total of all warrants presented to \$21,774.34. Ben Probst requested the list be approved.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Crittenden made a motion to “**approve warrants as presented**” Councilmember McMillan seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

	McMillan	Rowland	Searle	Bonner	Crittenden	Nelson	Park
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2. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION 2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT AND LETTER OF COMMUNICATION – BEN PROBST

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:07:13)

- A. **SUMMARY:** Ben Probst presented the financial statements and independent auditor's report of the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2024 and a letter of communication.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

3. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION 2025 JUNE FINANCIALS – BEN PROBST

(VIDEO TIME STAMP 00:08:28)

- A. **SUMMARY:** Ben Probst presented a balance sheet for SSA #1 ending on June 30th, 2025.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken in relation to the 2025 June financials.
- ii. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Park made a motion to “**come out of SSA #1**” Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

	McMillan	Rowland	Searle	Bonner	Crittenden	Nelson	Park
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:08:55)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:08:55)

A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any requested changes to the September 17, 2025, Draft Minutes. No changes were proposed.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Bonner made a motion to “**approve the September 17, 2025 minutes**” Councilmember Rowland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

	McMillan	Rowland	Searle	Bonner	Crittenden	Nelson	Park
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COUNCIL ITEMS

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:09:35)

1. BOE RECOMMENDATION FOR SECOND APPROVAL – JERRY JONES

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:09:35)

A. **SUMMARY:** Jerry Jones, representative of the County Clerk/Auditor's Office presented a list of 197 changes and 59 no change recommendations to the appeals which results in almost a \$48M decrease in value. Jerry indicated that there are 470 total appeals affecting 750 parcels in the whole 2025 BOE cycle which is lower than years prior.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Park made a motion to “**approve the recommendations**” Councilmember McMillan seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

	McMillan	Rowland	Searle	Bonner	Crittenden	Nelson	Park
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2. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF 89 WASATCH COUNTY ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS – JERRY JONES

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:12:43)

A. **SUMMARY:** Jerry Jones, representative from the County Clerk/Auditor's Office presented a report that reflected 89 applications for the county senior tax abatement program which gave \$65,300 in credit to the applicants that qualified. Jerry explained that one more application was received bringing the total applications to 90 and the total credit to \$65,900. Jerry gave the council a statewide summary report regarding tax abatements.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Bonner made a motion to “**approve the credit**” Councilmember McMillan seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

	McMillan	Rowland	Searle	Bonner	Crittenden	Nelson	Park
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3. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING THE JORDANELLE RIDGE OPEN SPACE EASEMENT AND ASSOCIATED AGREEMENTS – DUSTIN GRABAU & JON WOODARD (VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:18:20)

- A. **SUMMARY:** Dustin Grabau, Wasatch County Manager, gave a brief history of the project known as the Jordanelle Ridge highlighting that the development is now within Heber City boundaries which prompted an agreement between Heber City, Wasatch County and the developer of the land regarding the open space. Council discussed the complexity of the agreement and the development.
- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Bonner made a motion to “**table the issue until the subcommittee can meeting with Wasatch Open Lands Board and look into the idea of a 3rd party and what that would look like.**” Councilmember Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

	McMillan	Rowland	Searle	Bonner	Crittenden	Nelson	Park
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4. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE 5-YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST AND 2026 BUDGET PRIORITIES – HEBER LEFGREN AND RANDY BATES (VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:46:17)

- A. **SUMMARY:** Randy Bates, County Finance Director, presented a summary for the 6-month financial report and explained the differences in the amounts compared to the update presented to council in July. Randy then presented the expected end-of-year fund balances in the amount of \$80.7M, and 5-year projections and the methodology used to create the projections. Heber Lefgren, Assistant County Manager presented the updated proposed budget calendar explaining changes due to state law, the updates mission, vision, & value statements, and 2026 budget strategic priorities. Council suggested updating the 4th priority to “Provide balanced services to improve quality of life”. Heber then presented preliminary budget priorities based on funding sources.
- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

COUNCIL/BOARD REPORTS

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:02:11:03)

- A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any council/board report to be presented.

Councilmember Rowland provided the following report:

- Requested tabernacle property discussion.

Councilmember Bonner provided the following report:

- Sewer Summit meeting update. Requested update to agricultural and industrial protection area code.

Councilmember Crittenden provided the following report:

- Reminded council of interlocal meeting. Councilmember Bonner inquired about how to restructure interlocal meetings to be more productive. Council indicated having an item at the interlocal meeting discussing restructuring.
- USACC reminder. Councilmembers Crittenden, Bonner, and McMillan expressed interest in attending.
- Youth group project at Beaufontaine. Solid Waste is donating a dumpster.
- Inquired about the airport advisory board on if the county has a seat on the board.

Councilmember Park provided the following report:

- Affordable housing discussion with the forest service.
- Meeting with Planning Director on lot of record code.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

MANAGER'S REPORT

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 02:42:09)

1. PRESENTATION OF THE WASATCH COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENT PROCESS AND OPENINGS – DUSTIN GRABAU

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 02:42:09)

- A. **SUMMARY:** Dustin Grabau, Wasatch County Manager, presented where to find board openings on the county website and highlighted improvements made to the page such as board descriptions and closing dates.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

2. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION OF TRUTH IN TAXATION CONSIDERATION – DUSTIN GRABAU

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 02:45:50)

- A. **SUMMARY:** Dustin Grabau, Wasatch County Manager, introduced the topic and Heath Coleman as the Parks and Recreation Director. Heath presented reasons to do truth in taxation which included LED retrofit of facilities, mechanic position, event center laborer position, rec center front desk position, and a seasonal advertising/marketing position with a grand total of \$1,001,490. Council discussed find other funding sources to cover the one time cost of the

LED lights and with the hope to avoid raising the property tax rate for Parks and Recreation SSD. Council gave direction to move forward with 9.5% increase instead of the originally proposed 38%.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Park made a motion to “go ahead and do truth in taxation for 9.5%.” Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

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CLOSED SESSION – AS NEEDED

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 03:41:54)

- A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan indicated that there was a need for a closed session this evening regarding: The character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Park made a motion to “leave our regular session and go into Closed Session to discuss personnel.” Councilmember McMillan seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

	McMillan	Rowland	Searle	Bonner	Crittenden	Nelson	Park
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- ii. **ACTION TAKEN:** The County Council met in a Closed Session to discuss: The character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. The individuals present for this portion of the Closed Session meeting were:

- **Council Members:** McMillan, Rowland, Bonner, Crittenden, Park
- **Others:** Dustin Grabau and Heber Lefgren,

- iii. **ACTION TAKEN:** At 8:13PM, Councilmember Rowland made a motion to “leave the Closed Session and adjourn.” Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

	McMillan	Rowland	Searle	Bonner	Crittenden	Nelson	Park
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KARL MCMILLAN/CHAIRMAN

JOEY D. GRANGER/CLERK/AUDITOR

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