

PAYSON CITY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND WORK SESSION  
Payson City Center, 439 W Utah Avenue, Payson UT 84651  
Wednesday, October 1, 2025

CONDUCTING William R. Wright, Mayor

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

STAFF PRESENT David Tuckett, City Manager  
Cathy Jensen, Finance Director (online)  
Marty Dargel, Planning Technician  
Brandon Dalley, City Attorney  
Brad Bishop, Police Chief  
Robert Mills, Assistant City Manager  
Jill Spencer, Development Services Director  
Anders Bake, Senior Planner  
Tracy Zobell, Parks & Golf Director  
Karl Teemant, Community Services Director  
Shawn Black, Power Director  
Shelby Bohling, Communities That Care Coordinator  
Eric Jewell, District Court Judge  
Dona Gay, Library Director

OTHERS Wyatt Blake, Shad Engh, Amy Pitcher, Jennifer Hinton, Coy Allman, Joe  
Hansen

A. CALL TO ORDER

William R. Wright, Mayor, called this meeting of the City Council of Payson City, Utah, to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was properly noticed.

B. PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prayer offered by Bill Wright.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Brett Christensen.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the September 17, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes
2. Resolution - Elm Hollow Subdivision Right of Access Agreement

Councilmember Hulet corrected the minutes stating Kris Phillips is spelled with a K and to add that he asked that the cities affected with the naming of the Payson Parkway be contacted about the name.

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

Yes - Brett Christensen  
Yes - Taresa Hiatt  
Yes - Brian Hulet  
Yes - Anne Moss  
Yes - Ryan Rowley

#### D. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

##### 1. CTC: Mayor's Youth Recognition

Mayor Wright and Shelby Bohling presented Mayor's Youth Recognition Awards to Wyatt Blake, Mt. Nebo Middle School and Shad Engh, Payson Junior High.

Wyatt Blake stated he is in 7th grade; and if he could only eat one food for the rest of his life, it would be potatoes.

Shad Engh stated he is in 9th grade; and if he could only eat one food for the rest of his life, it would be a Beast Burger.

##### 2. Presentation of new police officer and oath of office

Chief Bishop introduced Officer Shea Koa Faria who comes to the City from the Hawaii.

Judge Jewell administered the oath of office to Officer Faria.

##### 3. Library Board Annual Report

Amy Pitcher and Jennifer Hinton presented the Library Board Annual Report.

What is the Library doing for the community:

- Friends of the Library Poetry Night – Over 40 submissions from the community that culminated with a poetry reading night at the Huish Theater.
- Onion Days Book Sale – Biggest selling year with over \$5,000.
- Onion Days Children's Fair
- Hometown Heros Storytime – Held at the Veterans Home and includes crafts and story reading.
- Homebound Delivery Service – Books taken to elderly shut-ins.
- Programs, Programs, & More Programs – Over 26 programs are offered at the Library. New this year is the Midweek Matinee and Touch & Tinker Time. The Summer reading program theme this year was "Color Our World" and the event included 1,186 participants that read 1,441,023 minutes. The event highlights included a kickoff with 300 people attending, library color book given, mini canvas art show, messy art/food banks free lunch, and summer story time in the park.

What can the Library do for you?

- Library of things include games, kits, etc.
- Normal Library things include books, audios, DVDs, computers, etc.
- Community Adventures include paddleboards, metal detectors, snowshoes, etc.
- Extras include leave a puzzle-take a puzzle, seed catalog, mobile hot spots, etc.

What is in the future for the Library?

- Feasibility study to look at the needs and options for a new city library.
- The Library received the Quality Library Award.
- Fall reading program – “An Unexpected Journey: A hobbit Adventure” for adults, teens, and children.
- Festival of Wreaths Fundraiser in coordination with the Payson Christmas Festival.

4. Discussion regarding 2-hour parking on Main Street and Utah Avenue

Dave Tuckett noted that there has been some discussion on this previously. Parking passes have not been issued for those in the apartments because staff was waiting for the parking lots to be completed. Staff is also doing an inventory on the apartments because some shouldn't be there. Apartment residents would need to register and pay fee in order to park in the parking lots overnight, which is in the city code.

Councilmember Christensen stated that as he has driven down Main Street, those spots in front of the businesses should be used for patrons. Some of the businesses have apartments above them and those residents as well as some business employees are parking in front on Main Street. He would like to see this area of Utah Avenue and Main Street designated as a two-hour parking zone. As far as a policing action, he is hoping the citizens will follow the requirements. It also gives a business owner the opportunity to say this person has been here for a certain amount of time and repeat offenders could be cited.

Councilmember Moss noted that it sounds like business owners would be reporting the issues and questioned how enforcement would occur and be monitored. She doesn't want to become like Provo City with towing or booting. She understands the issue but parking is hard.

Councilmember Christensen stated it would be up to the Police Department. He wondered if a time-stamped picture of a violation would work. He suggested the police chalk-marking the tire and coming back 2 hours later to check. His hope is it would eventually curtail offenders. He feels two hours is very generous. He isn't in favor of parking meters. There needs to be something to keep it flowing.

Councilmember Hulet is fine with the two-hour parking because if someone needs to be there longer than two hours, there is the parking in the back. He doesn't want a ton of signs all over the place; just very simple. Then it can be looked at later and include enforcement.

Councilmember Rowley was hoping that with the new parking lot behind the library, that the apartment tenants would move off the street, but it doesn't seem to be the case. He reached out to some business owners on Main Street and some feel it's an issue and some do not. He wants Main Street to be welcoming and doesn't want this to turn into a full-time job for the Police Department. He feels two hours is a little tight.

Coy Allman questioned if a two-hour limit were imposed if it would also restrict those with a handicap placard.

Mayor Wright noted that the parallel parking on Main Street doesn't meet the handicap standards for parking. Handicap parking is located in the library parking lot. Allowing persons with a handicap placard to park longer would need to be addressed. This is just a discussion for future action.

Several council members prefer three hours.

Brandon Dalley voiced a few thoughts about enforcement and due process concerns. The code currently sites the registered owner during the winter parking regulations. The concern is whether the registered owner is the one who parked the vehicle. For enforcement purposes, it would need to be a civil penalty first and then the person has a chance to appeal it. If a decision is made and they don't like it, it would then go to the court. He and Chief Bishop has discussed the issue. If it's employees who are taking these parking stalls, it's in the business owner's best interest to tell the employees to park in the back and leave these stalls for customers.

Councilmember Christensen noted that employees are parking in front of other businesses and a working shift is usually three hours, which is why he cut it back to two hours.

Mayor Wright stated there are a number of challenges for law enforcement.

Councilmember Hiatt agreed with Councilmember Rowley. She has had two businesses complain to her. It is the same vehicles every day, which are from the apartments. There is a one-bedroom apartment with eight people living in it, and they all have cars.

#### 5. Public Forum

Joe Hansen stated he lives in Arrowhead Development and is concerned with the speeding traffic along Arrow Park Drive and surrounding connector streets. He provided a handout of the data including unclear vision areas, bus stops, and street parking issues. He surveyed the neighbors who responded with issues of speeding, difficulty pulling out of driveways, close calls, and adding a speed bump. There is a lot of construction in the area and many roads are closed because of construction.

Councilmember Christensen noted that the city can put of the traffic camera to identify speeds and the number of vehicles passing through to see if stop signs are warranted.

#### 6. Staff and Council Reports

##### Staff Reports

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – Jill Spencer introduced Anders Bake as the new Senior Planner. He comes with experience from Lindon City and Wasatch County. Anders Bake stated he is excited to be with Payson and is hoping to move to the area.

POLICE – Chief Brad Bishop stated the Arrowhead development area has had this issue for a long time mostly because 2200 West is a terrible road, which creates some challenges. Vehicles parked on the road causes vision issues because the road meanders. Another issue is the street is used as a playground. The Police Department will continue to do what it can to address the issues. The improvement to 2200 West and expansion of development to the west will help a lot.

##### Council Reports

Councilmember Hulet stated the high school had a prom and there were a lot of students in the downtown area taking pictures, which was fun to see. The Economic Development Golf Tournament is

tomorrow and should be very successful with a lot of good people coming representing different industries the city is trying to get to come to Payson. The new MTECH building is open, and he encouraged people to go see the facility. He noted the Legislature didn't provide enough funding to hire teachers but recently heard that the House and Senate are fighting over who can get funding for the teachers.

Councilmember Rowley reported he reached out to staff regarding an illegal Air BNB venue and asked that it be looked at again. He thanked the library board for their presentation tonight. With regards to the public comment, the city needs address roads with the higher density developments with regards to the quality of life for those living in the area. The city needs to address adequate parking, housing, and roads. The Youth City Council (YCC) continues to grow with a total of 11 members. The YCC mayor came up with the idea to have a bake sale to raise money for the new fire station, which will be held on Saturday, October 11, from 10 a.m. to noon at the current fire station. He thanked Karl Teemant and the Forebay Committee for getting closer to a conservation easement for the Forebay area.

Mayor Wright stated quality of life needs to be paid attention to and the city is trying to keep the hometown feel. MTECH facility carries education and economic benefits for Payson.

Councilmember Moss thanked the library board for the report and Tracy Zobel for getting the landscaping going along the Jesse Taylor Park. She thanked the staff for all they do.

Councilmember Hiatt reported she drove up the canyon Sunday and it's absolutely gorgeous. She was amazed at the number of people up the canyon taking pictures. The burnt areas have greenery growing.

#### E. ACTION ITEMS

##### 1. Resolution – Library Board Appointments

Staff Presentation:

Dona Gay stated Rebecca Billings was on the board several years ago and was a great asset but left to complete school. She recently saw her in the library and asked if she wanted to return to the board.

Mayor Wright submitted Rebecca Billings for appointment to the Library Board to fill the vacancy created by Suzannah Woodbury who moved from the city.

**MOTION: Councilmember Moss – To approve the (resolution) new Library Board appointment to Rebecca Billings.** Motion seconded by Councilmember Rowley. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes	-	Brett Christensen
Yes	-	Taresa Hiatt
Yes	-	Brian Hulet
Yes	-	Anne Moss
Yes	-	Ryan Rowley

#### F. WORK SESSION

##### 1. Golf Course Expansion

Tracy Zobell noted there was some discussion during the council retreat. There are different phases including a Short Course-Par 3 (First Phase), Reception Center (Second Phase), Remodel Current Structures (Third Phase), and Irrigation System (Fourth Phase). Tonight, he would like to address the first phase and some of the second phase.

#### Short Course-Par 3 (First Phase):

- The golf course works at about 100% capacity daily (weekdays 79.93% capacity, 8-minute tee times; weekends 96.63% capacity, 10-minute tee times). There is a demand for more golfers, but the biggest complaint at the golf course is golfers can't get a tee time.
- A short course brings all types of players, i.e., families, kids, and beginners and is played in 40 to 60 minutes. The larger course can be intimidating and takes about 4.5 hours.
- A short course can be walked but carts can be used.
- The short course will have gathering areas with fire pits, BBQs, and food trucks, and will be lighted to allow for later playing. Lighting packages are available that can be dimmed and maintain a dark sky.
- The majority of the short course will be mowed with the robotic mowers, which have been tested.
- The golf course is doing very well and is self-sustaining. It is able to expand without the expense of the Payson citizens or rely on property taxes. The golf course revenue has increased 9.58% from January through September and should reach 11%. There are enough golfers that a short course won't take from the large golf course.
- Review of different short courses and Par 3 courses around the country.
- Review of proposed fees and projected earnings.
- The short course would be funded by fund balance from the golf course. A pavilion and cart storage is also needed and part of the project.
- Council Discussion: Popular times to play are from dark to midnight. The city can determine the hours of operation with a preference of being closed Sunday nights. The city needs to be a good neighbor to Elk Ridge. Additional parking needs to be addressed; there is parking available along the entry road. The majority of play on the short course will be in the evenings when the regular course players are leaving. Fees could be raised to generate additional revenues, which is a balance to ensure all types of golfers can enjoy the courses. The price point needs to be watched closely. Food trucks need to be registered in Payson so Payson gets the sales tax.

#### Reception Center (Second Phase):

- The location is on the hill and includes additional parking. Renderings viewed and the back faces west to northwest. All the buildings on the golf course need to match. The current building is almost 40 years old and would be remodeled in the third phase.
- Council Discussion: Councilmember Moss loves the idea of a reception center. The rendering is not a very good looking building; it looks like a school. The building needs to be more photogenic for weddings. Discussion that the issue is the roof line and there needs to be stone. It needs to look like a mountain lodge. The rendering was used just to fit the footprint. The location and layout needs to be pinned down and then the building can be designed.

#### Discussion:

The phasing is critical to the overall project. The short course generates additional funds for future phases. Suggestion to phase the new parking lot by creating part of it with road base and gravel. The high point is it's all self-funded. A budget amendment will be scheduled at a future meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

/s Kim E. Holindrake  
Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder