



## MINUTES

June 17, 2025

Oakley City Council  
Regular Session and Public Hearing  
7:00 PM  
Oakley City Hall

Zoom Meeting Platform  
Meeting ID 820 258 4629  
Passcode 777869

Anchor Location: 960 West Center Street, Oakley UT 84055

### In Attendance:

**City Administration:** Mayor Zane Woolstenhulme; Councilmembers: Joe Frazier, Kelly Kimber, Dave Neff; *Councilmembers: Tom Smart and Steve Wilmoth- absent*

**City Staff:** City Recorder, Amy Rydalch;

**Other City Administration:** None.

**Members of the Public:** In Person: Kevin Barker, Rick Shapiro, Amy Regan (late) Via Zoom: Amy Lecoque

**1. Mayor Woolstenhulme** opened the meeting.

- Invocation: **Councilmember Joe Frazier**
- Pledge of Allegiance: **Councilmember Dave Neff**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**None Received.**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**No Items to be approved.**

41 **4. PUBLIC HEARING: To Receive Public Comment on the Amended Budget for the 2024-2025**  
42 **Fiscal Year and the Tentative Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.**  
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44 **Mayor Z. Woolstenhulme** asked **Recorder Rydalch** to present both budgets for consideration.  
45 She begins her presentation with a summary of the budget, including sources of revenue and  
46 expenditures for Fiscal 2025. She reports that tax revenues, including property and sales taxes  
47 make up approximately 22% of the City's revenues. Other revenue sources are the utility  
48 billings for water and sewer that make up another 22% with charges for services and permits  
49 accounting for 7%. The rodeo contributed about 40% of all City revenue for fiscal 2025. She  
50 went into further detail and explanation of the revenues. She reported the City's expenditures  
51 for Fiscal 2025 and addressed the various categories i.e., administrative costs, parks and  
52 buildings maintenance, public safety, streets, and capital expenditures. She addressed the  
53 capital improvement expenditures including the CSL feasibility study, the Aqua Engineering  
54 Master Plan work, and the Cattail Well construction. She addressed the Franson Lane road  
55 repair and the appropriation of the full Class C road balance and additional capital funds toward  
56 this item. Various other smaller items were discussed as part of the amended budget proposal.  
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58 She then presented the tentative (proposed) budget for Fiscal Year 2026, that included a  
59 potential truth in taxation process as well as the previously approved rate increases in the water  
60 and sewer utilities. Included in the Fiscal 2026 proposed budget was a cost of living increase for  
61 all employees with no merit-based increases proposed. She reviewed the capital expenditures  
62 included in the proposed budget, including repairs to the Red Barn roof, repairs to Cattlemen's  
63 Hall, and equipment and vehicle replacements. She discussed the impending USDA loans for the  
64 new well and the affect of the new debt obligation on the proposed budget being difficult to  
65 plan for because of the timing of the funding.  
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67 Upon conclusion of the budget presentation, **Mayor Z. Woolstenhulme** reviewed the truth in  
68 taxation implications including the inverse relationship between the certified tax rate and  
69 increasing property values. He gave examples of the average value of a home in Oakley and the  
70 impact of maintaining the tax rate at the 0.001 rate. Discussion amongst the Councilmembers  
71 regarding the implications of maintaining the tax rate of 0.001 instead of adopting the certified  
72 tax rate.  
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74 **Mayor Z. Woolstenhulme** opened the Public Hearing for comment on both the proposed Fiscal  
75 **2025 Budget and Proposed Fiscal 2026 Budget.**  
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77 **The public comment from the Public Hearing is taken directly from the audio transcript of the**  
78 **meeting.**  
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80 **Rick Shapiro, 4094 North Mill Race Road, Oakley UT 84055:** "So what I'm going to, what I'm  
81 going to suggest is going to be very popular in light of the very tight budget that I know that you  
82 guys have. But so one of the things that I've noticed tonight, you know, first, I want to commend

the Mayor and the City Council for addressing, I guess, the rent abeyance, you know, for the food bank, you know that utilized the city property. You know, one of the things, I mean, I don't have to tell you what's you know happening in the news, but public welfare programs have been slashed and burned at the federal level. There were significant cuts at the state level this year as well. And as a result, you know, programs like food banks, Meals on Wheels, is another example you know that serves people in this community. You know they're facing significant budget cuts and are going to be hard pressed to continue the level of services, you know, that they've been providing to members of this community and other communities in the valley. I know there's a few conservatives on this council, and I've always understood on of the cornerstones of conservative thought is that, you know, pushing responsibility, you know, down to the local level, as opposed to, you know, federal and state. Well, it wasn't by design that that's happening, but you know, with the significant cuts that are occurring without a great deal of thought at the federal level and at the state level. Maybe I'll become a conservative and adopt that, that mode of thought, and, you know, begin to believe that we need, you know, because you have the argument is, is that there's more accountability at the local level, and therefore, you know the expenditures ought to be made at that level. I did with the help of chat GPT, I did some research today in Utah in terms of what local communities spend on public welfare programs. I don't think there's anything that's being spent here, and it comes to about 1.3% is the average. And in Utah, if you took that 1.3% and applied it, I think, to our budget, you'd be talking about somewhere around \$18,000 based on the general revenue fund. What I would propose is that the city establish, the City Council establish, essentially, an emergency public welfare fund. It wouldn't be, wouldn't be earmarked at this current time. I think it would, you know, \$20,000 would be my recommendation, but that it be available, um, if the need arises for some of these programs that do serve individuals in this community, I know my wife is very active in both Meals on Wheels and in the food bank here, and it's always, .... On occasion, it's surprising, the level of need in this valley, for many of those services. So, it's a relatively modest amount. And what I would recommend is that, you know, I know nobody loves new committees around here, but that you establish a three-person citizen committee that would make recommendations as they arose to the Council. Council would obviously decide whether to expend the \$20,000 in the manner recommended. But these, you know, I mean we, you know, we're facing difficult times for some folks in this community and around the country, you know, because of what's happening, you know, at the federal and state levels. So that's my recommendation. I know it's a tight budget, but, you know, I'm not asking, I'm not recommending the sky and moon in terms of level of funding for something like this. And you know, it makes a difference, you know? I mean, I think most of us around this table are fortunate enough not to need, you know, those services and probably never will, but there are many that depend on them greatly. You know, to eat. You know, to get, you know, better nutrition. And, you know, I this isn't about also, you know, I know that there's always been a reluctance, you know, to, to fund sort of charitable causes, because you know, you're making judgements, you know, as to, you know, if it's an environmental, you know, NGO, or something like that. I would imagine that if recommendations were made to utilize, you know, this \$20,000 that it would likely be around, you know, food, you know, for food challenged families, you

125 know, organizations that serve the food challenged community in Oakley and in the rest of the  
126 Kamas Valley. So, I'll end there."

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128 No further comment received.

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130 **Mayor Z. Woolstenhulme closed the public hearing.**

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132 **Mayor Z. Woolstenhulme** asked the Council if there were any questions or further discussion.  
133 None received.

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135 **5. RESOLUTION 2025-002 AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR ALL OAKLEY CITY FUNDS FOR FISCAL**  
136 **2025 AND ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR ALL OAKLEY CITY FUNDS FOR FISCAL 2026**

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138 **Councilmember Frazier** motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-002, A Resolution Amending the Budgets  
139 for all Oakley City Funds for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and Adopting a Tentative Budget for all Oakley  
140 City Funds for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. **Councilmember Neff** seconded the motion. All present voted  
141 in favor. **Resolution Adopted.**

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143 **6. RESOLUTION 2025-003 ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE 2025 TAX RATE FOR OAKLEY CITY**

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145 **Councilmember Fraizer** motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-003, Adopting the 2025 tentative tax rate of  
146 0.001 and setting a public hearing for August 13<sup>th</sup> for the Truth in Taxation hearing. **Councilmember**  
147 **Kimber** seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. **Resolution Adopted and Public Hearing Date**  
148 **set.**

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150 **7. MAYORS REPORT**

- 151 **a. Cattail Well:** Staff, with the assistance of Doug Evans and Aqua Engineering are working  
152 with the State regarding potentially getting the water from the new well into the system  
153 earlier than anticipated. The State is considering an exemption to the chlorination if  
154 the City turns out it's other sources and may allow the city to utilize the Cattail Well as a  
155 sole source until the chlorination building can be completed. It is possible the new  
156 water could be in the system by mid-summer.

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158 **8. INDEPENDENCE DAY/CELEBRATION ITEMS**

159 **Mayor Z. Woolstenhulme** reported that Chairman W. Woolstenhulme has made arrangements  
160 with Mr. Paul Slack to be the Hometown Hero and ride in the parade and at the Xtreme Bulls  
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163 Discussion amongst Councilmembers whether to ride in a manure spreader or horse drawn  
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166 **Councilmember Kimber** passed on a request for help with the City float.

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No further items were discussed.

**Meeting adjourned.**

Approval is to form this 70 day of December, 2025.

  
Zane K. Woolstenhulme, Mayor

  
Amy Rydalch, City Recorder