

Riverton City, Utah
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
December 16, 2025

Riverton City Hall
12830 South 1700 West
Riverton, Utah 84065

Attendance:

Mayor Trent Staggs

Councilmembers:

Councilmember Tish Buroker
Councilmember Spencer Haymond-excused
Councilmember Tawnee McCay
Councilmember Troy McDougal
Councilmember Andy Pierucci

City Staff:

Kevin Hicks, City Manager
Ryan Carter, City Attorney
Cary Necaise, Public Works Director
Jason Lethbridge, Development Services Director
Jamie Larsen, City Recorder
Chief Shane Taylor, Riverton Police Department
Josh Lee, Communications Director
Sheril Garn, Events and Operations Director
Stacie Olson, Assistant Public Works Director
Fire Marshal Wade Watkins, Unified Fire Authority

WORK SESSION – 6:30 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Staggs called the Work Session to order at 6:30 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Buroker, McCay, and McDougal were present. Councilmember Pierucci joined via Zoom and Councilmember Haymond was excused.

Discussion Items

Project List Review

Kevin Hicks, City Manager, reviewed ongoing projects and provided brief updates. He reported that the development adjacent to the skate park remained under review and that the developer was currently focused on other projects. An update was provided on the Welby Canal Trail easement, which was reported as substantially complete, with remaining pedestrian signal work expected to be bid in the near future. He noted that additional trail connections would be coordinated with the planned UDOT bridge project. He also provided updates on the 10-acre park design process, the proposed pump station near 11800 South intended to improve water pressure, progress related to the Redwood Road RDA tax increment financing effort, and the planned expansion of secondary water storage at the 4200 West equalization pond.

Mayor Staggs provided an update regarding the skate facility, noting that the option to remove the existing facility and begin with a clean slate had been contemplated. It was explained that a subcommittee could be established to evaluate potential new locations and funding sources for a

future skate facility, and that additional discussion would occur at a later time. He reported that Land Reserve had proposed a concept for the regional park that had been previously shared with the Council, and that follow-up meetings were anticipated. He discussed progress related to Dutchman Lane, explaining that the proposed connection between Dutchman Lane and Old Liberty Way could potentially improve ingress and egress near the 12600 South area. He reported that design work was being completed in-house and that a construction timeline was not yet available.

Mayor Staggs provided additional updates regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, the Salt Lake County golf course and pool facilities, and ongoing coordination with Salt Lake County related to potential improvements funded through the ZAP tax bond. He also noted that the City continued to own approximately 1.5 acres of surplus property on the west side of the City, which may be considered for a future request for proposals pending Council direction.

Finally, Mayor Staggs reported on progress related to a sidewalk project, noting that eminent domain had been authorized at the previous meeting and that steps were underway to serve the affected property owner.

Councilmember McCay requested an update on the proposed sidewalk along 2700 West near Bangerter. Mr. Hicks responded that the project had been inadvertently omitted from the project list, and would be added back. Councilmember McCay also asked about bike lanes along 13400 South near 3200 West and the lack of a pedestrian crossing between 2700 West and 3600 West, noting several near accidents involving children. Cary Necaise, Public Works Director, stated that a formal crossing was anticipated as part of a future canal trail project associated with the Utah Trail Network.

Councilmember Pierucci asked for an update on the equalization pond design, specifically regarding prior discussions about balancing water storage capacity with public amenities such as trails or fishing access. Mr. Necaise responded that final design concepts had not yet been selected due to additional geotechnical work required to evaluate options, including consolidating the pond into a single larger basin or maintaining two ponds with added beautification.

Councilmember Pierucci further requested that previously discussed neighborhood traffic-calming measures, including the reinstallation of speed bumps, be added to the citywide project list, noting a specific location on Shaggy Peak Drive and acknowledging other locations previously identified by Council. Mr. Hicks indicated the item was already planned for an upcoming work session and agreed to add it to the tracking list. He also inquired about the status of traffic signal delay coordination with Salt Lake County. Mr. Necaise reported that a pilot study was underway at the intersection of 3600 West and 12600 South, which would be monitored for several months, with results to be reported back to the Council upon completion.

Mr. Necaise provided an update on the Jordan Basin Improvement District project along 13400 South. It was reported that Newman plans to complete all pipe installation by approximately mid-January, with trench repair and final paving to occur later when weather conditions permit. Roads are expected to be fully open during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Adjournment of Work Session

Councilmember McDougal **MOVED to adjourn the Work Session**. Councilmember Buroker **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Buroker-Yes, Haymond-Yes, McCay-Yes, McDougal-Yes, and Pierucci-Yes. The motion passed unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 6:47 PM.

COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Staggs called the Riverton City Council Meeting to order at 7:01 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Buroker, McCay, and McDougal were present. Councilmember Pierucci joined via Zoom and Councilmember Haymond was excused.

Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Josh Lee offered the invocation and Chief Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comment

Mayor Staggs called for public comments;

Jason Richman spoke in opposition to closing the skate park, citing personal experience as a former user and as a parent, and expressed concern that the public had not been adequately informed of documented safety issues. He stated that no significant injuries had been observed during the park's 20-year history, questioned the conclusions and cost estimates in the safety report, emphasized the park's value as a positive youth amenity, supported additional skate facilities if funded, and offered to volunteer professional services to repair the existing park at no cost, urging the City to retain the facility in its current location.

Ida Allen spoke in support of retaining the skate park, noting its visual compatibility with the surrounding park and its importance as one of the limited recreational options for children in the area. She expressed concern that development and growth were occurring too quickly without sufficient consideration of Riverton's identity or youth amenities.

Hannah Richman stated support for keeping the skate park.

Mayor Staggs called for additional public comments; there being none, he closed the Citizen Comment period.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councilmember Pierucci explained he was unable to attend the meeting in person because he was representing Riverton City at the Colorado River Water Users Association conference in Las Vegas in his role on the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees. He noted that a significant portion of the City's water supply originates from the Colorado River and that the conference was timely due to ongoing high-stakes negotiations regarding the future of the river and an approaching deadline to renegotiate.

Councilmember McDougal – No Report.

Councilmember McCay – No Report.

Councilmember Buroker – No Report.

Mayor Staggs – No Report.

Presentations

Councilmember McCay Recognition

Councilmember McCay was recognized and thanked for her service as a Councilmember for eight years.

Mayor Staggs Recognition

Mayor Staggs was recognized and thanked for his service as Councilmember for four years and then as Mayor for the past eight years.

Mayor Staggs thanked his family for their support, reflected on the honor of public service, and emphasized the importance of citizen government and the temporary nature of elected office. He thanked City staff for their dedication and daily work implementing Council policy.

Councilmember McCay highlighted favorite experiences, including community events such as Veterans programs, Memorial Day, Town Days, the rodeo, parades, fireworks, and youth engagement through City Hall tours, the Youth Council, Silver Rush, and service projects. She noted involvement in ribbon cuttings, regional boards, public safety initiatives, and support for the creation of the Riverton Police Department, as well as appreciation for police, fire, and City staff. She concluded by thanking residents, fellow elected officials, and staff for their professionalism and support, stating it had been the honor of a lifetime to serve Riverton City.

Consent Items

Mayor Staggs presented the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Minute Approval: December 2, 2025.

Councilmember McCay **MOVED that the City Council approve the Consent Agenda.**

Councilmember Pierucci **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for discussion on the motion. Mayor Staggs called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Buroker-yes, Haymond-yes, McCay-yes, McDougal-yes, and Pierucci-yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing(s)/Action Items – N/A

Discussion/Action Items

Public Works Operational Budget Discussion and Resolution No. 25-62 – Approving the Removal of the Riverton City Skate Facility

Councilmember McDougal **MOVED that the City Council approve Resolution No. 25-62 – Removal of the Riverton City Skate Facility.** Councilmember Pierucci **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for discussion on the motion. Councilmember McCay stated concerns about approving a budget-related action without clear dollar amounts, noting that the resolution did not include specific costs. She emphasized the importance of allowing newly elected Councilmembers, who had engaged extensively with residents, to weigh in on the issue. She reported personally visiting the skate park, observing cracks and maintenance needs that she believed could be repaired, and suggested that the matter be deferred until more concrete cost

estimates were available. She recommended tabling or denying the item and allowing the next Council to make a decision with more complete information.

Mayor Staggs called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Buroker-no, McCay-no, McDougal-yes, and Pierucci-yes. The motion ended in a tie, 2 to 2.

Mayor Staggs was called to vote to break the tie and voted yes. The motion passed.

Upcoming Meetings

- a. January 6, 2026 - Work Session & City Council Meeting
- b. January 20, 2026 – Work Session & City Council Meeting
- c. February 3, 2026 - Work Session & City Council Meeting
- d. February 17, 2026 – Work Session & City Council Meeting

Adjournment

Councilmember Buroker **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember McDougal **SECONDED** the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Approved: CCM 1.20.26