

PAYSON CITY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING & WORK SESSION(S)
Payson City Center, 439 W Utah Avenue, Payson UT 84651
Wednesday, January 7, 2026

CONDUCTING William R. Wright, Mayor

ELECTED OFFICIALS Brian Hulet, Anne Moss, Bob Provstgaard, Ryan Rowley, Lacee Smith, William R. Wright

STAFF PRESENT David Tuckett, City Manager
Cathy Jensen, Finance Director
Amalie Ottley, City Recorder
Brandon Dalley, City Attorney
Brad Bishop, Police Chief
Robert Mills, Assistant City Manager
Travis Jockumsen, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Scott Spencer, Fire Chief
Anders Bake, Senior Planner
Michael Bryant, Planner II
Janeen Dean, Community Events Coordinator
Tracy Zobell, Parks & Golf Director
Karl Teemant, Community Services Director
Shawn Black, Power Director
Shelby Bohling, Communities That Care Coordinator
Melanie Marsh, Human Resources

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. Mayor Bill Wright, Councilmember Bob Provstgaard, and Councilmember Lacee Smith were all sworn into office at an Oath of Office ceremony before the regular City Council meeting.

B. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 6:00 p.m.

Prayer offered by Mark Kershaw

Pledge of Allegiance led by Kirk Beecher

C. CONSENT AGENDA 6:01 p.m.

1. Approval of December 17, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

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

Yes	-	Brian Hulet
Yes	-	Anne Moss
Yes	-	Bob Provstgaard
Yes	-	Ryan Rowley
Yes	-	Lacee Smith

D. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, & COMMUNICATIONS 6:02 p.m.

1. Cowboy Poetry Proclamation 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Wright recommended the adoption of the proclamation supporting Cowboy Poetry for 2026.

2. Yard of the Month – Christmas 6:04 p.m.

Councilmember Moss recognized Brooke and Ferrill Bancroft for the Payson Christmas Yard of the Month. Brook and Ferrill attended the meeting to accept the award and thanked the City Council for the recognition.

3. Economic Development Board Report 6:06 p.m.

Councilmember and Economic Development Board Chair Brian Hulet presented an annual report on the Economic Development Board. The Economic Development Board of Payson promotes economic development and improvements of all business conditions in Payson in order to maximize employment opportunities, tax base, and quality of life. Brian indicated that board members consist of local business owners and individuals who consult in the meetings. Working committees exist to support the ongoing business of the Economic Development Board. Committee reports were as follows.

Golf Event Committee – Kris Phillips reported the committee's objective to bring businesses into town. The Golf Event tournament was started 10 years ago and has gotten to the point that many businesses are excited to join and support the event. The governor and other important dignitaries regularly attend the golf event each year.

Business Retention Committee – Robert Mills reported on new members that have joined the committee. The committee supports businesses in the community by reaching out directly and having conversations about what keeps them going along with what kind of struggles they face in Payson. He reported that the goal of the committee was to provide opportunities for businesses to interact more. An event was held at the movie theater where business owners could come together and network with each other. 40 people attended the event and it was a positive experience for the city to interact with businesses, answer questions, and work together.

UVU/MTECH (Education) Committee – Mark Kershaw reported that the education committee brings together students in Payson that are passionate about growing businesses in the area. He reported the committee promotes outreach programs for students that are geared specifically toward Payson City businesses. Mark reported that the committee attends events throughout the year in Payson to support interactions and bring education to the community. Mark stated the committee encourages students to understand what business opportunities are available to them in the area.

Downtown Committee – Ty Jones reported that he has aligned efforts with citizens, business owners, and the city through his non-profit organization to form the Downtown Alliance and Initiative. He reported that 2025 was a great year for Downtown Payson. The purpose of the committee is to promote business and tourism specifically on Payson Main Street. The committee also promotes preservation of the area. Ty hopes community members remember how they feel when out and about in Downtown Payson throughout the year. Events are held downtown throughout the year to bring interest to the area. Through the efforts of the committee, a grant is being pursued to support efforts in highlighting the gem that downtown and Main Street Payson is for the community.

Strategic Plan/Web Site/Messaging Committee – to report later in the year.

Business Recruitment Committees – to report later in the year.

Brian Hulet reported on how the city's participation in the Utah Inland Port Authority is used a tax differential financial through growth and development. The Utah Inland Port also incentivizes businesses to come to inland port areas. Brian reported on the Payson Innovation Center located in the MTech building as it provides businesses and residents with equipment to use so that individuals can grow their business. Brian reported on commercial and industrial projects that were completed and under construction. Mayor Wright reported that the board is active in business outreach.

Mayor Wright needed to leave the meeting and asked Brian Hulet to serve as mayor pro tem for the remainder of the meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember Ryan Rowley– To approve Brian Hulet as Mayor Pro tem for the remainder of the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bob Provstgaard Those voting yes: Brian Hulet, Anne Moss, Bob Provstgaard, Ryan Rowley, Lacee Smith. The motion carried.

Brian Hulet continued his report on the commercial construction value, sales tax, and business growth. Brian listed agencies both state and federal that the board works with to support business growth in Payson. He reported that the city's website has all submitted plans for current projects in the city for residents to look at any time. Brian went over strategic projects for 2026. He invited all council members and members of the community to participate in any of the committees that are part of the Economic Development Board.

Councilmember Rowley thanked Brian and all the committee members for their report and for their work to support businesses in Payson.

4. Public Forum 6:46 p.m.

No members of the public wished to address the council in the public forum.

5. Staff and Council Reports 6:46 p.m.

RECREATION – Karl Teemant reported that the restroom remodel at the Peteetneet has begun. He reported that the winter programs started this week.

PLANNING – Anders Bake reported on the upcoming update to the city's General Plan. He went over the need for goals, policies, codes, and development standards in the general plan to meet the desires of the residents and support of the City Council. He reported that the City has received a grant to help with the update process. He stated that disaster and hazard mitigation will be taken into account in the general plan update this year. He showed MAG's website that indicates a pre-disaster mitigation plan for Utah County. He invited council members to submit comments and recommendations to MAG regarding any thoughts for hazards in Payson City. Anders also invited council members to consider transportation issues in the city.

FIRE AND AMBULANCE – Chief Spencer reported that the progress for Station 92 is coming along. He stated that floorplans and conceptual plans are being considered closely for all different areas of the station. He stated that UDOT expressed concern about ingress and egress on the highway. He indicated that the city continues to meet with them to discuss a way moving forward. Chief Spencer reported that

the department responded to a house fire wherein neighboring cities showed up to help. Lastly, he reported that a local EMT lost her life to cancer and a funeral service will take place on Friday in Santaquin.

Council Reports

Councilmember Provstgaard stated that he's happy to be at the meeting and to have been elected to the council for a 4-year term.

Councilmember Moss thanked Councilmembers Hiatt and Christensen for their service on the council. She welcomed new council members and looks forward to working with them.

Councilmember Rowley agreed with Councilmember Moss's sentiments regarding new and old council members.

Councilmember Hulet agreed with previous statements.

Councilmember Smith agreed with Councilmember Provstgaard and expressed her excitement to serve on the council.

E. ACTION ITEMS

None.

F. WORK SESSION 7:00 p.m.

1. Survey Results

Ron Gailey from OnPoint Insights reported on a survey for Payson City that was conducted in 2025. Ron reported on the demographics of those who participated in the survey. He stated that the results of the survey were nearly identical to the survey conducted in 2022. Ron reported that individuals felt that things have improved in Payson City over the last 3 years. Ron reported the difference between the surveys in 2022 and 2025 showing that people are happy with the upgrades to Historic Downtown. He reported on the top concerns that residents had for Payson City and what to work on moving forward. Ron also reported on the positive comments and concerns and suggestions that individuals submitted anonymously.

G. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember Provstgaard– To adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilmember Moss Those voting yes: Brian Hulet, Anne Moss, Bob Provstgaard, Ryan Rowley, Lacee Smith. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

/s/ Amalie R. Ottley

Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder