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Wasatch County Council Meeting Minutes Minutes for January 7, 2026

The Wasatch County Council met in regular session live and on-line Wednesday, January 7, 2026, in the Wasatch County Chambers located in the Wasatch County Administrative Building at 25 North Main, Heber City, Utah 84032.

A video recording of the meeting may be viewed by using the Wasatch County Public Portal (<https://wasatchcout.portal.civicclerk.com/>) and selecting the desired meeting.

Call to Order

1. Prayer/Remarks – Mark Nelson
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Erik Rowland

Public Comment

Public comments will be accepted in-person or via Zoom Webinar. Please limit comments to three minutes. If action is necessary, the item will be listed on a future agenda. The Council may elect to discuss the item if it is an immediate matter of concern. Email public comments to publiccomment@wasatchcounty.gov.

Summary: Jeff Salt (Utah Anglers Association) — Strawberry Marina Road
Randy Crist — Compression Brakes on US 40
Sheriff Jared Rigby - Compression Brakes on Browns Canyon

Call for Agenda Items

Summary: Call for Agenda Items: None were requested.

Consent Items

1. Approval of December 17, 2025 Minutes

Summary: Councilmember Rowland made a motion to approve all consent items listed.

Councilmember Park seconded the motion, and the motion carries with the following vote:

2. Consideration of appointing members to the Board of Health – Dustin Grabau

Summary: The Board of Health is a state mandated board with responsibilities to oversee activities of the Health Department. Two seats of the Board of Health expire every year. Following a public posting of the vacancies, the County Manager's Office received two applications for this seat and recommends the following:

- Janet Carson and Tod Berg be appointed to the Board of Health for terms expiring at the end of 2028.

Consider approving the recommended appointment of Janet Carson and Tod Berg to the Board of Health

Council Items

1. Discussion and Consideration of Council Subcommittee Assignments – Richard Breitenbeker

Summary: Improvements to tracking various legislative and advisory bodies in 2024 led to a more thorough update to council assignments in 2025. Subcommittee assignments are reviewed each year in order to keep administrative efforts and legislative efforts aligned. Council members expressed desires in 2025 to simplify and improve subcommittees. Accordingly, this year's review of subcommittee assignments proposes condensing them by broadening their scope. Subcommittees remain at-will, internal ways for council to organize its legislative work.

2. First Reading of Ordinance # 26-02 enacting changes to the Senior Advisory Board – Kendall Crittenden

Action Taken: Councilmember Rowland made a motion to "advance the resolution for a second reading on January 21st." Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Karl McMillan, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park

Voting Nay: None

3. Presentation By DWR Danny Summers – Danny Summers

4. BOE Discussion / Consideration to abate taxes on exempt parcels for Town of Hideout. – Jerry Jones

Summary: Continuation of discussion from December 17th council meeting. Council asked for a breakdown of the tax amounts.

Consideration of abating erroneous taxes on exempt parcels.

Action Taken: Councilmember Park made a motion to "**go ahead and approve the abatement of the exempt parcels for the town of Hideout.**" Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Karl McMillan, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park

Voting Nay: None

5. BOE Discussion/Consideration of late appeal. – Jerry Jones

Summary: A late appeal was requested on parcel 00-0020-6780 but did not meet the requirements of administrative rule R884-24P-66(13)

Consideration of late appeal application.

Action Taken: Councilmember Crittenden made a motion to "**Deny late appeal for parcel 00-0020-6780.**" Councilmember Searle seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Karl McMillan, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park

Voting Nay: None

Council/Board Reports

Summary: Council member McMillan asked if there were any council / board report to be presented.

Councilmember Park provided the following report:

Committee meet with the Strawberry Marina Road

The public lands board meeting needs to have two different meetings with the State representative, Outdoor recreation, DWR, and County Representatives. And second, set up a meeting with the County Council and attorneys.

Councilmember Searle provided the following report.

Committee meeting regarding the administration building parameter bond resolution.

Councilmember Crittenden provided the following report.

Received an e-mail from North Council Center for training. If you want to go have let Tiarra know so she can register with you.

The committee for the Affordable Housing Board. Do we want to hold to the By-Laws?

Councilmember Rowland provided the following report.

The big issue with open lands in respect to Jordanelle Ridge heated discussion perhaps needs its own meeting.

Manager's Report

Summary: UDOT published their EIS recommendation? Do we want a discussion about how the County wants to handle official comments?

New Agenda training with the County Council.

Closed Session - as needed

Closed sessions may be held in accordance with Utah State Code 52-4-205 to discuss the following: Purchase, Exchange or Lease of Property; Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation; The Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual.

SUMMARY: Council member McMillan indicated that there was a need for a closed session.

ACTION TAKEN: Council member Parks made a motion to go into closed session. Council member Luke Searle seconded the motion.

Public Hearings 6:00

Adjournment

Summary: Council member Nelson made a motion to "**adjourn the meeting**"

Council member Erik Rowland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

Karl McMillan

Karl McMillan/Chairman

Joey D. Granger

Joey D. Granger/Clerk/Auditor

