

PAYSON CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND WORK SESSION
Payson City Center, 439 W Utah Avenue, Payson UT 84651
Wednesday, November 5, 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
Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder
Amalie Ottley, City Recorder
Brandon Dalley, City Attorney
Robert Mills, Assistant City Manager
Travis Jockumsen, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Scott Spencer, Fire Chief
Anders Bake, Senior Planner
Karl Teemant, Community Services Director
Shawn Black, Power Director
Melanie Marsh, Human Resources

OTHERS Just Serve- Alan & Chris Riley, Ty Jones, Tyler Stinson, Chris Gilmore.

A. CALL TO ORDER

William R. Wright, Mayor, called this meeting of the City Council of Payson City, Utah, to order at 5:31 p.m. The meeting was properly noticed.

B. ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To adjourn the regular meeting and go into a closed meeting on November 5, 2025 at 5:32 p.m. to discuss the purchase, exchange, sale, or lease of real property. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulet. 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

1. Purchase, exchange, sale, or lease of real property

C. ADJOURN FROM CLOSED MEETING (5:50 p.m.)

MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To adjourn from Closed Meeting and reconvene the regular meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Moss. Those voting yes: Brett Christensen, Taresa Hiatt, Brian Hulet, Anne Moss, Ryan Rowley. The motion carried.

D. PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (6:00 p.m.)

Brett Christensen offered an invocation.

Anne Moss led the Pledge of Allegiance

E. CONSENT AGENDA (6:03 p.m.)

1. Approval of the October 15, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes
2. Proclamation - Just Serve City

Alan & Chris Riley explained what it means to be a Just Serve City in the State of Utah. They explained that Payson City will recognize and encourage service in the area. An individual in the community chosen by the members of the council will be recognized annually.

MOTION: Councilmember Rowley – To approve the consent agenda. 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

F. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

1. CTC: Mayor's Youth Recognition (6:06 p.m.)

Mayor Wright and Karl Teemant presented the Mayor's Youth Recognition Awards to Tyler Stinson, Mt. Nebo Middle School and Makai Glenn, Payson Junior High.

Tyler Stinson from Mt. Nebo Middle School stated that he enjoys eating at Chubby's Café.

Makai Glenn from Payson Junior High School was unable to attend the meeting.

2. Yard of the Month – Halloween (6:09 p.m.)

Anne Moss announced the Halloween Yard of the Month to Kira Callaway and Maverick Giles for their home at 802 E 400 S. Kira and Maverick thanked the council for the recognition.

3. Oath of Office – New City Recorder (6:11 p.m.)

Judge Jewell administered the oath of office to the new City Recorder Amalie R. Ottley.

4. Public Forum (6:14 p.m.)

Sandy Huff attended the meeting to report on behalf of Tabitha's Way food pantry. She stated that just from July through September, Tabitha's Way provided 127,000 meals to residents in Payson and an overall total of 557,500 meals in Utah County.

Chris Gilmore inquired about the potential real estate purchase later on the agenda. He thanked the members of the council for their service to the city, especially those who will be leaving the council after the conclusion of the election.

5. Staff and Council Reports (6:19 p.m.)

Staff Reports

FIRE AND AMBULANCE – Chief Spencer reported that the department wrapped up a coloring competition for local elementary schools. 2,000 pictures were submitted and graded. He reported that winners were chosen from each grade that then spent time with the department. He indicated the department has responded to almost 100 additional emergency calls compared to this time last year. He recently attended a work session with Mountain View Hospital to address statewide transfers to hospitals and to make sure services are provided to residents as needed.

RECREATION – Karl Teemant congratulated Doug Oldham's 6th grade football team who placed 2nd in the Utah County tournament. Adult Volleyball, youth volleyball, and youth wrestling activities have all begun. The Friends of the Library have implemented a program to incentivize health and wellness in the city.

ADMINISTRATION – Dave Tuckett reported that the Strawberry Water Users invited he and others to walk the new canal.

ADMINISTRATION – Robert Mills reported his attendance at the Homebuilder's Association Governmental Affairs meeting. He stated that affordable housing in Utah was a main point of discussion at the meeting. He stated legislation is being proposed for the following topics in the upcoming year:

- Detached ADUs being allowed throughout the State
- Municipal zoning per acre
- Updating engineering standards
- Wildland Urban Interface
- Proportional infrastructure impact fees
- Eliminating requirements for garages in residential buildings

He encouraged members of the council and the public to be aware of upcoming legislation and continue to be actively involved.

Robert Mills also thanked those who participated in the Forebay Area Open House. He stated that he looks forward to the Christmas Season and festivities in Payson.

Council Reports

Mayor Wright discussed the ongoing election. He stated he will not comment on the results until the official canvass on November 18th, 2025.

Councilmember Hiatt stated that the City Council candidates had a much more difficult time this year campaigning for office. She commended the candidates for their dedication to their campaign. She also recognized all of the donations to the food pantry. She discussed the lighting of the trees around the city and commended the Public Works department for their hard work making sure the trees are lit each holiday season. She discussed that builders in areas where garages weren't built regret not having a garage and hopes the proposed legislation will not pass.

Councilmember Moss announced that she is partnering with Miss Payson for a Goal Night. She read a statement on behalf of Miss Payson inviting members of the community to attend the event on December 12, at the Peteetneet Museum from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Councilmember Hulet reported that the city received a \$75,000 tourism grant to complete an amendment to the recreation portion of the master plan. He stated that a \$104,000 grant was used to complete the Dry Creek Trail. Mayor Wright added that those trails will continue to be worked on and cleaned up.

Councilmember Rowley expressed gratitude to the parks department for their work on the fields and parks prior to the winter season. He thanked Robert Mills for his attendance at the Homebuilder's Association Meeting. He commended the city council candidates for their campaigns and service to the city. He thanked Councilmember Christensen and Councilmember Hiatt for their service and wished them well after the conclusion of the election. He also thanked Kim Holindrake for her service to the city as the City Recorder and welcomed Amalie Ottley as the new City Recorder. He thanked all city employees for their hard work and dedication to the city.

Councilmember Christensen thanked Kim Holindrake for her work at the city and welcomed Amalie Ottley as the new City Recorder. He discussed the Forebay Committee's work towards agreements that will be beneficial for the city. He expressed his excitement that the Forebay area will be preserved as recreational areas for future generations. He discussed his frustration with the previously discussed legislation that may be considered by the State next year. He stated he likes how Historic Downtown has been revitalized.

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance - Amendments to the General Plan Regarding Water Use and Preservation Element
(6:44 p.m.)

Staff Presentation:

Travis Jockumsen discussed that SB 110 required that municipalities implement a Water Use and Preservation Element in their General Plan. He stated that the State now requires cities to set water conservation goals and policies. Travis Jockumsen discussed Payson's existing policies. The State also recommended steps be taken toward land use and development standards as well as zoning and ordinance updates. Travis Jockumsen presented tables showing the drinking water and pressurized irrigation source and storage capacity as well as per capita water usage trends across the city. He discussed projections for future usage demands against source capacity.

Council Discussion:

Council members discussed growth, especially in differing zones like agriculture and residential. Councilmember Christensen discussed previous requirements implemented by the State for watering, etc. Councilmember Rowley liked to see the capacity the city currently holds and credited the city's forebearers for their forethought and planning.

MOTION: Councilmember Hulet – To approve the ordinance 11-05-2025-A. Motion seconded by Councilmember Christensen. 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

2. Resolution – Potential Real Estate Purchase Contract for the Building located at 268 S American Way (6:54 p.m.)

Staff Presentation:

Dave Tuckett discussed the purchase contract that was entered into by the city that included a 90-day due diligence period for the building located at 268 S. American Way. The city then hired a contractor/architect to determine what it would take to bring the building up to the seismic requirements for a Public Safety Building. Staff recommended that the city withdraw from the contract.

Council Discussion:

Councilmembers Hulet and Rowley both expressed their relief that the city will withdraw from the contract after receiving the appropriate information from the study. Councilmember Christensen discussed the seismic requirements for public safety buildings pointing out that the city should make a five-to-ten-year plan for the Police Department. Councilmember Moss agreed that the process provided the needed information to the city in order to consider all needs for the police department and not enter into a contract that would be financially unwise. Councilmember Hiatt had no comments

MOTION: Councilmember Rowley – To deny the resolution 11-08-2025-A. 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

H. WORK SESSION (7:00 p.m.)

1. Two-Hour Parking in Historic Downtown

Staff Presentation:

Robert Mills discussed the newly renovated historic downtown area and a proposal for time restrictions on street parking. He introduced business owner Ty Jones who is also the president of Historic

Downtown Non-Profit (aka: the Business Alliance). Ty Jones presented data to city staff regarding how business owners on historic Main Street and Utah Avenue feel about enforcement of parking in those areas. Business owners expressed concerns that the area will no longer become inviting after all of the work put in to beautify the area. He also discussed that business owners expressed concerns for the lack of handicapped parking and stated that the 2-hour parking maximum could be restrictive for some businesses such as salons. Business owners asked if taxes would increase so that the city could enforce two-hour parking. Ty Jones indicated that restaurants were indifferent to the enforcement of restricted parking times. He asked if the city would be willing to monitor the street for a week for their own data. Ty Jones stated that some residents could see the value in restricted parking times so that more people can move in and out of the area but worried that members of the community would avoid the area and businesses because a citation may be issued.

Council Discussion:

Councilmember Christensen stated that he has seen vehicles park in front of the business and stay all day long. He expressed concerns about employees parking on the streets for 4–5 hour shifts and not leaving the street parking space for visitors. Councilmember Christensen discussed his justification for the discussion on downtown parking. Ty Jones indicated that while collecting data, he encouraged businesses to have employees park elsewhere, like the back, rather than on the street. Mayor Wright and Councilmember Rowley thanked Ty for his work in collecting data. 256

Robert presented graphs that were sent in a recent survey to residents regarding limits to parking on Main Street and Utah Avenue. Robert Milles discussed the importance of educating the public and possibly placing way-finding signs rather than enforcement. He stated that with some adjustments, the city can make improvements in that area without implementing police enforcement. 261

Councilmember Rowley stated that he feels that the city may be regulating problems that don't yet exist. He didn't want to encumber the town with a lot of signs or add weight to the police department's workforce and schedule. Councilmember Hulet stated that as larger parking lots are finished, residents in the area need to be more regulated and visitors could be more educated. Mayor Wright discussed the location of handicapped parking stalls near the library and other businesses. Robert agreed that education to business owners and employees would be beneficial for everyone. Councilmember Moss agreed with concerns that parking restrictions would make the area uninviting. Councilmember Hiatt discussed people parking the wrong way on Utah Avenue and hoped that clear traffic code violations would be enforced.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. 279

/s/ Amalie R. Ottley
Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder