

2 The Lindon City Council regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at**
3 **5:15 pm** in the Lindon City Center, City Council Chambers, 100 North State Street,
4 Lindon, Utah.

6 **REGULAR SESSION – 5:15 P.M.**

8 Conducting: Carolyn Lundberg, Mayor
9 Invocation: Cole Hooley, Councilmember
10 Pledge of Allegiance: Wes Nelson

12 <u>PRESENT</u>	<u>EXCUSED</u>
Carolyn Lundberg, Mayor	Lincoln Jacobs, Councilmember
14 Van Broderick, Councilmember	Jake Hoyt, Councilmember
Cole Hooley, Councilmember	Brian Haws, City Attorney
16 Steve Stewart, Councilmember	
Juan Garrido, Public Works Director	
18 Michael Florence, Community Dev. Director	
Adam Cowie, City Administrator	
20 Britni Laidler, City Recorder	

22 1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

24 2. **Presentations and Announcements:**

26 a) Kathy Allred presented information about the Character Connection program,
27 which began in 1993. She explained that the program started when there was a
28 mandate from the education department that values like honesty and integrity
29 were considered religious values and couldn't be taught in schools. As a result,
30 PTA members, teachers, principals, and representatives from Alpine School
31 District created Character Connection to connect families, businesses, and the
32 community. Ms. Allred noted that the program now partners with Wasatch
33 Behavioral Health, which produces the calendars featuring artwork from local
34 students. She presented awards to the student winners from Lindon
35 Elementary who created the artwork for the 2026 Character Connection
36 calendar. She also presented certificates to Mayor Lundberg declaring Lindon
37 City an "Outstanding Community of Character" and to Principal Ryan Wells
38 declaring Lindon Elementary a "School of Character." The student artists were
39 recognized individually, with each receiving a backpack filled with school
40 supplies donated by JLAR Rapid Delivery (an Amazon franchise).

42 3. **Open Session for Public Comment** – Mayor Lundberg called for any public
43 comments. The following comments were made:
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2 Jim Dain - addressed the Council regarding his neighbor, a widow with various health
4 issues who was facing significant costs to repair her sewer lateral. Mr. Dain explained
6 that when the city installed the sewer system in the late 1970s, the laterals were installed
8 by the city. His neighbor's lateral had significant issues including poor sloping and an
unsecured connection. He asked if there was anything the city could do to help offset the
approximately \$15,000 repair cost for someone on a fixed income.

4. COUNCIL REPORTS:

10 Councilmember Jacobs – Councilmember Jacobs was absent however, Councilmember
12 Stewart also relayed a message from Councilmember Jacobs regarding Heath Bateman,
14 the Arts Director. The youth basketball program was starting with over 900 kids
participating, pool party reservations would begin soon, and budget discussions for the
upcoming year would begin in February.

16 Councilmember Hoyt – *Councilmember Hoyt was absent.*

18 Councilmember Broderick – Councilmember Broderick reported on Public Works
20 activities, mentioning that the city had acquired a new dump truck and was replacing
about 10 fire hydrants per year as part of ongoing infrastructure maintenance.

22 Councilmember Stewart – Councilmember Stewart reported that the Youth Council
24 would be attending the Day at the Legislature event sponsored by the Utah League of
Cities and Towns. He noted that 17 of their 18 youth council members would attend, and
the Lindon Youth Council had been selected as one of eight councils to present
26 proposals. Their proposal would suggest taxing fuel leaving Utah for sale in other states
while continuing the sales tax exemption for fuel sold to local Utah distributors.

28 Councilmember Hooley – Councilmember Hooley reported that Communities that Care
had held their annual event on the twelfth day, which was successful and well-attended.
30 He noted there were proposals to cut funding to the mechanism used for Communities
that Care, which was concerning

32 Mayor Lundberg – Mayor Lundberg mentioned that the city had hosted interviews for a
new superintendent being conducted by the school board. She also discussed working
34 with Senator Brammer and other legislative delegates to try to secure a \$7,000,000
appropriation for each district for start-up costs related to district splits. The Mayor also
36 recognized Planning Commissioner Rob Kallas, who was retiring after a 50-year career
with Woodbury and Heights Independence, and thanked him for his service to the
38 planning commission.

5. Administrator's Report

- 40 • February Newsletter: Lincoln Jacobs
- Low Book sales has moved out of Lindon (nearly 2% of total city sales tax

revenue); we believe a lower-volume used auto dealer is relocating from Orem to this site in Lindon.

- Legislative Issues: Water fee; Housing bills; Property Tax limits (5% cap in any yr); Prop Tax modifications / raise residential prop tax exemption from 45% to 60% and shift burden to non-residential uses (revenue neutral for tax entities); possibly require voter approval for ANY local government property tax increase (city, county, school district, water district, etc); state owned land being used for housing; State infrastructure assistance for residential development.
 - ULCT Bill Tracker: <https://ulct.engagifii.com/public/lbt-report/4832/schedule-false>
- Staffing challenges / turnover: three vacancies at public works; one at police; one at justice court; building inspector was just filled after 7-month vacancy; recreation coordinator vacancy recently filled. Remaining competitive with wages & benefits is critical.
- Feb 12th @ 6pm; PG/Lindon Chamber Awards Gala @ Olivers Place, 125 S 2000 W, PG.
- Feb 19th (Thursday) @ 5:30pm; Budget Kick-off meeting
- April 4th-13th, Spring Clean-Up
- August 2nd-8th, Lindon Days
- Misc. Items.

6. Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 5, 2026.

COUNCILMEMBER BRODERICK MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2026 AS PRESENTED. COUNCILMEMBER HOOLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCILMEMBER HOOLEY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER STEWART	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER BRODERICK	AYE

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Consent Agenda Items - Items do not require public comment or discussion and can all be approved by a single motion. The following consent agenda item was presented for approval.

- a) Disposal of Surplus Equipment; Resolution #2026-5-R.

COUNCILMEMBER STEWART MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED. COUNCILMEMBER BRODERICK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

2 **CURRENT BUSINESS**

4 **8. Review & Action: 2026 Street Paving Projects Bid Award.** The Council will
6 review and consider awarding the 2026 Street Paving Projects to the low bidder,
Black Forest Paving, in the amount of \$1,193,520.54. These projects will be
8 constructed this spring/summer.

10 Adam Cowie, City Administrator, presented this item. He presented the bid the
council is considering awarding. Juan Garrido, Public Works Director, then presented
12 information on the 2026 Street Paving Projects. Staff recommended awarding the bid to
Black Forest Paving for \$1,193,520.54. Director Garrido noted that while Black Forest
14 Paving had not previously worked with the city, their references from other
municipalities were positive.

16 The largest project would be on 600 North and 625 North, where they would use
concrete-based treated material rather than completely digging out the road. This method
18 would provide greater strength to the road base. They would also be replacing bolts on
water valves as part of the project.

20 Councilmember Hooley asked about vetting the contractor, given previous issues
22 with another contractor on Center Street. Director Garrido explained that they had
checked references and considered the company's years in business and experience with
24 similar projects. He also noted that part of the work would be subcontracted to Geneva
Rock for micro surfacing, a company with which the city has had good experiences.

26 Mayor Lundberg asked for any further comment from the council. Hearing none,
28 she called for a motion.

30 COUNCILMEMBER HOOLEY MOVED TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE
2026 STREET PAVING PROJECTS TO BLACK FOREST PAVING AS PRESENTED.
32 COUNCILMEMBER STEWART SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS
RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

34 COUNCILMEMBER HOOLEY AYE
COUNCILMEMBER STEWART AYE
36 COUNCILMEMBER BRODERICK AYE
THE MOTION CARRIED.

38 **9. Review & Action: Resolution #2026-3-R; Central Utah Water Conservancy
40 District (CUWCD) agreement trading water shares for capacity in the Provo
River Aqueduct (PRA).** The Council will review and consider an agreement with
42 the CUWCD to trade Lindon owned water shares for capacity in the PRA.

44 Juan Garrido, Public Works Director, presented information about a proposed
agreement with the Central Utah Water Conservancy District to trade Lindon owned

2 water shares for capacity in the Provo River Aqueduct (PRA). As president of the Provo
Bench and North Indian Canal Companies for the past three years, he detailed significant
4 issues of decay, pollution, theft, and leakage within the canal system. Specifically, one
section was losing approximately 6 cubic feet per second (CFS), an equivalent of about
6 3,000 gallons per minute. These challenges were partly due to fewer residents using the
canal for irrigation, which contributed to increasing maintenance issues.

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10 Director Garrido explained that the city secured a grant to establish a connection
to the Murdock Canal at 400 North. This connection could utilize a piped system to
12 deliver water directly to Zone 3, thereby circumventing roughly six miles of open canal
and its associated problems. The city currently holds about 2 CFS capacity in the PRA
but requires an estimated 8-10 CFS to meet its needs adequately.

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16 The proposed agreement involves trading 38 water shares, equivalent to about 418
acre-feet of water, to the CUWCD in return for 5 CFS of capacity in the PRA. Garrido
18 assured that the city retains approximately 5,373 acre-feet of water rights but only uses
about 3,000 acre-feet each year. Thus, even post-trade, it maintains ample water rights to
meet its requirements.

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22 Mayor Lundberg asked for any comments from public present, the following
comments were made:

24 Jim Dain - a former mayor, urging the council to consider alternatives more carefully. He
expressed concerns over the unpredictability of water deliveries due to varying snowpack
26 and drought conditions and stressed the importance of retaining water rights. Jim Dain
suggested that the city form a committee of engaged citizens to explore options for
28 maintaining the North Union Canal, including the possibility of piping it with high-
density polyethylene (HDPE) over a potential ten-year project. He emphasized the
30 success of similar projects in piping other waterways while managing maintenance
effectively. Mr. Dain questioned the prudence of trading away water rights and
32 highlighted the potential need to secure the city's water delivery system using existing
infrastructure while exploring grant opportunities to fund improvements. He encouraged
34 the Council to not rush the decision and to understand the long-term impacts fully.

36 Larry Ellertson - another resident and former city official, echoed these concerns,
emphasizing the critical importance of water resources. Recalling past decisions made by
38 the city, Mr. Ellertson highlighted that in previous years, the city had wisely opted to
secure its share of the CUP (Central Utah Project) water allotment despite having
40 sufficient water supplies at the time—a decision that has proven vital for the city's future
needs. With this historical perspective, he stressed that "water is king," and the city
42 should exercise caution and deliberate carefully before deciding to trade water rights for
conveyance capacity in the Provo River Aqueduct. Concerns were raised about the
44 unpredictability of future water availability, especially in the context of ongoing drought
conditions affecting the entire Colorado River Basin. Mr. Ellertson questioned whether

2 relinquishing water rights was prudent given the changing landscape of water needs and
supplies. He urged the council to ensure that they fully understand the long-term
4 implications of such a trade and suggested the city consider the potential impact on future
generations.

6 Alan College - who served as vice president of the canal company for over 25 years,
8 acknowledged the complexity of the situation but supported the proposal. He emphasized
the considerable liabilities associated with the North Union Canal, including issues such
10 as seepage, which had been a long-standing concern. Mr. College noted that the canal had
experienced significant water losses due to evaporation and leakage, which were
12 exacerbated by the aging infrastructure and maintenance challenges. He pointed out that
the city had been fortunate to have John Tucker managing these problems but recognized
14 the difficulties in finding a replacement willing to undertake the same level of
responsibility. Supporting the proposal to secure a more reliable delivery system through
16 the Provo River Aqueduct (PRA), College lauded the advantages of utilizing a piped
system to enhance water delivery efficiency and reduce losses. He acknowledged that
18 while the transition to the PRA would come with its own set of complexities, it ultimately
promised to offer a much-needed solution to the city's water conveyance problems.

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22 Amidst this extensive discussion, Councilmember Hooley expressed the need for
additional time to fully comprehend the potential long-term implications of the decision,
24 classifying it as a "lifetime" decision. He acknowledged the complexity of the matter and
highlighted that due to the absence of two council members, it would be prudent to defer
26 voting to ensure all perspectives were considered. Councilmember Hooley emphasized
that differences of opinion among residents with significant knowledge on the subject
28 indicated that there might be unanswered questions and stressed the importance of fully
addressing them to prevent any oversight. He advocated for factually distinguishing
30 between differences stemming from a gap in information and those arising from
philosophical viewpoints.

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34 Acknowledging his own limited understanding of technical terms like "acre feet"
and CFS, Councilmember Hooley voiced a need for clarifications that could influence the
outcome of future votes. He suggested that enhanced discussions, potentially including
36 additional residents and experts outside the immediate water board, could provide
valuable insights. Councilmember Hooley stressed that having varied perspectives in
38 conjunction with the expertise of those deeply familiar with the ongoing water issues
would assist the council in making a more informed decision.

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42 He reiterated how vital a decision of this magnitude was, impacting the
community not just for the short term but potentially for decades. As such,
Councilmember Hooley suggested the idea of engaging further with knowledgeable
44 stakeholders, possibly through a collaborative session to address any outstanding
concerns. Given these considerations, a unanimous decision by the remaining council

2 members led to a continuation of this item to the next council meeting, ensuring full
attendance and comprehensive understanding before casting their votes.

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6 Mayor Lundberg asked for any further comment from the council. Hearing none,
she called for a motion.

8 COUNCILMEMBER BRODERICK MOVED TO CONTINUE RESOLUTION
#2026-3-R. COUNCILMEMBER STEWART SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE
10 WAS RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

12 COUNCILMEMBER HOOLEY AYE

12 COUNCILMEMBER STEWART AYE

14 COUNCILMEMBER BRODERICK AYE

14 THE MOTION CARRIED.

16 **10. Presentation:** Juan Garrido, Lindon Public Works Director, will give an update
on the DWQ grant received by the city to update portions of the Main Ditch and
18 improve water quality.

20 Juan Garrido, Public Works Director, provided an update on the Department of
Water Quality grant received by the city for improving the Main Ditch and enhancing
22 water quality. He explained that the city had received a \$750,000 grant with a 20% match
from the city, creating a budget of approximately \$937,000 that needed to be spent by
24 December 31st.

26 The project included several components:

- 28 1. The Mitchell property linear detention basin, where they removed invasive
species and widened the channel to better handle water flow
- 30 2. Creekside Park improvements, including reshaping contours, raising bridges, and
creating riparian areas
- 32 3. Installation of a stormwater treatment structure
- 32 4. Lindon Hollow Stream Restoration to address erosion issues

34 Director Garrido showed before and after photos of the Mitchell property
improvements, which included widening the channel to prevent flooding of nearby
36 properties. He explained that they had also planted approximately 35 trees in this area
and 80 trees along the Main Ditch where 2,000 feet of pipe had been installed.

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40 At Creekside Park, they were making improvements to prevent grass clippings
from entering the waterway and creating educational opportunities about different plant
species that help filter pollutants. The Lindon Hollow Creek project involved a
42 comprehensive study to establish baseline water quality measurements and would include
removal of invasive vegetation and dead trees that pose safety hazards.

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2 Director Garrido reported that they had spent approximately \$201,000 of the grant
4 funds so far, with about \$735,000 remaining for the planned improvements.

6 Mayor Lundberg asked for any further comments of discussion from the council,
hearing none, she moved onto the next agenda item.

8 **11. Closed Session - The City Council will discuss potential purchase or sale of**
10 **real property per Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(e). This session is closed to the**
12 **general public.**

12 COUNCILMEMBER STEWART MOVED TO ENTER A CLOSED SESSION.
14 COUNCILMEMBER HOOLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS
RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

16 COUNCILMEMBER BRODERICK AYE

16 COUNCILMEMBER STEWART AYE

18 COUNCILMEMBER HOOLEY AYE

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

20 COUNCILMEMBER BRODERICK MOVED TO CLOSE THE CLOSED
22 SESSION AND RECONVENE THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.
COUNCILMEMBER STEWART SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS
RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

24 COUNCILMEMBER BRODERICK AYE

26 COUNCILMEMBER STEWART AYE

28 COUNCILMEMBER HOOLEY AYE

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

30 **Adjourn –**

32 COUNCILMEMBER BRODERICK MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
AT 9:15 PM. COUNCILMEMBER STEWART SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL
34 PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

36 Approved – February 2, 2026

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Britni Laidler, City Recorder

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Carolyn O. Lundberg, Mayor