



Council Meeting Minutes

December 30, 2025

Council Chambers

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jared Hamner called the Council Meeting to order at 12:00 PM. The time, place, and agenda of the meeting had been provided to the Tooele Transcript Bulletin and to each member of the governing body by posting the notice and agenda at least two days before on the Tooele County website and emailing them a link.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was by Council Member Tye Hoffmann.

3. Roll Call

Council Member Roll call as follows:

Erik Stromberg: Present

Jared Hamner: Present

Tye Hoffmann: Present

Scott Wardle: Present

Kendall Thomas: Present

Also, present were Scott Broadhead- Attorney, Andy Welch- County Manager, Brittany Lopez- Assistant County Manager, and Tracy Shaw- Clerk.

Staff in attendance were Nathan Harris- Deputy Attorney, Alison McCoy- Auditor, Brian White- Chief Deputy Sheriff, Bucky Whitehouse- EOC (Emergency Operations Center) Director, Mike Jensen- Treasurer, Paul Wimmer- Sheriff, and Daniel Folks- Manager's Office.

4. Public Comments

No public comments.

5. Resolutions/Ordinances

a. Resolution 2025-34 - Amending Section 3.13, Nepotism, of the Tooele County Personnel Policy Manual, Nathan Harris

The County Council desires to revise the policy on nepotism to prohibit County offices from entering into contracts with relatives of employees who work in the same office.

Agenda Attachments

1. Res 2025-34.pdf

Nathan Harris, Deputy Attorney, presented this item as outlined above. He advised of the proposed changes that will be implemented with this Resolution, which includes adding language to define what a relative is considered, and to also further clarify what businesses owned in whole or in part by any of the aforementioned individuals is considered. He also proposed including a reference to the State Code about employment and nepotism. In order to maintain compliance, Council Members will be given the option to terminate contracts that are in violation of this policy. He clarified that with any contract or terminating a contract, attorneys will first look at the legal ramifications of doing so. Attorney Harris stated the biggest change is

in section 3.13.5., which has been renamed to "Contracts with Relatives." The new policy states that contracts may not be awarded or entered into with any relative of an employee when that employee works in the department and is responsible for initiating, recommending, evaluating, approving, and administering or overseeing the contract. Attorney Harris clarified that this policy is interdepartmental only. The county is not eliminating contracts with relatives of county employees throughout the whole county. The difference is that this policy prohibits a department from contracting with a relative of someone in that department.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to amend section 3.13.1 after the word brother-in-law, to add daughter and son-in-law. He also motioned to strike the last sentence of section 3.13.5 which reads: "this includes but is not limited to 1099 contractors, vendors or seasonal employees within the county." Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-34 as amended. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

b. Resolution 2025-35 - Adopting the Tooele County Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026 Through 2030, Andy Welch

This resolution adopts a multi- year Capital Improvement Plan that has been prepared in coordination with County departments to establish long- range priorities for the development, replacement, and maintenance of County facilities, infrastructure, and major equipment.

Agenda Attachments

1. Res 2025-35.pdf

Andy Welch, County Manager, presented this item as outlined above. He explained the rationale of the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan). He stated having a CIP helps the county to plan and prioritize projects. He advised that it is only a plan and is not the budget; it changes from year to year. He advised formally adopting the plan helps with external audit transparency.

Chairman Jared Hamner thanked Manager Welch and staff.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve Resolution 2025-35. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

c. Resolution 2025-36 - Re-Adopting the Tooele County Budget for the 2026 Fiscal Year, Andy Welch - PUBLIC HEARING

This resolution re-adopts the 2026 budget due to omissions and other necessary adjustments which were discovered following the original adoption of the 2026 budget on December 9, 2025.

Agenda Attachments

1. Res 2025-36.pdf

2. Res 2025-36 - 2026 Budget Final Adjustments.pdf

Andy Welch, County Manager, presented this item as outlined above. He referenced the budget documents attached to the agenda; the last page outlines the amendments being made per State reporting purposes. Line item balances were stated, GIS data errors were corrected, Capital Projects were in the wrong account, Recreation Special Service District was added, updates to the Sheriff mobile command center grant were made, and a typo on the Deseret Peak debt was corrected. There was one addition, which was the amended contact with the federal lobbyist.

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to open a Public Hearing. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

No public comment.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to close the Public Hearing. Second by Council

Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve Resolution 2025-36. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

6. Council Update

No comments.

7. Manager Update

No comment.

8. Adjournment - Closed Session if needed

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to adjourn at 12:17 pm. All in favor. The motion passed.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED:



Jared Hamner, County Council Chairman



Tracy Shaw, County Clerk

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