

MINUTES OF OGDEN VALLEY COUNCIL MEETING

January 6, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m.
Huntsville Town Hall, 7474 E 200 S, Huntsville, UT

Name	Title	Status
Janet Wampler	Mayor	Present
Tia Shaw	Council Member	Present
Peggy Dooling-Baker	Council Member	Present
Kay Hoogland	Council Member	Present
Chad Booth	Council Member	Present
Don Hickman	Council Member	Present
Corbin Gordon	City Attorney	Present
Sharon Robbins	Recorder	Present
Kathy Zindel	IT Director	Present

Agenda

1. Mayor Janet Wampler called the meeting to order. There is a full quorum present.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Janet Wampler, Mayor
 - b. Moment of Silence was observed for approximately one minute.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval and ratification of three Interlocal Agreements: Special Events Interlocal agreement

Mayor Wampler indicated that three Interlocal Agreements were stated to be on the agenda. Only the Special Events Interlocal Agreement will be discussed today. The other agreements will be discussed later. The Special Events Interlocal agreement covers events such as a marathon, filming in the City, or the 4th of July Parade.

- b. Approval and ratification of the following contracts: JUB Contract for engineering and planning, Waste Management for trash collection.

There was no additional Council discussion of the Interlocal Agreement or of the two contracts.

Council member Hoogland motioned to approve the Special Events Interlocal Agreement, the JUB contract, and the Waste management contract. Council member Hickman seconded the motion. All votes ayes. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Public Comments – comments about topics other than on the agenda.

Sheryll Vanderhooft – Read a prepared statement about their application for a subdivision being stalled by Weber County. She provided the statement as part of the minutes.

4. **Resolution 2026-07:** Adoption of Temporary/Tentative Budget under Utah Code § 10-6-110. (Approximately 20 minutes). Discuss and possibly deny, continue, or adopt Resolution 2026-04 adopting a Temporary/Tentative Budget.

Council members noted this temporary/tentative budget includes the TAN.

Council Member Hickman motioned to approve Resolution 2026-07 to adopt the Temporary/Tentative Budget. Council member Hoogland seconded the motion. All voted ayes. Motion passed 5-0.

5. **Ordinance 2026-04: Consideration of the imposition of a Transient Room Tax. (Approximately 10 minutes). Discuss and possibly deny, continue, or adopt Ordinance 2026-04 approving the imposition of a Transient Room Tax.**

Council member Discussion

Council member Hickman indicated that not all STRs have business licenses. Land use code may need to include STRs in the future. There has been no effort to find the STRs that are not licensed. The Council will need to seek changes in legislation to gain more revenue from STRs.

Public Comment:

Kraig Hansen - asked if getting 20% less road service would allow the City to balance the budget. (Mayor Wampler indicated the City is required to maintain a similar level of service, and the City does not currently have good data about the road cost and will history moving forward.)

Tamara Taylor – asked about the revenue generated by this tax. (Jeanette Harris of Zion’s Advisors indicated that based on business licenses about \$56K of revenue would be generated by TRT.)

Tina Allred – indicated she is in favor of the tax, and that we should work with legislators to get more funds. She also recommended that we encourage residents to get business licenses, and that residents not be asked to enforce this issue.

Derrick Row – indicated he supports this tax.

Council members indicated that the City will move quickly to get Land Use codes, STRs, and enforcement in place to help with this process.

Council Member Booth motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-04 to impose the Transient Room Tax. Council member Dooling-Baker seconded the motion. All votes were ayes. Motion passed 5-0.

6. **Ordinance 2026-03:** Consideration of Ordinance Approving the Imposition of an Energy Use (Approximately 20 minutes). Discuss and possibly deny, continue, or adopt Ordinance 2026-03 approving the Imposition of an Energy Use. City Attorney described this Energy Use Tax of up to 6% on natural gas and electricity to generate income for the City.

Council Discussion

Council member Hoogland indicated this is a utility tax, written by the legislature so that it can only be applied to natural gas and electricity. Council member Hickman indicated that the City will look at ways to mitigate the disproportionate impact of this tax on agriculture.

Council members agreed that the budget was reviewed to see where less can be spent, and at other options for revenue. There were not other options.

Council members also agreed the budget would be reviewed quarterly and promised that it would be managed frugally. Council indicated that steps have been taken to mitigate expenses – mayor and council members not being paid, use of lots of volunteers, getting use of facilities free from Huntsville.

Public Comment:

Jim Brown – asked the City not to impose an unfair tax on residents. He suggested looking at other options for revenue, such as taxing STRs.

David Hansen – said thank you for getting the City in place. And, he said vote Yes on these taxes.

John Anderson – indicated his thanks, echoing David Hansen. He asked that once the City is solvent, the surplus should go back to the people.

Tammy Taylor – asked for other options for revenue to be considered if the tax is still needed in one year.

Derrick Row – opposes the tax. He is concerned the tax will become permanent and that energy costs continue to go higher. He also indicated that Huntsville and West Haven do not have this tax.

Kevin Thomas – asked for the tax to be put in place for 24 months, and then to look at other options.

Bart Braegger – indicated the tax should be increased on rentals.

Jeff Barber – expressed his disappointment in the feasibility study. He is not in favor of the energy tax. He indicated the City should become insolvent and reverse back to an unincorporated area. He felt the incorporation was sold based on no new taxes.

Tina Allred – indicated the feasibility study was based on a snapshot in time, and that no one would have known about the drop in sales. She suggested calling it the ‘Freedom Tax’ and that if people live in any city they would have this tax. After understanding the need, she is not opposed to this tax.

Wayne S (Wapati Circle) – opposes the tax and thinks other revenues should be considered. He indicated that two homes in his circle are STRs, that he has complained, and that these homes were then sold to an LLC. The STR funds will need to be increased through enforcement. As revenues increase, the taxes should be reduced.

Ron Gleason – indicated he opposed the incorporation, but since it has passed he will support the City. He said the STR fees should be raised.

Kraig Hanson – stated that less than \$10/month in taxes will be paid to the City. Kraig indicated he met with all the candidates, and none of them promised no new taxes.

Mayor Wampler – said all revenue streams available were looked at. The Mayor and Council cannot promise to repeal this tax, or set limits on time frame, since no one knows what will happen in the future. The Mayor promised open discussion regarding finances quarterly so that residents are knowledgeable. And, if the revenues are available, the tax can be repealed easily.

Council Member Shaw motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-03 to impose the Energy Use tax. Council member Hoogland seconded the motion. Mayor Wampler called for a Roll Call vote. Votes are reflected below. Motion passed 5-0.

CM Shaw – Aye
CM Dooling-Baker – Aye
CM Hoogland – Aye
CM Booth – Aye
CM Hickman - Aye

7. Closed Meeting (As needed)

A closed meeting for any purpose as allowed in UCA 52-4-25. Mayor Wampler indicated a closed meeting was not needed for the City Council meeting.

8. Adjournment

Council Member Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council member Shaw seconded the motion. All votes ayes. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

The minutes of the January 6, 2026 6:00pm working session were approved by the Ogden Valley City Council on 3rd of February, 2026.

Signature: *Sharon Robbins*

Printed Name: Sharon Robbins

Title: Recorder