



## SMITHFIELD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### January 14, 2026

The Smithfield City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 96 South Main Street, Smithfield, Utah on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Aaron Rudie was in the chair.

Opening remarks by Todd Orme

**Council Members in Attendance:** Jay Downs, John Engler, Chris Olsen, Todd Orme, Jenn Staker

**City Staff:** Justin Lewis (City Manager), Dana Lazcanotegui (City Recorder), Travis Allen (Police Chief), Jeremy Hunt (Fire Chief), Shawn Bliss (Library Director), Brian Boudrero (Planning Manager), Clay Bodily (City Engineer), Karen Bowling (Assistant Library Director)

**Visitors:** Mike Sauer, Ruth Greene, George Downs, Anthony & Kathy Marconi, Christen McBride, Bob Holbrook, James Marshall, Jeff Barnes, Connie O'Dowd, Lynn Godderidge Rashell Downs, Luke & Sadie Downs, Dave Forrester, Matt Esplin, Michael Gibbs, Deon Hunsaker, Kaydee Larsen, Liz Kirkley, Brittany Oakes, Danny Oakes, Jake Erickson, LJ Western, Vicki Reid, Michelle Downs, Jennie Orme, Amy Anderson, Lizette Villegas, Allen Dawes, Lisa Nielson, Denise Warren, James Elwood, Tiffanie Jensen, Kaylee Jensen, Charlie Erickson, Jace Tueller, Curt Mathews, Kelly Olsen, David Butter, Brian Fillmore, Amanda & Kurt Addison, Alex Lofgran, Wendy El-Bakri, Dawnette Engler, Doug Corbridge, Jeff Strate, Rochelle Strate, Debbie Zilles

### Approval of the City Council meeting minutes from December 10, 2025

**\*\*\*Motion made by Councilmember Orme to approve the meeting minutes from the Dec. 10, 2025 meeting. Councilmember Staker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.\*\*\***

**Yes Vote:** Engler, Orme, Staker

**No Vote:** None

**Abstain:** Downs, Olsen

### Public Comment on items not on the agenda, or agenda items not requiring a public hearing during the City Council meeting.

James Elwood expressed support for Brian Fillmore's request for a rezone to RA-1. The 1-acre lots support the area and allow families to use their land and possibly create opportunities for their children and grandchildren to live there.

Troy is a resident of Smithfield, and he would like to apply for a Conditional-Use Permit for a home-based e-commerce FFL (Federal Firearms License) business. Mr. Boudrero

explained that there is an application and process for this request. Troy will call and get more information.

Lizette Villegas would like to see greater transparency and communication from the police department. She would like to be able to look up what type of calls and crimes are being reported now the Cache County Sheriff's Office no longer provides this information on their website. She wants to know what is happening as a mother. She also works in prevention services. She also shared her thoughts about Cache County not posting booking photos any longer. This seems like an unsafe decision.

### **Youth Council Report**

Jayce Tueller and Carley Grunig said the youth council will help with the Rec Center triathlon on Saturday, January 31, 2026, the America250 Art Gallery at the Youth Center on Saturday, February 21, 2026, and the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2026.

### **Acceptance of a donation from the Smithfield Lions Club.**

Deon Hunsaker from the Smithfield Lions Club presented the City with a Trex park bench. The bench is made from recycled plastic collected from the two plastic bins outside the City office building. The Riverdale Lions Club also helped donate plastic toward this project. Trex provides one bench per year for every 1,000 pounds of collected plastic. Beginning this year, the program will switch to an annual drawing, so there is no guarantee the City will receive another bench. Councilmember Staker asked where the bench would be placed; Mr. Hunsaker would like to see it installed at Forrester Acres.

Deon would like to see more trees planted along the trail to provide additional shade during the summer at Forrester Acres. Councilmember Orme will pass this suggestion to the Tree Committee.

Deon also presented a children's book in braille that is being donated to the library. A representative from Washington, D.C. helped with the book.

### **Discussion and possible vote on Ordinance 2025-27, an Ordinance rezoning Cache County Parcel Number 08-105-0017 from A-3 (Agricultural 3-Acre) to RA-1 (Residential Agricultural 1-Acre). The parcel is located at 468 South 400 West and is 5.0 acres. The request was submitted by Brian Fillmore.**

Brian Fillmore is the owner of the property being considered for rezone and he is the applicant as well. He has submitted a rezoning request for his property, which is currently zoned A-3 (Agricultural 3-Acre) and allows only one dwelling per three acres. He is requesting a rezone to RA-1 (Residential Agricultural 1-Acre), which would allow one dwelling per one acre. The future land use shows this property as LI (Light

Industrial), with MLDR (Medium Low Residential, 1-2 dwelling units per acre) to the north, and more Light Industrial to the south, east, and west.

Mr. Fillmore stated his original proposal was denied by the Planning Commission at the October 2025 meeting by a 7-0 vote as he had requested 12,000 square foot lots at that time. The project was reconsidered and revised, and it recently passed the Planning Commission by a 4-3 vote in favor of 1-acre lots. The RA-1 request would match the parcels to the north.

Mr. Fillmore wanted to address a few points raised in the petition by some of the local neighbors opposing the request. He does not think the request will be an incompatible land use; RA-1 still provides larger lots and open space while maintaining the agricultural designation. He currently lets Mike and Robert Hansen, neighbors to the west, farm his 4-acre field. He has appreciated the arrangement over the last 17 years to help take care of the land. The petition characterizes this rezone as permitting high-density housing, which is not what is proposed. The maximum number of homes that could be built on that land is three (3) additional homes, with his current home, for a total of four (4) homes on five (5) acres, which is not a medium or high-density development. He agrees with the safety concerns along 400 West, as that is a narrow road. With this request, there would only be a few additional vehicles in the area. He noted that no one who cites the safety risks on 400 West as a reason to oppose is willing to widen the road. If schoolchildren live in any of the homes and need to walk to Summit Elementary, they would have to use the east side of 400 West for a block to get to 400 South. He does not think the additional traffic or children that might result from this rezone would pose a significant safety risk. His property is considered part of a buffer zone between Light Industrial (LI) to the south and residential areas to the north, which are RA-1, R-1-12 (Single Family Residential 12,000 Square Feet), and R-1-10 (Single Family Residential 10,000 Square Feet). The petition notes that the General Plan designates this as an agricultural transition zone, and he maintains that this rezone will not change the nature of a buffer zone. He said that when he passes away, his children are likely to take over the estate and sell the property to the highest bidder, in which case it could become an area for Light Industrial (LI). This proposal will help preserve the area as a buffer zone and keep it open. There has been concern about farmland disappearing, and it should be a concern for everyone; however, he does not believe changing his four acres will ruin the Hansen dairy operation. If larger tracts of land they lease are sold, that could have a catastrophic effect on their business. Sewage should not be an issue, and Smithfield has been wise to establish culinary resources for future growth, so he does not believe adding 2-3 more homes will overload the culinary water system. He owns shares in the Smithfield Irrigation Company that are adequate to meet the needs of this request. The intent is for a small development, and a public street will be put in, meeting all applicable City codes and design standards. He resists the characterization that this request is about "irresponsible development". Contrary to what the petition indicates, he thinks property values could increase by a small, well-kept development. He believes he has been very transparent with his neighbors and that the City has met all applicable notice requirements. Many families in this area have deep roots in this part of town, and he understands and appreciates their concerns; however, that should not come at his

expense. He plans to continue living there, so he has a vested interest in what it becomes and how it develops.

Luke Downs lives at 340 South 400 West and opposes the rezone request. It does not fit the other homes along 400 West, and he outlined lot sizes in the area. An RA-2 (Residential Agricultural 2-Acre) zone would be more acceptable and a better fit. It would allow people who want more land and animals to move in. His family has lived there for a long time, and he would like to see it remain a nice agricultural area. Medium and high densities are all relative and can be argued all day long. Low-density housing does not have someone looking over the fence in your backyard.

Amanda Addison sent an email to the council members before the council meeting. She has lived in this area since the 1980's and grew up there. She appreciates the farmland, open space, and sense of community here. Rezoning this parcel for additional homes would negatively impact the neighborhood's character and safety. She lives on 200 South and drives 400 West every day. It is not suitable for more homes. More traffic will make it more dangerous. The road is extremely narrow and has never been improved. Vehicles often exceed the current speed limit. Drivers are frequently impatient; large farm equipment traveling on the road, and families walking from the West Ridge Apartment development make this area hazardous. Instead of approving more development, the City should prioritize maintaining existing roads and infrastructure. Roads on the west side, especially near the LDS Temple, have already made roads like 400 West, 800 West, 600 South, and 1000 South unsafe. These roads were never designed for this level of traffic. More people are using these roads to avoid congestion and reach the signal lighted intersections. The City continues to approve farmland conversions without adequately considering the impact on the current residents. She asked whether the members would want this type of development next to them. She urged rejecting this request and focusing on making the west side of Smithfield safer, with wider roads and sidewalks, before adding more homes. The community deserves thoughtful planning that prioritizes safety and quality of life.

Jake Erickson has been a Smithfield resident for 18 years. He grew up riding his bike on these streets. The "small-town feel" is gone; however, he thinks it can come back. He grew up on 300 South, where people who passed one another and waved and that is now lost. He is displeased with development on the north side of Smithfield. The homes that have gone in there are terrible. Big builders come in and make it atrocious; however, this is an opportunity to do it right. He is a builder, licensed in five states, and has not been able to voice his concerns until now. He asked if RA-2 (Residential Agricultural 2-Acre) would have less or no housing. The Council advised that this is not a question/answer period, but a time to hear his concerns. Mr. Boudrero said RA-2 would allow one home per two acres. Mr. Erickson said this would be a good "middle ground". Most homes have 2+ cars, which would increase by 4-6 vehicles, which doesn't seem like a big deal. He drives the road often. As a builder, he noted that Smithfield is the hardest City to build in with the most regulations and hoops to jump through. At some point, if the City "regulates itself to death," he questioned how the City would grow effectively. He is someone who appreciates building codes and inspectors who require buildings to be held to a higher standard. His home was built in 1912, and

he hates it. This could be an opportunity to learn from mistakes and do better. Smithfield is no longer a small town, but he thinks the City can get back to a “small-town feel”.

Ruth Greene lives on 300 South, and her roots are deep in that neighborhood. She does not have anything new to say, but she wanted to allow those in attendance to voice their opinions. She asked all in attendance to raise their hands if they were opposed to the request and supported keeping the neighborhood and open space intact, and setting a precedent by rejecting this rezone. She said the number speaks for itself. If this request is denied, chances are the next one will be rejected, and so on, as Chairman Anderson indicated at the December Planning Commission meeting. She appreciates the Council's time and its consideration of the needs of the west side community.

Jeff Strate lives on 400 South; his property extends to the corner of 400 South and 400 West. He raises a couple of beef cattle each year and is concerned about losing the opportunity to keep animals in this area. He mentioned what happened with the West Ridge development, which was initially proposed and approved for retirement homes, but after the land was sold, it was turned into townhomes. He does not want to see the rug pulled out from under those residing in this area again. One problem is that the State of Utah allows this, as it's in what they passed. The road, 400 West, is a concern because it is narrow, as mentioned. Widening the road is not possible unless it goes deep into some of the property. The Planning Commission said the City will not widen it; it would have to be done as part of future development. Given the way houses and property are situated, many personal items would have to be moved, which would create significant problems. He would like to see a compromise reached. He would rather have a couple of homes to be there than a business.

Brian Fillmore appreciates Mr. Strate's comments because he is the closest neighbor. The Council can see from the zoning map how the area is currently zoned. Most of the people opposed to these large tracts of land do not live on them. As a property owner, he feels he is being imposed upon by people who already live in more densely populated areas than he proposes.

Kathy Marconi lives on 300 South. She moved here in 2007 to take care of her father. She has relatives from out of town who enjoy visiting. There is still a unique “small town vibe”. This is a great neighborhood, and she would like to keep it small, quaint, and country. She would like to keep it as is and opposes the request.

Vicki Reid has lived on 300 West for over 65 years. Her grandparents used to live across the street from her on a one-acre lot. She sold the land to a developer in good faith, who told her he would keep the barn; however, there are now four homes and a cul-de-sac on the land. Once land is sold, it is gone. She has regretted her decision every day since she sold it. The result has affected her life and the lives of those living in the area.

Michael Gibbs owns the other piece of property that looks into Mr. Fillmore's property. He agrees that the “small-town feel” has been lost, not because of development like

this, but because people do not speak to each other anymore. The original proposal was for R-1-12 (12,000 square foot lots) and was adamantly opposed because no one wanted high-density housing. From his understanding, the goal post is now moving again. He does not like to tell landowners what they can/cannot do on their property. He tried to develop his property years ago, but was denied, and told it was not big enough for a home; however, a developer came in and built a barn/house there. He does not have an issue with it changing to RA-1, except that once the decision is approved, it could allow dishonest individuals to come in and develop what they want. He understands that change and growth will happen, but wants to find a way to ensure they happen thoughtfully. As long as it is not mass developed, he has no opposition to RA-1.

Councilmember Downs recused himself from the discussion and vote on this issue.

Councilmember Orme appreciates the thoughts presented. He has spent quite a bit of time driving this area, and it is beautiful property. He commended Mr. Fillmore for the way it has been upkept. He is trying to limit the amount of emotional attachment to his thoughts. He understands the situation. He is a landowner as well and is in the middle of making some choices about his land. The original request for a rezone to R-1-12 was denied unanimously. This reconsideration applies to RA-1, which remains residential/agricultural and has the same street limitations and setbacks as RA-2. Mr. Fillmore has indicated that, if an appropriate access road is added, the homes would be behind it. The property is bordered by another RA-1 property which has not changed zoning in over 10 years, as well as other RA-1 zones in the area that could be equally developable as this request. He understands the expense of farming land. He has been very willing to compromise and listen to the neighbor's concerns. This feels right to him as a long-term landowner and because Mr. Fillmore will be living in the area. The rezone would still allow animal rights and remain a buffer zone, but would allow building on larger lots. Many of the individuals who have expressed opposition and signed the petition live in more densely populated areas with smaller lots than those he is proposing. Once he is gone, there will be far less control over what might happen to the property. His proposal seems like a good compromise. He has tried to be as amenable as possible. Losing the "small-town feel" will not be the fault of 2-3 more homes here. If this request denigrates that idea, then individuals are not doing enough on their own.

Councilmember Staker asked staff to outline access points. Mr. Bodily said it would follow inner block development. The roads would need to meet the City standard, it could be a cul-de-sac, but that would take up a lot of space. The minimum would be a 60-foot right-of-way. Mr. Boudrero said the road would come off 400 West and require a turnaround. The road, 400 West, would be widened just in front of Mr. Fillmore's parcel.

Mayor Rudie asked how far the railroad land extends beyond the tracks. Mr. Bodily said it is 30 feet from the center of the tracks on either side of the tracks. For a subdivision, it would require 43 feet from their fence to the new property line. Sidewalk, park strip, curb, and gutter are necessary.

Councilmember Engler said the Future Land Use Plan designates this area as commercial, not agricultural. The map is not a binding document but rather a

recommendation. In the General Plan regarding this area), it states: *"The reason this area is being planned as Light Industrial/Commercial is to allow for a buffer and the future development of 400 West to make this a positive area for industrial uses. The Future Land Use Map reflects the amount of future planned commercial and industrial land needed on a buildout population of 32,000 people in 2060"*. If this is rezoned to RA-1, that would be a change from the current Land Use Map. It is also a change if this is supported as agricultural land, because that is not what the Land Use Map states either. If the residents want this to be 3-5 acres of agricultural land, which he understands and acknowledges is his corner of the town as well, they need to help the City plan for continued agricultural use. This is possibly the last corner of agricultural land left to hold onto. Commercial seems much less desirable than RA-1. He feels stuck between what the City has designated as the area's future use, what is being proposed, and what the residents want. There are three differing views, and they cannot all be true at once.

Councilmember Staker acknowledged the high volume of emails, calls, and text messages the Council has received. Everyone she talked to said they chose this area to live because of the agricultural feel and larger lots. Decisions should be considered on a case-by-case basis. Regardless of this proposal, flag lots are a nightmare wherever they are located and can destroy the "small-town feel".

Councilmember Olsen said the City is currently working on the General Plan and thought it would be nice to have a committee of residents, possibly with representatives from different areas, who would be willing to volunteer to help determine what it should look like. Mr. Boudrero said there was a committee that Councilmember Olsen was part of which was the Steering Committee for the General Plan. Councilmember Olsen said he was on the committee as part of the Planning Commission and not as a regular citizen. Mr. Boudrero said Councilmember Olsen and Commissioner Marshall were assigned to the committee. Councilmember Olsen said he is talking about something different, which would include actual citizens who would be part of the committee and be able to provide input. He is not saying this has to happen, but it would give the citizens an opportunity to have more input. There was an initial opportunity when the update began to allow citizens to provide feedback, which was helpful, but no changes were made to the General Plan as a result. This will obviously be a decision made by Mayor Rudie if there is interest in creating a committee, which he would support. The voice of the residents' concern has been heard. He ran for City Council to try to "listen to the voice of the people" and represent the residents.

Councilmember Engler said it is clear where the bulk of the opinion is. This is a challenging issue personally because he is a 28-year resident of the west side of town, and many people in attendance are long-time friends of his. He lives on the west side because of the same reasons. Local neighborhoods should have the primary voice in how an area develops, but property owners' rights and voices should also be recognized. He is grateful to live in a place where citizens can voice their opinions. Change, even in small increments, has an impact. He acknowledged that not everyone with an opinion has spoken. Statistically, residents who oppose something are more likely to voice their concerns. There is an argument to be made that approving this request might help protect open space in the long run. If it is not changed now, a future

Council might approve a different zone, make a different decision, and then open space could be lost. If this is developed, as proposed, it will not be able to be carved up any smaller, thus maintaining some of the open space. He is weighing all the arguments.

Councilmember Olsen said it is important to consider that whoever purchases the lots could also request a rezone. From a neighbor's standpoint, he would bet that most neighbors would be more lenient toward a rezone if they thought the property would stay in the family. If the purpose of this is to sell land that might make a difference in perspective. He said "small-town feel" is about people choosing to adopt the attitude, not always about the location.

Councilmember Orme asked for clarification about when the petition was written and signed. Luke Downs said it was written and signed, and that it was after the R-1-12 zoning request was denied.

Commissioner Engler said everyone agrees that 400 West is a significant issue and should be considered. His home is 130 years old and was the second home built on his block. If it had never been changed, no one would live there now. Continued growth cannot be stopped, but should be managed well. Citizens have indicated that they want large lots, gardens, and animal rights. If there were a way to lock that in and hold that precedent, it would be a valuable corner of town. He would like to see things done in a measured and careful way. He also noted that the future cannot be predicted accurately.

Councilmember Olsen stated there is minimal discussion in the General Plan about preserving open space. Often, farmland sells in large chunks, where growth and development occur. If this is an important element, it should be reflected in the General Plan and possibly have designated areas.

**\*\*\*Motion made by Councilmember Olsen to DENY Ordinance 2025-27, an Ordinance rezoning Cache County Parcel Number 08-105-0017 from A-3 (Agricultural 3-Acre) to RA-1 (Residential Agricultural 1-Acre). The parcel is located at 468 South 400 West and is 5.0 acres. Councilmember Staker seconded the motion for denial. The motion to DENY was approved 3-2.\*\*\***

**Yes Vote to deny: Olsen, Staker, Rudie**

**No Vote to deny: Engler, Orme**

**Abstain: Downs**

<b>Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore for calendar year 2026</b>
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Mr. Lewis explained that each year, a Mayor Pro Tempore is selected to fill in for the mayor's absence, which is outlined in Utah State Code 10-3b-302 "*...designated a mayor pro tempore (a council member) to preside and perform mayoral duties if the mayor is absent or unable to act, with their election recorded in the council minutes*".



Councilmember Orme was selected by the city council to serve as the 2026 Mayor Pro Tempore.

### **Discussion of the General Plan update**

Mr. Lewis advised that Smithfield has been working on the General Plan update since 2024. He provided a summary of the process, which began with a Steering Committee of about a dozen community members and then transitioned to the Planning Commission. Staff would like a plan for how the Council would like to proceed. The hope is to keep it moving forward, as the current Plan contains a lot of outdated data. There have been suggestions about typographical errors, and those will be addressed. The Plan can be updated at any time. It will require a public hearing before the Council can adopt it.

Councilmember Engler asked how close the draft is to completion. Mr. Lewis said it is ready for review. Councilmember Engler would like to see further discussion next month with a possible public hearing in March and then a vote in April. Mr. Lewis said that it is acceptable and noted that again, it is all subject to change at any time.

Councilmember Downs asked whether the draft is available for public review. Mr. Lewis said it has been on the City's website since November and is available to view.

Councilmember Olsen has mixed feelings, having been on the Planning Commission and now moving over to the Council, there have been some opportunities to review the draft. He understands that the goal was not an overall revamp, but an update, with the knowledge that it can always be changed. The initial schedule had two (2) Steering Committee meetings, but three (3) were held with J-U-B Engineers. In his opinion, this has not been enough time to cover everything and dig into it. He realizes that might be a personal view because he is detail-oriented. He said Jim Marshall from the Planning Commission felt the same way. He wants it to "really reflect what we want it to be". Mr. Marshall was in attendance and indicated that he is fine with the input he has provided. Chris would like to move it forward but is interested in an ongoing review and having different committees review different parts of the Plan. He thinks it would be better, moving forward, to update it incrementally rather than a total update like this. It was a lot of information to go through, and he feels he didn't get a chance to dig in as deeply as he wanted.

Councilmember Engler clarified when the Council adopts the Plan, it does not mean there are no expectations for change. Mr. Lewis said that is correct, the Plan is basically out-of-date the day after it is adopted because things are being updated or changed almost monthly. He used the example of the LDS Temple on 800 West when that was announced it changed that area in the General Plan. Maps and specific sections can and should be reviewed and changed over time as the City grows and changes. Grant funding helped with this update and those funds have been fully utilized. He reminded the Council that the General Plan is a living document and meant to serve as a guide. The hope is not to hold up the entire update for smaller sections that can be addressed

even after adoption. This update was meant to update mandated information such as water conservation, which is a state mandate. Smaller sections can be continually reviewed and changed, amended, updated as needed.

Councilmember Orme would like to suggest that members make a concerted effort to review the document over the next few weeks and submit suggestions, questions, and concerns. Mr. Lewis said J-U-B Engineers can attend next month to answer questions. He would like all the recommendations sent to him by February 1st so he can give them to J-U-B to address.

Councilmember Olsen agreed and said that one of the difficulties the Commission had was that, when J-U-B was in attendance, they were fielding questions. He spent a significant amount of time reviewing each version and recently checked the latest version to ensure the changes he had requested had been made. He made a comment about which items changed, which did not, and/or how they changed. He is happy to provide that document to other members to review. There are still a few things that have not been changed.

Mayor Rudie challenged the constituency to review and provide feedback.

#### **City Manager Report**

- ✓ Personnel Manual. The staff began discussions about legal updates to the manual last fall. Contracted with Manning Curtis Bradshaw & Bednar PLLC. The updated draft was received in December, but staff wanted to wait until the new Council was in place before beginning the review. The council and mayor will receive two copies of the draft. One is the red line version with every proposed change and the other doesn't show all the red lines. The update is intended to address legal issues. What was not reviewed by legal counsel for change are discretionary city-specific topics such as PTO (Personal Time Off), holidays, etc. Staff would like the Council to review the proposed changes. He asked that members take time to review the manual and provide any suggestions or changes in the next few weeks so that it can come before the council for approval in the next few months.
- ✓ Offices will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- ✓ Department Heads are working on their budgets for Fiscal Year 2027. The first presentations will begin in March. The new budget will take effect on July 1, 2026.
- ✓ Employee spotlights will be sent out so the new council can get to know the employees.
- ✓ The 3-million-gallon water tank is anticipated to reach substantial completion in September 2026.
- ✓ Spring line. Mr. Bodily is working with Cache County on the final steps. Phase 1 will be the county side of the project, and Phase 2 will be on the Forest Service side.

- ✓ 1000 South Storm Water project – ready to bid Phase 1 which is from about the highway to the railroad tracks. Phase 2 will be from the railroad tracks to 1200 West and the creation of the stormwater retention pond.
- ✓ Fun Fact: 248,500,000 million gallons of sewer flowed to the Logan City treatment plant in the last year which averages 20,710,000 million gallons per month.

## **Council Member and Mayor Reports**

### Todd Orme

- Tree Committee met on Tuesday, January 13th. They are working on a few changes and gathering information to bring to the Council for review and approval on amendments to the municipal code. They are also preparing for this year's Arbor Day poster contest which is held in conjunction with Health Days.
- The Historical Society is still working on the Douglas Mercantile Building, and they are proud of the improvements being made and the ability to showcase Smithfield's history as long term it will be a museum for the city.

### Jenn Staker

- The Senior Citizens are pleased with the building updates. Mr. Lewis noted that new LED lighting will go in and new chairs have been purchased and will arrive the first week of February.
- Health Days Pageant will be held on Saturday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Sky View High School. Applications are still being taken. The America250 celebration will be incorporated into the theme. Walmart donated funds for the decorations for the pageant stage.
- Arts Council is planning for the upcoming summer activities such as concerts in the park.

### John Engler

- The Smithfield Chamber of Commerce held a productive meeting and presented a report on the Night of Giving event, which was a great success.
- Trails Committee – there may be grant funding available that the county can access. If anyone is interested in participating, please reach out. The primary focus remains on the Bonneville Shoreline Trail extension project.

### Chris Olsen

- Youth Council has a great group of about 30 students who help with many community events throughout the year.
- Mayor Rudie, Jenn Staker, and Chris Olsen are all part of the America250 Committee. The Committee has been formed to organize activities and events celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Printouts with additional information were available for review.

### Mayor Rudie

- He has applied to be on the Cache County Fire District Board of Trustees as a representative of the north end of the valley. The Cache County Council will vote at their next meeting to approve an applicant to replace Mayor Kris Monson and Mayor Stephanie Miller.
- He is working on council member assignments, and assignments will be announced as they are completed.

Councilmember Olsen commended Mayor Rudie on the positive changes and improvements, such as more public input at city council meetings. The Council wants citizens to be engaged and to gain the Council's trust.

\*\*\*The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.\*\*\*

## **SMITHFIELD CITY CORPORATION**

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Aaron Rudie, Mayor

### **ATTEST:**

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Dana Lazcanotegui, City Recorder



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**AGENDA**

Public Notice is given that the Smithfield City Council will meet in a regularly scheduled meeting at 96 South Main, Smithfield, Utah, on **Wednesday, January 14, 2026**. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.

Welcome/pledge of allegiance and thought/prayer by Todd Orme

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3. Acceptance of a donation from the Smithfield Lions Club.
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5. Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore for calendar year 2026.
6. Discussion on the General Plan update.
7. City Manager Report  
Personnel Manual Update
8. Council Member and Mayor Reports  
Council Member Assignments  
Adjournment

**\*\*\*Items on the agenda may be considered earlier than shown on the agenda.\*\*\***

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodation for this meeting should contact the City Recorder at (435) 792-7997, at least three (3) days before the date of the meeting.

The meeting will be streamed at the following link: [YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/@smithfieldutah/streams)  
or <https://www.youtube.com/@smithfieldutah/streams>