

**WOODS CROSS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

The minutes of the Woods Cross City Council meeting held February 3, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. in the Woods Cross City Hall located at 1555 South 800 West, Woods Cross, Utah.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ryan Westergard, Mayor
Julie Checketts
Jim Grover

Eric Jones
Wally Larrabee
Rachel Peterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Bryce Haderlie, City Administrator
Curtis Poole, Community Development Director
Jim Bigelow, Police Chief
LaCee Bartholomew, Community Services Manager

Sam Christiansen, Public Works Director
Annette Hanson, City Recorder
Brian Passey, Finance Director
Johnny Filler, Public Works Department

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

LeGrande Blackley
Wendy Hallstrom

Don Schrader
George Peterson

Lois Schrader
John Lubbers

INVOCATION/PLEDGE:

Wally Larrabee

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the consent agenda item with Council Member Larrabee seconding the motion and all voted in favor of the motion through a roll call vote.

RATIFY CASH DISBURSEMENTS

The Council ratified the cash disbursements for the time period of 1/16/26-1/29/26 through the consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Mayor then opened the meeting for public comments that would take less than three minutes.

Ms. Wendy Hallstrom addressed the Council and said she lives near Legacy Parkway and said she was disappointed the Council had not submitted a vote either for or against putting in a sound wall along the Legacy Parkway. She said it was their responsibility as elected officials to vote. She said her home does not back the parkway, so she did not get to vote, but she was in favor of the sound wall. She said she uses Mountain View Park, which would also benefit from the sound wall and she by not voting it felt like the Council did not care about residents.

Council Member Checketts said she would like to address the comment and that as a Council person she had not gotten the information regarding the vote. She expressed that Council should have been informed of the decision that was given on the city ballot. She wanted to know if the vote could be changed and if they could vote in favor of the sound wall.

Ms. Hallstrom said the vote is coming up fast and she said she feels like this decision affects the whole community, not just those that live where the sound wall would be built. She said many people in her

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neighborhood have moved away because of the noise. Council Member Checketts said the Council had taken a stand in the past on the noise coming from Legacy Parkway when trucks were be considered to be allowed back onto Legacy Parkway. She said the Council had been against semi-trucks being allowed to use the roadway as well as concerns over safety since the police have responded to several serious accidents along that roadway in which cars have veered off the road onto property along the highway.

Ms. Hallstrom said safety of the properties along that roadway are affected by lack of proper barriers. She said with the roadway near her house she hears and smells the road and the pollution is just going to get worse. She said she felt the sound wall barrier would at least do something to help and she was surprised the Council did not even discuss it.

The City Administrator, noted that in defense of the Council, they did not receive the information regarding the vote on the sound wall as he had made the decision due to the short response time. He said he made that decision based on the fact there would be residents who were in favor of the and sound wall and against the construction of the sound wall and he felt it would be best to remain neutral on the ballot. He said he would take responsibility for that decision, but the Council did not deserve any ill will towards them. Ms. Hallstrom expressed that it was a big decision for one person to make. The City Administrator said the city owns park property in the area being considered for the sound wall and that is why the city got a vote on the ballot. He said he had felt the city would not have much weight in the outcome because it was only one vote, but if the Council wanted to give him directions to change the ballot he would do so.

Ms. Hallstrom said she would appreciate that. Ms. Hallstrom said there were quite a few people who wanted the wall to go in. The City Administrator said that if there were more votes cast for the portion of the wall to be built in the Woods Cross portion of the parkway, it would still be built regardless of the city's vote.

The City Administrator said this matter could be discussed further later in the meeting during the City Administrator's report and thanked Ms. Hallstrom for bringing her feelings forward.

Mr. Steffan Olsen then addressed the Council and asked what the position the City was taking regarding gravel parking is in the City.

The Mayor said normally he would direct the question to the Community Development Director, but he was not in attendance due to illness. The Mayor said he was not sure what the code says, but he said he would have the staff do some research on the code to see how it reads.

The City Administrator noted that the Code Enforcement Officer has increased efforts to enforce "no parking" in areas of the city that are not meeting code. There was discussion on gravel and setbacks. Mr. Olsen said he recently put in an addition to his home and is now required to put in a hard surface driveway to his shop in the back of his home. He also said he has an elderly neighbor who is now being told he needs to put in a hard surface replacing gravel for parking. Mr. Olsen said he is concerned about how his neighbor will be able to afford doing that. He said he was a little irritated with some of what is being required of people and putting in driveways.

The Mayor said he could have the Community Development Director reach out to Mr. Olsen. The Mayor shared that over the past few years the Council has been trying to elevate the city and help make it look nicer. The Code Enforcement Officer has been asked to notify residents when they are not meeting code.

Enforcement of the code is important. The Mayor said if one house starts to decline it seems like more homes deteriorate around it.

Council Member Checketts said there was an ordinance adopted in 2023 and it has always required asphalt and hard surface as part of the code for parking; the city had just not enforced it.

Mr. Olsen said he takes issue with code enforcement, and that a few years ago he got in trouble for weeds in his yard. He said he has a crazy work schedule, so it is hard for him to maintain his yard, and he felt there are situations, like this one, that might happen that might need consideration. The Mayor asked if Mr. Olsen would like to speak with the Code Enforcement Officer regarding some of these things. The City Administrator encouraged Mr. Olsen to communicate with the Code Enforcement Officer, and said she is reasonable and is happy to communicate and work with him. Mr. Olsen asked that Mr. Poole contact him.

There were no further comments, and the Mayor closed the public comment period.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES

This item was moved from the consent agenda to an action item.

The Mayor called for a review of the minutes of the meetings held 1/8/26, 1/9/26, and 1/20/26.

The Mayor noted there was the word "tax" on page six that he would like changed to "fee" instead. He said he would like that change reflected in the minutes. The recorder said she would make that change.

Council Member Checketts made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected with Council Member Grover seconding the motion and all voted in favor of the motion through a roll call vote.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-960 AUTHORIZING THE NORTHWOOD GROUP TO REPRESENT WOODS CROSS CITY IN THE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 735 W 500 S (OLD POST OFFICE)

This item was moved from the consent agenda to an action item.

Council Member Checketts recused herself from this portion of the discussion and noted for the record she had not reviewed the portion of the packet discussing the contract.

The Mayor gave the floor to the City Administrator who noted during the past two City Council meetings, the Council discussed the possible sale of the old post office and old public works property. He said the staff was given directions to speak with Brandon Wood with the Northwood Group about a sales contract to sell the old post office at this time. The City Administrator reported he has spoken with Mr. Wood and received a contract to engage him for the sale of the property. He noted that Mr. Wood is also evaluating a list of questions regarding the old public works property that will be reviewed in the future. The City Administrator noted this contract was only for the potential sale of the old post office.

Council Member Grover then made a motion to adopt resolution 2026-960 authorizing the Northwood Group to represent Woods Cross City in the sale of property located at 735 W 500 S. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and all the Council (except Council Member Checketts) voted in favor of the resolution.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-961 AUTHORIZING 2025 MOWING CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR 2026

This item we moved from the consent agenda to an action item.

The Public Works Director presented this information to the Council noting that in accordance with the existing mowing contract from 2022, which includes provisions for annual extensions, the renewal for 2025 is designated at the price of \$95,970.14. This reflects an increase of \$2,795.24 (3%) over the previous year's cost of \$93,174.90. The increase is justified by the Consumer Price Index for Services, excluding Energy Services, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for December 2024 through December 2025, which indicates a 3.0% increase. This marks the first renewal with Lawn Butler, who is exercising the price adjustment option as stipulated in the contract.

The Public Works Director noted this renewal maintains a fixed pricing structure with no additional fuel surcharges. He said Lawn Butler has provided two options: mowing all designated properties from April 1 through October 31, and mowing all properties except Hogan Park, to accommodate upcoming construction.

The Public Works Director said city staff have thoroughly reviewed the submitted documentation and verified the justification for the 3% price increase. Furthermore, staff have been pleased with the quality of mowing services and crew communication, and the prompt resolution of any issues by Lawn Butler.

Council Member Checketts asked if this was for fiscal year 2025. The Public Works Director said it would span two fiscal years, adding that this contract is to extend the 2025 lawn mowing contract into 2026. Council Member Checketts said she just wanted to make sure the budget year was correct on the resolution.

Council Member Jones asked staff if they were happy with their services and the Public Works Director reiterated that he felt like they had good success with the current company. He said they have saved money with them, and they are doing a good job with the mowing.

The Mayor asked about excluding Hogan Park from the mowing. The Public Works Director said they received two prices because there is a question of when construction will start with the new city hall. This construction would affect Hogan Park. This contract allows pulling out mowing Hogan Park from the price if the construction schedule begins before the mowing season ends.

CONSDERAITON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-962 APPROVING 1100 W WIDENING PROJECT FUNDING EXTENSION AND FEDERAL AID AGREEMENT FOR 1100 W WIDENING PROJECT

This item was moved from the consent agenda to an action item.

The Public Works Director noted the city applied for and received 2 funding grants for widening 1100 W from 2100 S to 2600 S and installing curb/gutter, sidewalks, park strips, and widening the asphalt, increasing safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and roadway users.

The Public Works Director noted that as the grant funding from Wasatch Front Regional Council is Federal money, the project is transitioning from a city design to UDOT oversight and management, as they are a better fit for the federal funding requirements. He said once the Federal Aid Agreement has been approved, existing 60% plans will be transitioned to UDOT. He said all design/engineering work completed to date

counts toward the City Match. He said an updated Gantt Chart showing the anticipated schedule for the final design is included.

The Public Works Director also noted as part of this project, the City was awarded a \$1,400,000 grant from Davis County that will go towards the city match. The original agreement between the city and Davis County expires this July, before construction can start due to federal funding. Staff have worked with Davis County and received a 2-year extension to the original agreement. The cost breakdown is:

- Project Total Estimate is \$4,507,327 (Includes Contingency and Engineering costs, 1/29/25)
 - o WFRC Award \$2,000,000 paid directly to UDOT
 - o County Award \$1,400,000 Reimbursement once the project is completed
 - o City Portion \$1,000,000 Budgeted in B&C Funds 21-40-737 with funds from the Road Bond.
 - o WFRC has offered to add additional funds up to \$400,000 to cover more if needed.

Following the above information, Council Member Checketts asked about the County awarding \$1,400,000 and asked if the city needs to pay \$1,400,000 upfront and how the city will hold the county accountable for those funds when the county has not paid the city the \$70,000 for the Legacy Trail they owe presently.

The Public Works Director said the county has paid the city for the traffic light project and for the road widening projects. The City Administrator noted there was an issue with the contractor not performing and negotiations will solve some of those issues. He said the addendum does not change the contract; the addendum just extends the timeline for the project to be completed. He said it follows the city standards, and the trail is outside of the city.

Council Member Grover said he noticed the project would need to be done by the July 31, 2028. The Public Works Director said he is getting the schedule from UDOT because the project had been turned over to them to help navigate the federal funding better, and he expects it to go out to bid this fall.

Council Member Checketts asked how the city can be sure the deadline can be met with UDOT in charge. The Public Works Director said he has been in contact with the project manager with UDOT and let them know there are time requirements. He noted there is a little flexibility but that is why they have asked for an extension. He said he would talk to UDOT to make sure the project is completed by the final date. He noted Addendum #1 wording will be changed to Amendment # 1 and the federal aid agreement will come digitally to the Mayor after it is approved tonight.

Council Member Checketts made a motion to adopt resolutions 2026-962 and 2026-963 approving the 1100 W widening project funding extension and federal aid agreement for 1100 W widening project with the correction on the resolution 2026-963 changing the word “addendum” to “amendment.” Council Member Peterson seconded the motion, and all voted in favor of the motion through a roll call vote.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION, COUNCIL KUDOS, AND POLICY REGARDING YEARS OF SERVICE

The City Administrator noted he would like to discuss policy for employee awards for years of service. He said in the past it had been \$10 for every year of service. He proposed that Council increase that amount to \$50 for each year of service since they have funds they could draw from for those awards.

Council Member Checketts asked that the before tax award be made higher, so the employee gets the full amount of money for the recognition or perhaps giving cash instead of gift cards. The Mayor said they have

awarded the full amount on a gift card and withholdings are variable, so it does make it harder to determine the final amount.

Council Member Jones said he would not mind having allowance for a certain percentage for deductions that would help be a buffer.

The Mayor said he would not mind funding the FICA percentage of 1.45% because it is set but the other deductions are variable.

Council Member Larrabee said he felt like doing whatever is least complicated for staff to process and still meets federal requirements.

Council Member Grover shared that cash and gift cards are considered taxable wages by the IRS. That means when the city gives an employee a cash award, it must withhold federal taxes just like regular pay. If you try to increase the award so the employee “gets the full amount after taxes,” you run into a problem because every additional dollar added to cover taxes is also taxable. That creates more tax which requires adding more money that is also taxable.

The City Administrator said he would talk with the HR Director and discuss the options and that he would take their suggestions into consideration and bring a new version of the policy back to the Council in the future.

The City Administrator then turned the discussion to Council Kudos. Council Member Checketts said there are two Council members and one city staff member who should be appointed to the committee and they can be changed at any time. She said it would also be good to use the city email for communication with Council Kudos rather than the kudos@gmail.com email that was previously used. It was noted that former Council Member Matt Terry was on the committee and he had moved so someone else needed to be chosen for the committee. She wanted Council Kudos to rollover if there isn't anyone awarded. It was noted it does say no more than 12 Council Kudos can be awarded in a one year. She said she didn't want to be stingy either if people were going above and beyond and were worthy of receiving an award. The City Administrator said that so far it has not been an issue, but they can revisit it does become an issue.

MILLS PARK TENNIS COURT RESURFACING OPTIONS

The Mayor gave the floor to the Public Works Department. He noted the Council had approved resurfacing the tennis courts and basketball courts at Mills Park. He said while getting estimates for the resurfacing, there had been a suggestion to convert one of the tennis courts to a pickleball court.

The Public Works Director shared three options for this project.

Option 1 – Keep the tennis court design as it is currently. This option will allow us to stay under budget while still updating and refreshing the two tennis courts and the basketball court.

Option 2 – Convert one of the tennis courts into two pickleball courts. This option will potentially put us over budget. Per Brian, there are RAP tax funds available to cover overage. Pickleball continues to be one of the

most popular forms of recreation for our patrons. The possible demolition of the pickleball courts at Hogan Park/City Hall will leave these patrons without local access to courts. Converting one tennis court at Mills Park into two pickleball courts will demonstrate to the community that we recognize their needs and support their efforts.

Option 3 – Hold off on resurfacing the basketball court until FY27.

This option will allow us to stay under budget and update the tennis courts to meet the needs of the many community members playing pickleball, potentially mitigating the dissatisfaction with the court removal at Hogan Park. However, this option does not meet the current needs for LaCee's youth basketball program.

The Mayor asked if pickleball courts were put in place of one of the tennis courts, would it be the same size as the current pickleball courts. The Public Works Director said it would be a little bit shorter than the standard-sized pickleball court. The Mayor asked if there would be a fence between the pickleball courts and tennis courts. The Council said if this were to happen, they would like to make sure there is a full fence separating the two courts.

Council Member Checketts said she would like to stay with the original plan of resurfacing the basketball courts and the tennis courts since there have been residents who have expressed concerns about removing the tennis courts from the city. She said she felt like pickleball courts are readily available throughout the neighboring communities that could be used while the park is under construction. She also said the basketball courts need to be done so they are available for the Summer Recreation Program to utilize. She also said there is a need for more sports and maybe there needs to be more park renovations to support the needs.

Council Member Grover also said he had received feedback that residents would still like to have the tennis courts available. He noted that only having two pickleball courts would not fill the needs of the community.

Council Member Larrabee said he agreed to stay with the original decision as it keeps the project in budget.

The Mayor said he also supported having the tennis courts as planned. He suggested working on getting new pickleball courts constructed on the extension piece of property at Mills Park and those could be utilized while the other pickleball courts at Hogan Park are dismantled.

The Public Works Director said the addition of pickleball courts would need to happen as soon as possible so they can be designed. He said there is another concern about additional parking at Mills Park and that would also need to be addressed. He said if they wanted to look at the Mills Park expansion there would need to be an addendum made to the current contracts or make some new contracts moving forward.

Council Member Larrabee said he did not feel like expanding Mills Park would be best at this time with the reconstruction of Hogan Park and City Hall.

Council Member Jones said even if they started the designs now for the Mills Park expansion, it would not be in place before the Hogan Park and City Hall construction takes place.

INTEGRATING THE CITIZENS CORPS COUNCIL INTO THE CITY'S OFFICIAL STRUCTURE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION CONSISTENCY, FUNDING, MEMBERSHIP CONTINUITY, AND LEGAL PROTECTION

Council Member Larrabee gave the Council some background regarding this item. He noted that the Citizen Corps is an emergency preparedness group and is basically composed of two different groups. He said part of that group is composed of citizens who love HAM radio and love emergency preparedness. He said Woods Cross has a lot of potential events that can happen here. He said the second group is in place as a religious calling from the three different stakes in the area. He said there is one High Councilor from each of the three stakes that is given this assignment in times of need.

Council Member Larrabee said it has been a challenge over the past many years he has been involved in this program, to get people trained to takeover and help in the event of an emergency with the CERT program. He said it is a 13-week commitment for classes and instruction and also includes a half day of hands-on emergency training.

Council Member Larrabee said the Mayor had attended a meeting and helped update the EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) for Woods Cross City. He said they had found out that if there is an emergency, the Mayor is in charge. Council Member Larrabee said there are lots of things to be addressed in case of a major emergency and there would need to be all hands on deck to help.

Council Member Larrabee said Centerville city's police chief had looked at this program and viewed it through a new lens concentrating on the issues that seem to keep making this program such a challenge. He said one of those challenges is the continuity of leadership. Council Member Larrabee said with the High Councilors rotating through these assignments, they will have to start from square one. He also said they want to be able to reach out to every citizen regardless of what their faith is. He said the boundaries have been set up in the past to follow the LDS stake boundaries, but it needs to go beyond that. He said they could overcome both of those challenges by having some type of entity created within the structure of the city, and they would be appointed, much like the Planning Commission. The citizen corps would make a commitment to get trained, and they would serve in that capacity for several years. He said this came up in their Citizen Core meeting and he thought it would be good to discuss it with the Council. He said he would like to discuss ways to improve the Citizen Core.

The Public Works Director said the only way to get the correct information out and to get limited resources dispatched in time of emergency is through volunteers. He said he had worked with the High Counselors, and it does not seem to be the most effective way to utilize help in the event of an emergency. He said he agreed with Council Member Larrabee with having citizens appointed to an emergency type entity. He said the Mayor could appoint someone for each district and that would be a better way for the city to respond and get public safety dispatched to where they need to be in the event of an emergency. He said these types of individuals could be a real asset to supplement public safety individuals during a time of crisis.

Council Member Checketts asked if this would be a paid position like the Planning Commission and how many individuals would be on the committee.

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Council Member Larrabee said if the Council expected individuals to spend their time, it would be best to pay them a small amount for one meeting a month. He said three individuals from each district plus a City Council representative and the Public Works Director. He said the only responsibility for a block captain would be to check on their neighbors and report back what might be needed.

The Public Works Director said there are people who are passionate about doing these kinds of things and they could be a very good asset when they have enthusiasm to do this type of thing.

Council Member Larrabee said having networking in place would be very beneficial in the event of an emergency were to happen and might overlap with the nearby cities.

Council Member Jones asked if volunteers would need to be certified. The Public Works Director said that it would be best if they were certified because it would allow the city to operate in an independent way and then added it would be great to have as many people involved as possible that are interested.

Council Member Grover asked if there were other clubs or agencies that might be involved in this as well. The Public Works Director said they could check with the Jeep Posse and see if they would be interested in attending some of the meetings. Council Member Grover also said that education was important.

The Mayor said they could put out information on social media and in the newsletter and let people know who might be interested and that could become active with this group.

It was mentioned that it would be good to have someone from the refinery on the committee as well.

Council Member Peterson said it would be best if it could be a collaborative effort and get multiple agencies involved so information can be shared with everyone.

Council Member Jones asked how costs could be calculated.

The Public Works Director said there would need to be more information gathered.

Council Member Peterson asked if there were other cities that are doing this. The Public Works Director said he will check with the Chief in Centerville and see what information he has.

Chief Bigelow was asked how he felt about this recommendation and he said he had not previously been involved with this type of committee in the city where he worked.

The City Administrator said that in his years of experience he had not seen a major event where block captains had to go door to door. He suggested that we think about doing a reasonable amount of work going into this, while also safeguarding that this effort does not stretch the time and resources of the city. He said the ideas are good, but encouraged expectations to be realistic and to balance the resources that are available.

The Public Works Director said communication should be a key component of the plan and could be the primary goal, but they can discuss other options as well. He said he would continue to gather further information so this could be discussed with Council again in the future.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

After asking the Council if there were any questions on his report included in the packet he City Administrator noted the following:

The City Administrator said he wanted to apologize for the Legacy Parkway soundwall noise issue. He said he recalled there was a short window of time that the vote needed to be turned in, and he felt like since there were going to be people for it and against it, he would send in the neutral ballot since it was time sensitive. He said the voting period has now been extended and he can contact an individual to change the vote if the Council would like him to do so.

The Council reviewed where the sound wall would be going in on Legacy Parkway. Wall #4 on the drawings was the one that goes through the city of Woods Cross.

It was noted that it was Highway Patrol that responds to accidents on this road. Council Member Checketts said safety is a concern along this stretch of road in the city and a solid barrier opposed to the cable barrier would be more secure. Chief Bigelow said there have been a few cars that ended up in the park due to accidents.

Council Member Jones said he lived near a sound wall at one point, and you could not hear any roadway noise with the sound wall in place.

The Mayor noted he had also lived near a sound wall in Farmington, and the sound wall helped those within a few blocks of the freeway, but the sound went up and over the sound wall and negatively impacted homes further into the neighborhood. He said there are benefits for a sound wall, but he wanted to make everyone aware the sound is transferred and there are tradeoffs. He said he understood why the City Administrator had chosen to be neutral because all city residents need to be represented whether they are in support or not of the sound wall. He said with the votes that had been taken thus far, most residents from Woods Cross had voted for the sound wall.

There was further discussion on how the sound wall votes for the various cities might affect where the sound walls would be.

Council Member Checketts said for liability reasons it might be good to have a wall for safety. She said safety is her main concern, especially since cars have ended up in the park from accidents and that is good enough reason to vote for the sound wall.

Council Member Grover said he is a cyclist and he nearby this area often and he feels like it is a safety concern and it would be safer to put in the wall. He said he would vote for the wall.

Council Member Larrabee said he would be on favor of the wall.

Council Member Jones said he would be in favor of the wall as well.

It was the consensus of the Council that they would like to change the vote from abstaining to a yes vote for the sound wall #4 to be constructed along the Woods Cross City boundary. The City Administrator said he would reach out and have the vote changed to a yes vote if possible.

The City Administrator said he would like to also discuss the Front Runner and the double tracking. He said they would be having a meeting with staff to update them on construction, timelines, easements and those types of things. He said they would then attend a Council meeting to update the City Council, and then they would have a meeting following the City Council meeting to invite the public for questions or comments.

Council Member Jones asked if there would be nighttime construction when the double tracking is installed. The City Administrator said they are pushing for train horns only during daytime hours while construction is going on. He said the FRA is required to sound horns when there are people or equipment on the tracks. He said they are going to try not to have construction in the evenings, overnight, or on weekends. He said those horns will only be sounded where work is taking place. He said he is asking them to limit the horns being sounded.

There was some discussion on horns that had been recently sounding and the Public Works Director said they are trying to determine who has been sounding the horns. Council Member Checketts said it is on the Union Pacific tracks. Staff said they would continue working on finding out who it is.

The City Administrator said he was approached by UDOT where they are needing to acquire property near the end of Clark Street. He said they are asking if the city would be willing to donate the property. The City Administrator said this is a right-of-way piece of property, so it is different than the property that had been sold to UDOT previously. The Mayor asked if the fire district would allow that. The City Administrator said he has reached out to the fire chief for his input to see if it met code.

The Public Works Director said the T-portion of the property does not currently meet fire code so as part of the proposed land acquisition, the fire marshal would need to weigh in and have UDOT improve it to meet fire code so there is enough space for a safe turnaround for fire engines.

The City Administrator said the question would be if the city will dedicate the property or sell the property.

The Mayor said the city might be willing to exchange the property for betterment of the city near the on and off ramps located in the city. He said he felt like there would be a value to the property. The Council said they would agree with that as well. He said they would like to make sure if the property does go to UDOT, it is up to code as much as possible. He said he also wanted to make sure UDOT understood the value would be an addition to the improvements that the city has already put in and paid for.

The Council felt this property did have value and would like the City Administrator to take this to UDOT.

QUESTIONS/DIRECTION TO STAFF

Council Member Peterson noted that Woods Cross Elementary is experiencing extra amounts of dog droppings on their property and it is become a hazard for the children. She said the Davis County Health Department and the Davis County School District have a policy that there are no dogs allowed on school

property. She asked if that could be put out on social media to let people know dogs are not allowed on school property and if there are dogs in the park, please pick up after your dog.

Council Member Jones suggested the school put up “No Dogs” signs so people are aware. It was noted that notification could be put on social media that “No Dogs” are allowed in parks and public and dog owners be directed to the dog park located in the city.

The City Administrator asked if the school staff would like to send some language to the city to aid in the general messaging of “No Dogs” in parks and public places. Council Member Peterson said she could follow up with this.

Council Member Checketts said she noticed there were late fees refunded for the grace periods for business licensing and that could become costly to the city. She wanted to know why there was a problem. The City Administrator said it had been a system error, and it had been fixed and would not recur.

Council Member Checketts asked which Council Member had been asked to be on the Planning Commission. The Mayor said no one had been appointed to attend Planning Commission meetings at this point.

Council Member Checketts noted Council Kudos needed another Council Member assigned to that committee.

Council Member Checketts asked how Tara in the parks department was doing. The Public Works Director said she had been around to all of the parks and has she identified any immediate needs for the parks. The Public Works Director said he had spoken with Tara. She has good ideas but is not ready to present them quite yet. He said she has been through every park and is looking at beautification for the city and will have a lot to discuss once she has things laid out and how she would like to handle things.

The Council asked how the gopher problem is going. The Public Works Director said they continue to work on the problem and with the good weather they are going to address the issues especially at Mills Park.

The Mayor shared that he had some experience with gophers in the past and he said that grape Hubba Bubba worked well for a solution for residents many years ago. He said the gophers are attracted to the scent, but they cannot digest the gum once they have eaten it. He thought it might be worth a try. The Public Works Director said he would look into it and see if that might work.

Council Member Checketts asked about the sewer costs at the public works building. The Mayor noted the charges are based on calculations of the water that goes through that water system. It was noted there is quite a bit of volume going through that system with all the things that are tied to it.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Grover said the Mosquito Abatement District is concluding their executive director search with the retirement of the current director. He said there will be a meeting held to meet the candidates coming up.

CLOSED MEETING

Council Member Jones made a motion to move into closed session to discuss items pursuant to UCA § 52-4-205. Council Member Checketts seconded the motion and Council Members Grover, Peterson, Checketts, Jones, and Larrabee voted in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM with Council Member Larrabee seconding the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

Approved by City Council 2/17/26

