

**Sunset City Corporation  
City Council Minutes  
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Minutes of a regular meeting held February 3, 2026 at Sunset City Hall, 200 West 1300 North, Sunset, Utah; Mayor Wiggill presiding.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Mayor and Council Present:**

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| Scott Wiggill    | Mayor          |
| Ricky Carlson    | Council Member |
| Katherine Hunter | Council Member |
| Nakisha Rigley   | Council Member |
| Nancy Smalling   | Council Member |
| Hope Thompson    | Council Member |

**City Employees Present:**

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| Brett Jamison | Police Chief          |
| Jason Monroe  | Public Works Director |
| Recorder Supp | Recorder              |

**Others Present:**

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| Matthew Siemens | Sunset |
| Diana Siemens   | Sunset |

The regular session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Wiggill.

Council Member Smalling gave a prayer/inspirational thought and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Rigley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 20, 2026 as presented and Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Carlson, Hunter, Rigley, Smalling and Thompson voting yes.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

**Regular Meeting**

1. **Discuss and Approve Farmer's Market Agreement for the 2026 Season:** Matthew Siemens stated he wanted to discuss the City becoming more involved with the farmers market through sponsorship and advertising support, such as promotion on the City website or marquee. Mr. Siemens explained that he operated markets with other cities that provided advertising assistance, and those markets performed better when the City was more involved. He acknowledged that the City had not wanted to do this in the past but wanted to bring the issue forward again. Mr. Siemens noted that if the market continued its current pattern of starting strong and declining toward the end of the season, they might consider discontinuing it.

Diana Siemens explained that many residents had expressed interest in the farmers market and enjoyed attending with family and pets, noting its positive impact on the community. She described how other cities they partnered with acted as sponsors and

regularly offered support by discussing marketing strategies and problem-solving together, which contributed to those markets being successful. Mrs. Siemens stated that they wanted to continue the farmers market in Sunset because it had strong potential, although participation dropped significantly toward the end of the season. She explained that for this reason, the market would only run for three months this year instead of the full season, to evaluate how it went and assess community response.

Mayor Wiggill stated that one issue affecting the City's ability to promote the market was that some of the posted content was not shareable through the City's website or Facebook page, which made it difficult for City officials to help promote the event. He gave the example of Winter Fest, which was posted in a shareable format and allowed City officials to distribute it across their own networks.

Mr. Siemens responded that the reason the content had been made unshareable was due to the number of people who falsely claimed to be in charge of the event. Council Member Rigley noted that Facebook scams were unfortunately common. Mayor Wiggill added that this situation made it difficult for the City to assist with promotion. Council Member Hunter asked whether the market was being promoted with images or text and suggested that images might be easier to share.

Mr. Siemens referenced the previous year, noting that the City had released a flyer listing Sunset events, but the farmers market had not been included. Council Member Rigley explained that the flyer listed only City-sponsored events, which was why sponsorship was part of the discussion.

Mayor Wiggill thanked Mr. and Mrs. Siemens for sharing their concerns and stated that the Council would discuss the matter further. He also noted that the agreement for the 2026 season had been included in the meeting packet.

Council Member Rigley asked whether the market was still intended to be held at Central Park. Mr. Siemens confirmed that it would not be at Central Park, it would be held at North Park.

Recorder Supp asked which months the market would operate. Mr. Siemens responded that the market would run from May through the end of July, explaining that this was aligned with when attendance historically declined.

Recorder Supp suggested that if the organizers wanted City assistance with marketing, they could meet with Recorder Supp and Deputy Recorder Markel to discuss how to promote the market through City platforms.

Mrs. Siemens explained that other cities sometimes covered certain expenses so they did not charge fees, noting that operating the farmers market required hiring staff and managing significant costs. Mrs. Siemens stated that with only about ten vendors and low vendor fees, the market was not financially sustainable without support. She explained

that other cities had offered sponsorships and even asked how much support was needed to run markets due to the associated expenses.

Council Member Smalling asked for clarification, confirming whether the request was for advertising support only or if financial assistance was also being requested. Mrs. Siemens clarified that they were only requesting that the park fee be waived and were not seeking additional financial contributions.

Council Member Thompson referenced the contract fee for the full season. Recorder Supp informed the Council the rental of the park was \$100 and had always been. Recorder Supp stated that the fee decision should be determined by the Council. Council Member Rigley expressed support for waiving the fee.

Council Member Smalling stated that waiving the fee would not be harmful but raised concerns about electricity usage and trash cleanup. Council Member Smalling acknowledged that the organizers typically cleaned up well and emphasized the importance of mutual understanding. Mr. Siemens stated they do not use electricity.

Council Member Hunter asked about the balance between food and non-food vendors, referencing the intent of a farmer's market. Mrs. Siemens explained that they aimed for a mixture of vendors, with more food than non-food options to encourage attendance. Council Member Hunter confirmed that the goal was to have more food vendors than non-food vendors. Mr. Siemens added that food vendors helped attract more attendees.

Council Member Thompson raised concern regarding the termination clause in the agreement. She asked that the language be clarified so that written notice would be required from either party if the agreement were terminated. Mr. Siemens stated that the wording could be updated. Council Member Rigley agreed that the wording should be revised to clearly state "to or from" to ensure accuracy in the legally binding agreement.

Mayor Wiggill asked if there were any concerns from Chief Jamison or Director Monroe regarding the previous year's market. Hearing none, Mayor Wiggill summarized that the Council was willing to waive the \$100 fee.

Mayor Wiggill stated that the fee waiver and revised language would be documented, pending no additional comments from the Council.

Council Member Hunter thanked the organizers for hosting and running the farmer's market.

Council Member Hunter made a motion to approve the Farmer's Market Agreement for the 2026 Season and Council Member Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote with Council Members Carlson, Hunter, Rigley, Smalling and Thompson voting yes.

2. **Mayor, Council and Department Head Reports:** Director Monroe reported that 250 West was open and advised residents to be cautious due to changes in traffic patterns,

particularly left turns. He stated that his crew would be out during the week addressing various issues, including meter exchanges for the new radio-read system. Director Monroe also reported damage to the City building roof, noting a large hole near the front east area, and stated that an insurance claim had been filed. Mayor Wiggill elaborated that poor roof design and weather conditions had contributed to the damage and confirmed that inspections had taken place and insurance would be involved. Council Member Smalling asked whether there were multiple damaged areas. Director Monroe stated that the damage was isolated to one corner where water runoff was concentrated and explained the plan to address repairs after insurance assessment. Mayor Wiggill stated that the insurance company would inspect the damage the following day.

Director Monroe reported that sewer inspections had been completed across the City, covering all manholes, and that some maintenance issues had been identified. He stated that sewer cleaning would begin soon and noted upcoming attendance at water certification training.

Council Member Smalling asked whether residents might notice impacts during sewer cleaning, such as water discoloration. Director Monroe explained that issues were rare but possible and described precautions taken to minimize impacts. Council Member Carlson commented that staff would address any resident concerns.

Chief Jamison provided an update on ongoing work related to the Rachael Runyan case. He stated that recent tips had increased significantly and that each tip was being taken seriously. Chief Jamison explained that a specialized cold case team had been assembled, including personnel from the Attorney General's Office, the Cold Case Coalition, and the state crime lab. Chief Jamison described how external investigators reviewed the case with fresh perspectives and noted that interviews were being scheduled to follow up on new leads. Chief Jamison emphasized the challenges of investigating a case from the early 1980s and expressed continued commitment to pursuing all credible information. He stated that something had prompted an increase in tips coming in from the public. Council Member Thompson stated that she believed she knew why tips were increasing and asked if Chief Jamison was familiar with Bailey Sarian, an influencer known for murder mystery content. Council Member Thompson explained that Sarian had recently released a widely viewed video about the Rachael Runyan case, which may have contributed to renewed public interest.

Chief Jamison explained that there was an individual associated with a Cold Case Coalition in the State of Utah who had been connected to several high-profile cases, including the Rachael Runyan case and others such as Susan Powell. Chief Jamison noted that this individual had been involved in multiple lawsuits related to their actions, which complicated matters. He reiterated that the case had been taken seriously since it was assigned and that he had not been familiar with it prior to becoming chief. Chief Jamison described the case as complex.

Council Member Carlson asked whether Lieutenant Arbogast was assisting with the case or if Chief Jamison was handling it independently. Chief Jamison responded that he was

overseeing the case and working with investigators from across the state. Chief Jamison specifically mentioned Ben Pender, who worked with Unified Police and had recently assisted with another high-profile case. He stated that assistance was being provided at no cost to the City. Chief Jamison emphasized that every tip was taken seriously, even though the case was over 45 years old, making investigative work more difficult. He acknowledged that the department expected to continue receiving information and would follow up on each lead appropriately.

Mayor Wiggill shared that he had personally received phone calls during early morning hours from an individual claiming to be Rachael Runyan and that the calls lasted for an extended period. Chief Jamison explained that law enforcement in another state had been contacted regarding that individual and confirmed a documented history of similar claims. Chief Jamison stated that the individual had made repeated demands and sent photographs, and the claims were not credible.

Chief Jamison stated that the case remained deeply tragic and expressed hope that resolving it would be a defining achievement of his career. He noted that multiple chiefs before them had also been unable to fully resolve the case.

Council Member Carlson recalled a past report from a former chief indicating that a suspect may have been incarcerated and deceased and asked for clarification. Chief Jamison explained that prior theories involved multiple brothers, one of whom was deceased and others who were incarcerated. Chief Jamison stated that all known suspects connected to earlier investigative theories were deceased. He emphasized the importance of not publicly identifying suspects to avoid legal liability and further harm to families.

Council Member Smalling commented that identifying the party responsible, even posthumously, could provide closure for the family.

Chief Jamison stated that the Runyan family's position had shifted over time and that earlier information included a confession relayed through a third party. Chief Jamison explained that new claims continued to surface within the community, including residents alleging suspicious statements from others. He stated that all such claims were reviewed, even when they could not be substantiated. He emphasized that investigative limitations stemmed from evidence-collection standards in 1981 and clarified that prior investigators had followed the best practices available at that time.

Council Member Carlson reported that he was serving again on the North Davis Fire District budget committee and that budget review work would be starting soon.

Council Member Thompson reported on a recent RAB meeting and discussed environmental remediation efforts. She explained that the existing air curtain system had exceeded its lifespan and was being replaced with soil vapor extraction wells as an alternative remedy. Council Member Thompson stated that this system had been in development for two years and was now fully implemented. Additional remediation involving liquid activated carbon injection was planned and would include a public

comment period. Council Member Thompson reported on total expenditures for the affected operable units and noted that remaining funds were limited, requiring additional funding requests. Council Member Thompson also shared positive results from indoor air quality outreach, noting a 77 percent participation rate among residents.

Council Member Hunter asked clarifying questions about the affected areas. Council Member Thompson explained that Sunset City fell within specific operable units and that different contaminants were involved, though air sampling methods remained consistent.

Council Member Smalling stated that she had personally tested the process for reporting non-functioning streetlights to Rocky Mountain Power company and reported a positive experience, noting timely repairs. Council Member Smalling shared this to reassure residents that the reporting system was effective.

Council Member Rigley reported on a recent Wasatch Integrated board meeting that focused primarily on financial matters. She explained that policy changes were being made to provide additional paid holidays for employees, including Juneteenth, and to fully close offices on Memorial Day. Council Member Rigley also discussed preparations for the upcoming Chili Cook-Off and Winterfest, including challenges with social media outreach and event promotion.

Council Member Hunter asked if toppings for the chili needed to be provided. Council Member Rigley explained residents typically brought toppings to go with their chili.

Mayor Wiggill confirmed coordination with the North Davis Fire District for judging assistance.

Council Member Rigley requested volunteer help during the event and outlined the event schedule, including setup, judging, and bingo.

Council Member Carlson asked if there had been any discussion of a \$3.4 million grant by the Wasatch Integrated Board. Council Member Rigley stated that the grant had not yet been fully discussed and that more information would be available after the upcoming board meeting.

Council Member Hunter shared an initial idea for an America 250 project involving short documentary-style interviews with residents to highlight local and family history. She suggested showcasing veterans, long-time families, and seniors and sharing the content at City events and online. Mayor Wiggill expressed strong support for the idea and suggested collaborating as a Council to develop a plan.

Council Member Carlson mentioned his idea for the America 250 project would be a commemorative sticker displayed in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Wiggill thanked Council Member Carlson and reiterated enthusiasm for the America 250 project, suggesting it could be unveiled at Fun Days and featured at other community events.

Mayor Wiggill explained that he had spoken with Deputy Recorder Markel and expressed he would like to occasionally include a short historical note or tidbit about America on social media to remind everyone how fortunate they are, noting that people sometimes forget how honored they are to live in this country despite how challenging things may feel at times.

Council Member Smalling commented that with all the ideas being discussed, it might make sense to have an email that included everything in one place.

Recorder Supp reported that this was the first month utility bills were being sent out in the new format in Sunset City marked envelopes. The bills had gone out in the mail that day and were expected to arrive within the next few days. She shared excitement about the change, noting that it felt like a step into the modern era. Recorder Supp expressed some concern about the number of phone calls that might result but hoped the change would ultimately be a positive experience for residents who would see its value. She clarified that only the bill itself was included in the envelope, with no additional advertisements or informational inserts. She explained that there was a small memo section on the bill, which was still experiencing some issues, and expressed hope that it would function better the following month. Council Member Hunter suggested that the bill include encouragement or mention of BillPay options and promotion of the City app Sunset on the Go!

Mayor Wiggill thanked everyone again and spoke about appreciation for all ideas and efforts shared during the meeting. He emphasized the Council's ongoing commitment to improving parks and city services for residents and cited the updated water bill as an example of staff stepping up to make improvements. He encouraged continued ideas on how to enhance services.

Mayor Wiggill then shared that Mr. Harold Eborn, the father of former Police Chief Ken Eborn, had passed away. He stated that the viewing and funeral were scheduled for the following day and that he would not be able to attend, which was disappointing. Mayor Wiggill explained he had learned of the passing just before the meeting began and expressed hope that someone from the office would be able to arrange a gesture to represent the City. He expressed condolences to the family, noting how difficult it is to lose a parent.

Mayor Wiggill concluded by thanking Department Heads and Council Members for their efforts and stated that he had nothing further to share.

Council Member Rigley made a motion to move into a Closed Session with a short break and Council Member Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Carlson, Hunter, Rigley, Smalling and Thompson voting yes.

Council Member Rigley made a motion to adjourn and Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Carlson, Hunter, Rigley, Smalling and Thompson voting yes.

The Regular meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Approved – February 17, 2026

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Scott Wiggill, Mayor

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Nicole Supp, Recorder