

Hinckley Town Council  
Hinckley Town Council Chambers  
161 E. 300 N., Hinckley, UT  
Digital Recording  
Thursday, February 5, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation: Alan Miller

**I. Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Mayor Alan Miller

**II. Roll Call:**

Mayor Alan Miller

Council Members: Skip Taylor, Chris Mork, Ron Black, Kristi Townsend

**III. Guests:**

Jess Peterson (R6 Community Advisor), Patrick Bennett (Chief Deputy Millard County Sheriff's office), Shannon Bennett

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Ron Black moved to accept the meeting minutes as presented for January 15, 2026. Council Member Skip Taylor second the motion, all voted aye.

**V. Petitions, Remonstrances and Communication:**

None

**VI. Report of Governing Body - Boards - Committees:**

Council Member Ron Black informed that the Planning and Zoning Committee received an initial preliminary subdivision application from **Apex** and will review it at their next meeting on February 11.

Mayor Alan Miller expressed appreciation to maintenance employee Joe Stevens for trimming trees in the town right-of-ways.

**VII. Staff Reporting**

None.

## **VIII. New Business**

### **1. Jess Peterson (R6 Community Advisor) - Grant Opportunities**

Jess Peterson presented two primary grant opportunities:

**Outdoor Recreation Grant:** Suitable for projects like bike paths or making the rodeo grounds more ADA accessible (cannot be used for courts involving paddles).

**Community Parks and Recreation Grant:** Specifically for park-related equipment like sprinklers and pavilions. This grant is highly competitive and requires a 30% match.

Jess Peterson provided information on the following items:

**WUI (Wildland Urban Interface):** Discussed the adoption of the 2026 WUI building code, which is required for all Utah communities. While Hinckley does not have high-risk fire areas, the code ensures new developments meet safety standards.

**Data Privacy:** Discussion on new state data privacy laws. Hinckley needs to appoint a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and a Records Officer. A privacy notification must also be added to the town website by July 1, 2027.

Jess will email the office additional information concerning resolutions for WUI and appointing a Chief Administrative Officer and Records Officer.

### **2. General Plan Update**

The council reviewed the latest draft of the General Plan and scheduled to hold a public open house on Thursday, February 12, at 7:00 PM to allow residents to review the plan and zoning map.

### **3. Town Code Update**

A working session for the town code update was scheduled for February 12 at 6:00 PM, immediately preceding the public open house.

### **4. Hinckley Town Capital Priorities**

Council Member Ron Black prepared a list of Hinckley Town Capital Priorities with Water, Sewer, Roads, and other areas and the council categorized the items as follows:

#### **Priority A (High):**

**Water:** Water piping replacement (addressing asbestos/lead/copper concerns, undersized lines), water line inventory, fire hydrant maintenance/pressure issues, backflow prevention.

**Sewer:** Sewer lagoon upgrade

**Roads:** Road Repair/pothole fill

Other Areas: General Plan, Town Code, Ordinance for Municipal Transient Tax, funding for maintenance, worker(priorities, health insurance, certifications)

**Priority B:** Upgrading the SCADA system at the treatment plant, town website redesign for mobile friendliness, digitize historical books, creating a long-term road maintenance plan (crack seal & chip seal), repair Hinckley Meadows Subdivision Road, sidewalk leveling, updating consolidated fee schedule,

**Priority C:** Finding solutions for cleaning up properties and a place for abandoned vehicles/farm equipment.

### **5. Highway 6 & 50 Passing Lines within Town Boundaries**

Mayor Alan Miller discussed with the council a request to UDOT to reassess the passing lanes east of Main Street on Highway 6 & 50. There have been accidents and several "close calls" have been observed where passing is allowed in this area.

## **IX. Outstanding Business**

### **1. Park Pavilion Electricity**

Council Member Skip Taylor informed the council that he will meet with Kevin Walker to look at the electricity needs in the park regarding running underground lines to provide power hubs for vendors in the park during the celebration.

### **2. Hinckley Industrial Park - Business Development**

No discussion.

### **3. CDBG Grand Water Improvements Project Update**

No new information.

## **X. Miscellaneous Discussion**

Council Member Ron Black proposed to implement a municipal transient room tax to help fund town maintenance.

Town Clerk Tresa Taylor initiated planning for the town's 150th celebration, suggesting a theme tied to America's 250th anniversary and reaching out to all 50 states for donated flags.

Patrick Bennett, current Chief Deputy running for Sheriff, introduced himself to the council and discussed traffic safety concerns on Highway 50.

Jess Peterson (R6 Community Advisor) provided the mandatory annual Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA) training to the Council members.

**XI. Payment of Bills**

Council Member Kristi Townsend moved to approve the following purchase orders:

PO # 295 Stanworth Construction, \$300.00, water & sewer operator services,

PO # 296 Anderson Law Center, \$1,780.00, legal services

PO # 297 Cesar Garcia, \$2,000.00, return of road encroachment deposit,

PO # 298 Business Solutions, \$496.61, utility postcards,

PO # 299 Mountainland Supply, \$1,112.79, water repair supplies,

PO # 300 Mountainland Supply, \$1,437.08, water repair supplies,

PO # 301 Mountainland Supply, \$3,429.53, water repair supplies,

PO # 302 Onsolve, \$889.37, annual calling service, and

PO # 303 Utah Tax Commission, \$932.69, 2025 rodeo ticket sales tax,

Council Member Skip Taylor seconded the motion to approve the purchase orders, all voted aye.

Council Member Ron Black moved to pay bills, seconded by Council Member Kristi Townsend, all voted aye.

**XII. Adjournment**

Council Member Chris Mork moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM, seconded by Council Member Ron Black, all voted aye.

  
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Tresa Taylor, Hinckley Town Clerk  
Dixie Talbot, Hinckley Town Clerk

  
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Mayor Alan J. Miller