



**MINUTES**

January 14, 2025

Oakley City Council  
Regular Session 6:00 PM  
Oakley City Hall

Zoom Meeting Platform  
Meeting ID 820 258 4629  
Passcode 777869

Anchor Location: 960 West Center Street, Oakley UT 84055

**In Attendance:**

**City Administration:** Mayor-Elect Steve Wilmoth, Councilmember-Elect Amy Regan, Councilmembers: Joe Frazier, Tom Smart, Dave Neff; *Councilmember-Elect Chris Dillman Absent.*

**City Staff:** City Recorder, Amy Rydalch; Public Works Director, Kendell Staples

**Other City Administration:** None.

**Members of the Public:** In Person: Joe Santos, Tom Schultz, Shari Skaja, Michele Wilmoth, Robert Beck, Evan Byers; *Via Zoom:* "Patrick's iPhone," "Patches," Carla Wilmoth, Collin Higgins, Krista Kelly, Kathy Lynne, "a", Monica, Zoom User.

***Meeting was delayed by several minutes due to technical difficulties with the Zoom Meeting Platform.***

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

**City Recorder Amy Rydalch** opened the meeting.

- Invocation or Expression: **City Recorder Amy Rydalch**
- Pledge of Allegiance: **Councilmember Joe Frazier**

**2. OATH OF OFFICE/SWEARING IN OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER ELECT:**

**Recorder Rydalch** administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-elect Steven M. Wilmoth and Councilmember Amy Regan.

42 **3. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- 43 a. Minutes
- 44 b. Approval of the Bills Against the City of Oakley
- 45 c. 2026 Holiday Schedule

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47 **Councilmember Smart** motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. **Councilmember Frazier** seconded  
48 the motion. No further discussion. **All voted in favor. Consent Calendar Approved.**

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50 **4. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

- 51 a. **Mayor Pro-Tem: Mayor Wilmoth** proposed continuing with **Councilmember Joe Frazier**  
52 as Mayor Pro-Tem for the calendar year 2026 and rotating the responsibility through  
53 Councilmembers in subsequent years. No objections were raised and **Councilmember**  
54 **Frazier** remains the Mayor Pro-Tem through calendar year 2026.
- 55 b. **City Council Meeting Schedule and Time: Recorder Rydalch** presented the proposed  
56 City Council meeting schedule for 2026. A 6:00 PM start time was proposed with  
57 **Councilmember Neff** noting that 6:00 PM is very difficult for him. After discussion it  
58 was decided that the meeting starting times would be changed to 7:00 PM.

59 **Councilmember Regan** motioned to accept the 2026 City Council Meeting Schedule with the meeting  
60 start time changed to 7:00 PM. **Councilmember Smart** seconded the motion. No further discussion. **All**  
61 **voted in favor. City Council Meeting Schedule adopted.**

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63 c. **Prayer-Invocation Discussion: Mayor Wilmoth** invited Councilmembers to share their  
64 feelings about continuing with the prayer/invocation at the beginning of City Council  
65 meetings. A discussion ensued with split opinions on continuing the tradition.  
66 **Councilmember Neff** expressed strong support in continuing the practice.  
67 **Councilmembers Frazier and Smart** voiced sentiments in support of church and state.  
68 **Councilmember Regan** referred to counsel from the Utah League of Cities and Towns  
69 that encourages local governments to have documented policy regarding prayers in  
70 meetings. It was decided to continue the tradition but to expand beyond prayer to  
71 include sentiments and participation from other community members.
- 72 d. **Ethical Behavior Pledge Statements: Recorder Rydalch** explained the annual ethical  
73 behavior pledge and its purpose to avoid perceptions of impropriety. She requested the  
74 pledge from all Councilmembers and reminded them of their need to complete their  
75 annual Conflict of Interest Disclosures
- 76 e. **Administrative Staff Changes: Mayor Wilmoth** informed the Council of the retirement  
77 of Karylyn Bliss, the former Rodeo Secretary. He informed Council of the administrative  
78 staffing to fill the position by hiring Bailey Hansen full-time. The City will split wage  
79 costs with the Rodeo Committee. Bailey will serve as the rodeo secretary in addition to  
80 her administrative duties in the front office.
- 81 f. **TAP Grant Request: Councilmember Smart** presented a UDOT TAP grant request for a  
82 walking path along Millrace. He spoke to the matching component of the TAP grant and

83 that he can use County RAP Tax monies as the City's matching requirement if successful  
84 in being awarded the grant.

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86 **5. COUNCILMEMBER ASSIGNMENTS:**

87 **Mayor Wilmoth** outlined his thinking regarding new 2026 Councilmember Assignments. He  
88 would like **Councilmember Frazier** to oversee City roads and bridges as well as the  
89 Independence Day Celebration. **Councilmember Neff** is to oversee the Water System and  
90 remain on the Rodeo Committee as a non-voting member. **Councilmember Dillman** is to handle  
91 City Sewer, Rodeo Grounds, and serve as a voting member of the Rodeo Committee.  
92 **Councilmember Smart** will remain on trails and grant writing. **Councilmember Regan** will  
93 oversee City Parks.

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95 **Mayor Wilmoth** presented to Council a Communications map that displays five sections with  
96 Councilmember names and phone numbers to assist members of the public with  
97 Councilmembers that live in or near their area. **Recorder Rydalch** clarified that these are not  
98 precincts. All Councilmembers are elected at large. This is simply to facilitate communication.  
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100 **Mayor Wilmoth** proposed a recurring agenda item for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month for each  
101 Councilmember to give a 30,000-foot view of their area of responsibility. Staff are to support as  
102 necessary.

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104 **Mayor Wilmoth** discussed his vision for communication with the community and will be  
105 publishing a monthly "snapshot" of City business on the website, social media, newsletter etc.

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107 Discussion regarding receiving public comments during City Council meetings and allowing some  
108 interaction with the Council and directing Councilmembers or Staff to follow up with individuals  
109 after the meeting with their concerns. Some discussion regarding a visual countdown timer for  
110 public comment to ensure fairness and eliminate perceived inequities.

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113 **Mayor Wilmoth asked for a motion to enter closed session to discuss personnel issues.**

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115 **Councilmember Frazier** motioned to go into closed session. **Councilmember Smart** seconded the  
116 motion. **All voted in favor.**

117 **7:12 PM Council went into closed session.**

118 **8:15 PM Reconvened Open Session**

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120 **Councilmember Frazier** motioned to adjourn the meeting.

121 **Adjournment.**

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124 Approval is to form this 11 day of February, 2026.

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Steve Wilmoth, Mayor



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Amy Rydalch, City Recorder