

Town Council Meeting held at the Clarkston Town Hall, 24 South Main, Clarkston, UT

Attendance:

Mayor: Ryan L. Thompson

Councilmembers: Jeff Noble, Brayden Goodey, Danny Godfrey, Jared Petersen

Town Clerk: Holly Jones

Public: Jerry L. Godfrey, Suzanne Thompson, Curtis Godfrey, Luke Rashall, Russ Davis

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Thompson called the Clarkston Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Goodey offered Reverence and led the Pledge of Allegiance to begin the meeting.

2. **BUSINESS:**

Mayor Thompson addressed the minutes of the February 18, 2026 Town Council Meeting.

Councilmember Goodey made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2026. Councilmember Godfrey seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance 26-01 – “An Ordinance Amending Clarkston Town Municipal Code Title 4 “Public Health and Safety” By Adding in Its Entirety Chapter 8, Section 1 “International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (WUIC).” Mayor Thompson read the ordinance and asked if there were any comments or discussion from the Councilmembers. Councilmember Goodey stated that this was mandated from the State of Utah. There were no other comments. Councilmember Petersen made a motion to adopt Ordinance 26-01. Councilmember Goodey seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Thompson	<u>X</u>	Aye	___	No	___	Abstain	___	Absent
Councilmember Noble	<u>X</u>	Aye	___	No	___	Abstain	___	Absent
Councilmember Goodey	<u>X</u>	Aye	___	No	___	Abstain	___	Absent
Councilmember Godfrey	<u>X</u>	Aye	___	No	___	Abstain	___	Absent
Councilmember Petersen	<u>X</u>	Aye	___	No	___	Abstain	___	Absent

3. **DEPARTMENTS:**

Mayor Thompson:

Pony Express Discussion: Councilmember Godfrey said that there were three food vendors that were interested in coming out. He told them to get in touch with the office to fill out a vendor application form. He had a question about how many food trucks to get. They felt they didn’t want too many because none of them would make money. Currently, the three that were interested in coming all do different things. Councilmember Godfrey thought that once a category was filled, they shouldn’t allow more to come in that category. He wasn’t sure how many categories to have come. It was felt that one more truck, selling something different than the other three, would provide enough variety while allowing the vendors enough opportunity to make a profit on the day.

Councilmember Petersen found a company by Bear Lake that does custom labeled water bottles filled with spring water from there. It would be around .37 cents per bottle if we buy a pallet. He thought it

might be a good fundraiser for the Youth Council. Councilmember Goodey will talk with the advisor over the Youth Council and see if they would be interested.

Councilmember Petersen was thinking of making some adjustments to the Pony Express Horse Race. Instead of one pistol start, he was considering a four pistol start, essentially making it four races instead of one. He wanted to try putting fastest riders on the first couple of teams and slower riders on teams three and four. He felt that would make a more interesting and exciting race for everyone, the riders and spectators. It would also provide opportunities to dispense prizes more diversely, so the same people don't always win. He received positive feedback from all the riders he has mentioned the changes to in the last six months. He said that the second saddle, offered to the fastest racer last year, helped to improve the quality of the riders. He stated there was no extra cost to the town to purchase an additional saddle because of an increase in the number of teams that came and raising the fees a little bit. He would like to purchase two saddles again this year. Councilmember Goodey pointed out that if the changes to race are going to affect its length, we may want to adjust when the race starts or when the parade starts. The parade was the most popular thing on the poll, so the race shouldn't overlap.

Councilmember Petersen wondered if we could look at rearranging a few Pony Express events. People have told him that they want to come to the race, but the 3-on-3 basketball tournament is happening at the same time. He wondered if basketball could be on Friday night with the softball game, making it a sports night. He felt that more people would attend the race, which was a popular event on the poll, if there were not conflicting events. Councilmember Goodey wondered if the Town Council wanted to keep all the events, or prioritize what was most popular and go from there.

Councilmember Goodey mentioned dinner on the Town Square was popular on the poll, but he wasn't sure if that meant from food trucks or something that the Town organized. He felt an organized dinner might compete with the food trucks, but maybe people preferred the Town organized dinner. It was mentioned that Texas Roadhouse donated the meal last year, but they were not going to do it this year. It was suggested that a dutch oven meal, where citizens help out, would be more beneficial to the town than hiring it out. More discussion will be needed to finalize the Saturday night dinner plan. It was pointed out that if the Town provides dinner, a food handlers permit would be necessary, which could be obtained.

Public Comment:

Jerry Godfrey – Mr. Godfrey felt that, if they decided to have a dinner on the Square, it would be more unifying to have the citizens do it.

Curtis Godfrey – Mr. Godfrey stated that it has been hard to find a drink some years. He would like to see more drinks available. He also felt there has been a lull in the afternoon and thought the events might be arranged to better advantage.

Councilmember Goodey stated that they have done a skeet shoot in years past. He thought that might fill the gap. He stated the Town's attorney would have to be consulted about that.

Launi Petersen – Mrs. Petersen suggested speaking with Mr. Oliver, who owns the Soda Shack, to see if they could provide drinks.

Councilmember Noble thought they could find a drink truck, which would free up the Youth Council or other citizens from selling drinks. Everyone agreed; however, it was brought up that the Town could sell drinks for cheaper than a drink truck would sell them.

Councilmember Noble:

Fire Department – Nothing to report.

Emergency Preparedness – Nothing to report.

Councilmember Goodey:

Youth Council – They start their training at Utah State tomorrow, on Thursday, March 5th and go through Saturday. Friday evening at 7:00 pm is the dinner that they invited the Mayor and Councilmember Goodey to attend.

Their popcorn machine had to be thrown away. They would like to get a new one because they use it often. He will have the advisor decide what popcorn machine she would like to get.

Planning Commission – Nothing to report.

Unrelated to the Youth Council or the Planning Commission, Councilmember Goodey attended a gathering in the Community Center where the family was too big for one room and had to rent both rooms. He felt it would be a good idea to place an adjoining door between the two rooms for when someone needed both sides.

Councilmember Godfrey:

Cemetery – There was a burial last week. The sexton was able to get it ready.

Water Department – Councilmember Godfrey and the Mayor met with the water operator earlier in the day. SCADA needs some upgrades to the computer system. One of the main meters had some glitches; the operator has a bid coming in for that meter.

Myler Springs is offline right now. They will get that project into the budget to get that spring back online. The water right to the spring should still be intact. The state is sending someone out to help with the spring.

There are several accounts with continuous usage in town that need to get their leaks fixed.

Public Comment:

Curtis Godfrey – Mr. Godfrey commented that Myler Creek has been in and out over the years. Some years they would turn some of the springs out during the winter months, so they wouldn't be chlorinated and then sent down the ditch.

Councilmember Petersen:

Warrant List – Councilmember Petersen read both the January and February warrant list.

After reading January, Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to approve the January warrant list. Councilmember Noble made a motion to accept the warrant list. Councilmember Godfrey seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

At the conclusion of reading the February list, Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to approve the February warrant list. Councilmember Godfrey made a motion to accept the warrant list. Councilmember Goodey seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Roads Department – They are going to hold off on spending the money to fix the hydraulics on the sander right now, since it won't be used until next winter.

Mayor Thompson is meeting with some asphalt companies on Friday to start getting bids for the roads.

Parks and Recreation – Nothing to report.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Next Meeting – The next Town Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

5. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Godfrey motioned that the Clarkston Town Council Meeting be adjourned. Councilmember Noble seconded the motion. All members present were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Holly Jones

Clarkston Town Clerk