

**NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

March 3, 2026

The North Ogden City Council convened on March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Ogden City Public Safety Building at 515 East 2600 North. Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah Public Notice Website on February 26, 2026. Notice of the annual meeting schedule was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah Public Notice Website on December 10, 2025.

Note: The timestamps indicated in blue correspond with the recording of this meeting, which can be located on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCriqbePBxTucXEzRr6fclhQ/videos> or by requesting a copy of the audio file from the North Ogden City Recorder.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ryan Barker	Mayor
Tera Carney	Council Member
Jay D Delpias	Council Member
Chris Pulver	Council Member
Christina Watson	Council Member
Steven Nabor	Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Jon Call	City Manager/Attorney
Joyce Pierson	Deputy City Recorder
David Espinoza	Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager
Victoria Venard	Payroll Coordinator
Peter Brown	Finance Director

VISITORS:

Kevin Burns

0:00:00 Mayor Barker called the meeting to order. Council Member Chris Pulver shared several quotes reflecting on patriotism and duty, including remarks attributed to Arthur Radford, John F. Kennedy, and Robert E. Lee. Following the remarks, Council Member Pulver led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

0:02:23 No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

ACTIVE AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

0:02:58 Kevin Burns, a North Ogden resident, expressed appreciation to Public Works Director David Espinoza and the Public Works team for responding quickly to a request to repair two streetlights in his neighborhood, noting the improvements had positively affected neighborhood visibility and safety.

Kevin also complimented the City's communication regarding a newly installed four-way stop in his neighborhood, stating that the information shared on social media provided clear guidance to residents.

Kevin further commented on a recent community fundraiser organized by the Green Acres Elementary School PTO to raise funds for a playground. He noted that the event was well attended and demonstrated the strong sense of community within North Ogden. Kevin stated that events such as these illustrate why many residents choose to live in North Ogden and encouraged the Council to continue protecting the community's character.

3. DISCUSSION AND TRAINING ON SIGNING UP FOR CITY COUNCIL NOTIFICATIONS

0:5:53 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call explained that the training regarding how residents can sign up for City Council notifications was prepared by City Recorder Rian Santoro. Because Rian was not present, staff recommended tabling the item for a future meeting, so the training could be properly presented.

Council Member Dalpiaz motioned to table the discussion and training on signing up for City Council notifications. Council Member Pulver seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Dalpias	aye
Council Member Pulver	aye
Council Member Watson	aye
Council Member Carney	aye
Council Member Nabor	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

4. COMMUNITY PILLAR DISCUSSION

a. Discussion on the 2026 Cherry Days Event Schedule & Assignments

0:6:41 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call presented and reviewed the proposed schedule and planning efforts for the 2026 Cherry Days celebration. Jon explained that City staff have resumed organizing the event following the prior years when a citizen committee assisted with planning.

Jon outlined the preliminary schedule of events, including the Rodeo, Car Show, Children's Market, Luau, Sunrise Service, Kiwanis Breakfast, Parade, Vendor Market, Concert, and Fireworks. Jon stated that staff have attempted to space events throughout the week to improve attendance and allow residents to participate in multiple activities.

Jon also discussed fundraising efforts for the event. Staff is encouraging City employees and community partners to help secure sponsorships and donations, with a goal of raising approximately \$40,000 to offset event costs. Jon explained that sponsorship levels are being offered, including opportunities for businesses to serve as title sponsors for major events such as the luau or fireworks.

Council Members discussed their availability to attend and assist with various Cherry Days activities.

Council Member Pulver indicated interest in assisting with the Pickleball Tournament, Children's Market, Sunrise Service, and Kiwanis Breakfast.

Council Member Carney expressed interest in assisting with the Kit Collins Skate Event, Car Show, and potentially serving as Master of Ceremonies for the Luau activities.

Council Member Watson indicated she would assist with the Vendor Market and noted that Youth Council Members will also participate in several events.

Council Member Nabor volunteered to attend the Rodeo, and Council Member Dalpias stated he typically attends several events and would assist where needed.

Jon explained that Council Members attending events serve primarily as representatives of the City and may assist with welcoming attendees, presenting awards, or supporting event organizers. Staff also discussed providing City-branded shirts for Council Members to wear during events so they can be easily identified by the public.

Council Members also discussed participation in the Cherry Days parade. Jon suggested creating a City float that could be reused for additional community parades, including the Ogden Pioneer Day parade. Council Members generally supported participating together on a City float, potentially including the Grand Marshal and Youth Council Members.

Council Members further discussed safety concerns related to throwing candy from vehicles during the parade. Council Member Dalpiaz noted that there have been near accidents in other communities and suggested encouraging participants to distribute candy by walkers rather than throwing it from vehicles.

Jon also reported that the Youth Council raised approximately \$3,500 the previous year by operating a drink trailer during Cherry Days, helping support their conference participation and activities. Council Members expressed appreciation for the Youth Council's continued involvement and assistance at community events.

Jon additionally explained that the City has begun using Placer.ai software to estimate attendance and visitor activity during major events by analyzing anonymized location data. Preliminary data from prior events indicated that several thousand people attended Cherry Days activities such as the fireworks and parade. Council Members discussed how this information may help evaluate event attendance and guide planning in future years.

b. Summer 2026 Amphitheater Events

0:44:56 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call introduced a discussion regarding amphitheater programming and facility use. Jon reported that interest in the amphitheater has increased significantly compared to prior years, with approximately fifteen reservations already requested for the upcoming season. Proposed events include community performances, recitals, weddings, and other community activities. Jon noted that previous productions helped increase community awareness of the facility.

Jon reported that projections estimate approximately \$65,000 in revenue from ticket sales and rentals, which would help cover routine operating expenses such as lighting and maintenance.

Jon also discussed plans for City-sponsored programming, including a children's theater camp in June where participants rehearse during the week and perform several shows at the end of the program.

Council Member Nabor commented that the amphitheater has become a valued community asset and asked questions regarding projected revenues and expenses. Jon explained that the City is also exploring hosting an additional community theatrical production later in the summer. Estimated production costs are anticipated to be approximately \$20,000–\$25,000, with projected ticket revenues expected to cover those expenses.

Payroll Coordinator Victoria Venard provided additional information regarding scheduling and promotion of amphitheater events. Victoria explained that staff are maintaining an internal calendar to track reservations and inquiries, and once events are confirmed, they will be added to the City website calendar and promoted through social media and other marketing efforts.

Victoria also reported that staff are developing standardized contracts, procedures, and policies for amphitheater rentals to ensure consistent use of the facility and equal treatment for community groups.

Jon explained that staff is working to organize amphitheater revenues and expenses within the City budget to allow clearer tracking of facility operations and performance.

Council Members expressed support for expanding community programming at the amphitheater and requested that staff return with a finalized budget and contract for the proposed production for Council consideration.

c. Event Coordinator Contract

1:15:31 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call presented information regarding the City's event coordinator contract. Jon explained that for the past three years, the City has contracted with an outside event coordinator to assist with six annual community events, including Trunk or Treat and North Pole. Jon reported that the contract cost was approximately \$25,000 the previous year, with an additional provision allowing the coordinator to receive a percentage of certain donations she secured.

Jon stated that the current coordinator, Morgan, has performed well and has developed valuable community connections that have helped reduce some event costs through sponsorships and partnerships. Jon noted, however, that the Council should consider whether to continue funding the contract given current budget constraints, or whether some responsibilities could be shifted to staff.

Council Members discussed the workload associated with the events and generally agreed that the coordinator provides significant value to the City. Several Council Members noted that the events are complex, require substantial planning and coordination, and would place an additional burden on staff if reassigned internally. Council Members also expressed concern that shifting responsibility to staff could reduce the level of attention given to the events or make it more difficult to secure sponsorships and maintain the quality of the programs.

Jon explained that while some event responsibilities could potentially be distributed among staff, the City previously had a full-time events coordinator position, and the current contract represents only a fraction of that former cost. Council Members noted that the contract appears to be a cost-effective way to maintain successful community events without adding full-time staffing costs and benefits.

Council Members expressed general support for continuing the arrangement with the current coordinator. Jon stated that staff would bring a proposed contract back to the Council for formal approval and would also review language regarding commission on donations to better clarify when compensation would apply. Council Member Dalpiaz asked that staff also discuss with the coordinator her anticipated future availability and whether she sees herself continuing in the role for more than one year, so the City can better understand long-term planning needs.

d. North Shore Aquatic Center

1:29:36 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call presented information regarding the North Shore Aquatic Center and the City's operational approach moving forward. Jon explained that the Aquatic Center has generally operated successfully in recent years and has been able to cover its operating costs, though long-term capital costs such as depreciation and major facility replacement remain a consideration for the future.

Jon noted that concession operations at the Aquatic Center are typically contracted out, and staff intend to continue that practice for the upcoming season. Jon explained that the Aquatic Center remains one of the more financially successful Municipal aquatic facilities in Utah, though continued long-term planning will be necessary to address future maintenance and replacement needs. Council Member Nabor asked questions regarding the long-term financial sustainability of the facility and whether reserve funds or other revenue sources are available to support future capital costs.

Jon explained that while certain reserve funds and redevelopment agency funds have supported improvements in the past, those sources will eventually be exhausted, and the City will need to evaluate long-term strategies for maintaining the facility.

Council Members discussed potential opportunities to generate additional revenue for City facilities, including exploring sponsorships or naming rights that could help fund maintenance or future improvements. Jon noted that similar approaches have been used in other communities and could be evaluated by the City if the Council wished to pursue those options.

Council Members acknowledged the importance of maintaining community amenities such as the Aquatic Center and emphasized the need for continued long-term financial planning to ensure the facility remains sustainable.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No additional public comments were made.

6. MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

1:59:39 Council Member Pulver stated he had recently shared information with the Council regarding recycling options and potential alternatives for residents who wish to opt into additional recycling services outside of the current Republic Services contract. Council Member Pulver explained that there may be other optional recycling programs available and noted that the information was shared for Council Members to review and consider. Council Member Pulver also referenced previous discussions regarding third-party audits and camera systems used for public safety monitoring at intersections. Council Member Pulver stated that cameras located on public or private property may record traffic activity and suggested that similar systems are commonly used to monitor intersections and traffic incidents.

2:03:02 Council Member Nabor asked about the schedule for upcoming Council pillar assignments. City Manager/Attorney Jon Call explained that Public Safety would be the next focus area, noting that the category includes police services as well as other functions that contribute to community safety.

2:03:42 Mayor Barker reported that he recently attended a meeting with the Weber Area Council of Governments and learned that Weber County maintains a Weed Board that tracks noxious weeds. Mayor Barker explained that residents can report locations of noxious weeds through an online system by submitting a photo and location information, which can then be forwarded to the City for follow-up.

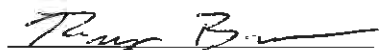
Mayor Barker also reported that the Utah Rivers Council and Weber County have asked whether the City would consider participating again in a rain barrel program intended to promote water conservation. Mayor Barker explained that the County suggested cities could participate by subsidizing a smaller number of barrels rather than purchasing a large quantity. Discussion followed regarding the potential cost and whether the program could be funded through stormwater or water enterprise funds, since rain barrels help reduce stormwater runoff and culinary water use.

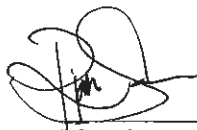
Council Members expressed interest in reviewing the proposal further. Mayor Barker stated that he would work with staff to gather additional information and bring the item back to the Council for further discussion.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Watson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.


Ryan M. Barker, Mayor


Rian Santoro
City Recorder



3/24/20
Date Approved

ATTACHMENTS

A. Cherry Days Handout



Cherry Days!

**Monday: Car Show
& Kids Market**



**Wednesday: Luau
& Grand Marshal**



Thursday: Rodeo



Saturday:

Sunrise Ceremony



Breakfast in the Park

Children's Parade

Big Parade

Vendor Market

Fireworks!

Concert!

