



Mayor - Bryan Cox
City Council - David Fowles
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Hyde Park City Council
113 East Center Street
Hyde Park, Utah

March 11, 2026

The Hyde Park City Council meeting began at 7:00 and was conducted by Mayor Cox.

City Officials Present: Mayor; Bryan Cox, Council members; David Fowles, Stephanie Allred, Gerald Osborne and Kirk Brower, City Recorder; Donja Wright, North Park Police Chief; Kent Goodrich and City Administrator; Marcus Allton.

Others Present: Jaron & Bonnie McMullin, Sherri Nate, Florence White, Ty Measom

Thought / Prayer: Council member Fowles

Pledge of Allegiance: Council member Fowles

Minutes: *Council member Fowles made a motion to approve the minutes from February 25, 2026, as amended. Council member Osborne seconded the motion. Council members Fowles, Osborne and Brower voted in favor. The motion carried 3/0.*

Minutes (Workshop): *Council member Brower made a motion to approve the minutes from February 25, 2026, workshop, as presented. Council member Fowles seconded the motion. Council members Fowles, Osborne and Brower voted in favor. The motion carried 3/0.*

Adoption of Agenda: *Council member Osborne made a motion to approve the agenda as presented for March 11, 2026. Council member Fowles seconded the motion. Council members Fowles, Osborne and Brower voted in favor. The motion carried 3/0.*

Citizen Input

Bonnie McMullin, a Hyde Park resident for about two years, addressed the council regarding conflicts in municipal code related to retaining walls and the definition of structure. She explained that she's trying to build a retaining wall to prevent soil erosion on her sloped lot but

has been rejected because the wall would be in the 30-foot setback. She noted inconsistencies in current code application and pointed out that other nearby cities like North Logan, Providence, and Smithfield have adopted specific retaining wall definitions and regulations. She expressed frustration with email delivery issues when trying to contact council members and requested the city address this gap in municipal code, especially as more development occurs in the eastern hillside areas.

Jaron McMullin, Bonnie's husband, reinforced her concerns by pointing out existing inconsistencies throughout the city, where similar retaining structures exist within setbacks. He noted they had modeled their plan after existing approved structures in the city but were being told their engineered retaining wall tied to the house foundation wasn't allowed, while loose rock retaining might be permitted. He emphasized their desire to do quality, engineered work that would be both functional and aesthetically pleasing. Mayor Cox welcomed them to Hyde Park and assured them the city would work with the Planning Commission to get clarity on these retaining wall issues.

Council Business

Mayor/Staff/Council Reports

City Administrator Marcus Allton provided several important updates:

Well House Transmission Line Project: The connection to the tank in Lions Park is scheduled to begin in the first or second week of April. The project will require completely draining the tank, so the city will notify residents to watch water usage. Public Works has been rebuilding isolation valves to ensure proper function during the tank drainage.

Water Tank Leak in Greystone Area: A large leak has been identified and become the number one priority. Sunrise Engineering has identified a repair solution costing less than \$20,000, which is within staff's discretionary spending authority. The repair is planned for the following week.

New Street Sweeper: Allton reported that the new street sweeper is working fantastically after decades of having an inadequate one. Mayor Cox suggested organizing a naming contest for the street sweeper with the elementary school, where students could submit artwork and names, with winners getting their designs featured on the vehicle.

Payment System Issues: The city has experienced numerous complaints about their digital payment system and has identified a new system used successfully by other valley cities. Staff will prepare a comparison for council's consideration at the next meeting.

Building Rental Concerns: Allton reported ongoing issues with building rentals, including people not treating the facility respectfully and problematic parties. Council Member Stephanie Allred suggested limiting rentals to Hyde Park residents only, arguing that the building belongs to the citizens and should primarily serve them, while questioning whether rental fees adequately cover wear and tear from outside users. Allton noted that residency wasn't necessarily the determining factor for good versus problematic renters.

Council Member Allred also raised concerns about a dangerous road dip on 450 North near IHC, noting it could damage vehicles. While this is part of the Wolfpack Way extension project being handled by a private developer, staff agreed to address immediate safety concerns with cones or temporary fixes.

NPPD Report

Chief Goodrich provided detailed statistics for February 2026, reporting 401 total calls with 80 in Hyde Park and 321 in North Logan, maintaining approximately an 80/20 split. He highlighted that 52.5% of Hyde Park calls were priority calls including medical emergencies, accidents, and fraud cases. The department made 761 traffic stops year-to-date compared to 562 at the same time in 2025, demonstrating the benefit of being fully staffed.

Speed Trailer Report: Chief Goodrich presented comprehensive data from the radar trailer positioned on 540 North and 400 East. On the sample day of February 6th, 4,270 vehicles were counted with an average speed of 26.47 mph and fastest recorded speed of 87 mph. The data showed 61.45% of vehicles were speeding, but the trailer had a measurable calming effect - 560 fewer vehicles were speeding when approaching the visible sign versus traveling away from it. The 85th percentile speed was 33 mph, and 59% of speeding vehicles were traveling between 26-30 mph. The most egregious speeds occurred between 2-3 PM when school was getting out. Council Member Allred noted that traffic had been significantly slower since the trailer was installed, confirming its effectiveness. The four-way stop recently installed is also helping to control speeds.

Electric Motorcycle Legislation: Chief Goodrich reported that House Bill 381 passed both chambers and awaits the governor's signature. If signed, it takes effect May 6th and reclassifies electric motorcycles under current motorcycle laws, requiring helmets, safety certificates, age restrictions, and giving law enforcement authority to impound vehicles and hold juveniles until parents arrive. The Cache County School District is also considering tying violations to sports eligibility. Cities retain authority to enact stricter local ordinances if desired.

Action Items

Consider Cooperative Wildfire Agreement

City Administrator Allton explained this annual agreement with the state, managed through Smithfield Fire Department. The city contributes \$191 (reduced from over \$2,000 previously) or in-kind matches, and in exchange, the state holds the city harmless for additional wildland firefighting costs. Smithfield Fire's training efforts have reduced the city's required contribution, and no cash contribution has been made during Allton's tenure.

Council Member Osborne asked about the state's new fire map legislation. Allton confirmed the state created its own map placing the wildland-urban interface at approximately 5,200 feet elevation, similar to the city's ordinance. Additional building requirements apply in higher risk areas, but the main limitation is water service capability.

Motion: Council member Allred made a motion to approve the Cooperative Wildfire Agreement. Council member Fowles seconded the motion. Council members Fowles, Allred Osborne and Brower voted in favor. The motion carried 4/0.

Consider Ordinance 2026-03 – Minor Subdivision Ordinance

This item was deleted from the agenda as noted during agenda approval.

Advise & Consent for Hyde Park City Auditor

Allton explained that following state auditor recommendations, the city issued an RFP for audit services after several years with their current firm. Two qualified firms responded: Ritchie May (their current auditor, formerly Allred Jackson) and Joan Simpkins LLC from Logan. While both firms were qualified and offered similar services, Joan Simpkins had significantly more competitive pricing over multiple years. Staff recommended selecting Joan Simpkins as the new auditor, with annual contracts rather than multi-year commitments to maintain flexibility. The council provided unanimous consent for the staff recommendation to select John Simpkins LLC as the city's new auditor.

Council Member Fowles: Reported the Safety Committee did not meet this month but was pleased to see four-way stops installed at 700 East and Fourth East intersections to address safety concerns.

Council Member Allred: Announced that royalty applications are due the following day, with interviews scheduled for Wednesday and the pageant on Friday, March 22nd. She highlighted that the city provides \$500 scholarships to participants, with donations from residents and Waste Management. She also announced Hyde Park Rocks, where the Youth Council painted 80 rocks with designs and hid them throughout the city for residents to find and post on Instagram for prizes.

Council Member Osborne: Appreciated the staff report on road maintenance and repairs, particularly addressing the wavy conditions on Center Street.

Council Member Brower: Raised concerns about police staffing levels given the city's growth, noting potential future problems if not addressed. Mayor Cox acknowledged this concern and mentioned they had applied for a COPS grant that would fund an additional officer for three years, though the city would need to assume full costs afterward. Chief Goodrich clarified the grant application timing and noted they would discuss whether to apply for one, two, or three officers at the next police commission meeting on March 19th.

Mayor Cox: Announced plans to go out to bid for the next phase of Wolfpack Way extension using grant funding received for the project.

Council member Allred made a motion to adjourn. Council member Osborne seconded the motion. Council members Fowles, Allred, Osborne and Brower voted in favor. The motion carried 4/0.

Adjourn : 8:00pm

Donja Wright

Council member Fowles made a motion to approve the minutes from March 11, 2026 as presented. Council member Atkinson seconded the motion. Council members Fowles, Allred, Atkinson, Osborne and Brower voted in favor. The motion carried 5/0.