

City of Willard

City Council Meeting March 26, 2026

Meeting minutes

Call to Order

Councilmember/Mayor Pro Tem Mike Braegger called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone in attendance. He excused Mayor Travis Mote, who was in Maine on vacation, and City Attorney Amy Hugie, who was on vacation, though he clarified that the mayor was working.

Invocation

Council member Rodney Mund offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council member Jordan Hulsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Conflict of interest declaration

Councilmember/Mayor Pro Tem Braegger asked if there were any conflict-of-interest declarations. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

Public Hearing

A public hearing to receive public comments regarding a proposal to repeal Ordinance 2024-03, reinstate Ordinance 2007-B(Rev), and adopt an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Utah Transit Authority and Willard City

Motion: Councilmember Mund moved to enter into a public hearing. Councilmember Bodily seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember/Mayor Pro Tem Braegger explained the background of the issue, stating that approximately two years ago, the city felt UTA was taking advantage of them with their tax and decided to repeal it. However, they later discovered this action was not legal and UTA threatened to pursue back taxes. The city negotiated to avoid paying back taxes but must now reinstate the tax to remain in compliance.

Mark Murphy expressed frustration with UTA's broken promise regarding a transit stop in Willard by 2030, which had been pushed back to 2035. He suggested the city should fight UTA legally, noting that Perry City had attempted similar action but was unsuccessful. Murphy acknowledged the council would likely approve the ordinance regardless of his objections.

Councilmember Mund jokingly noted that their attorney was away, but Councilmember Christensen explained that all legal options had been explored and Perry City's fight had essentially been fought for them without success.

Motion: Councilmember Christensen moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Mund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Presentation

No residents came forward to make public comments during the designated three-minute period for public presentation.

Planning Commission Report

Board Chair Chandler Bingham from the Planning Commission reported that their meeting was brief, lasting only 27 minutes. The commission discussed the economic development plan and tabled it for further discussion. They also addressed a definition clarification for acreage requirements sent by City Attorney Hugie, specifically distinguishing between a developable acre versus a builder's acre. The commission determined that the standard has always been understood as a half-acre requirement, but some developers were attempting to interpret it differently. This clarification will be coming to the City Council soon.

New Business

Action item: Discussion/Approval Proposal to repeal Ordinance 2024-03, reinstate Ordinance 2007-B(Rev), and adopt an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Utah Transit Authority and Willard City

Councilmember/Mayor Pro Tem Braegger opened discussion on the ordinance that had been the subject of the public hearing. Councilmember Bodily stated there wasn't much more to discuss beyond what Mark Murphy had raised, acknowledging that while they might want to pursue litigation, they needed to reinstate the tax to keep the city out of trouble while exploring other avenues.

Motion: Councilmember Bodily moved to approve repealing ordinance 2024-03 and reinstating ordinance 2007-B and adopting the local corporation agreement between Utah Transit Authority and Willard City. Councilmember Hulsey seconded the motion.

City Manager Jeremy Kimpton confirmed the motion could be handled as one action item rather than separate motions. A roll call vote was conducted:

- Councilmember Bodily: Yes
- Councilmember Mund: "Not a happy yes"
- Councilmember Braegger: Yes
- Councilmember Christensen: Yes
- Councilmember Hulsey: Yes

The motion carried.

Action Item: Discussion/Approval Resolution No. 2026-03

City Manager Kimpton explained this resolution authorizes amendments to the Willard City personnel policies and procedures manual. The primary change involves updating the on-call compensation for the police department, which operates under a different system than public works. Previously, officers received \$63 per month for on-call duty, which Kimpton felt was inadequate. The new policy provides officers with one hour of pay each day they are on call, finding middle ground between the previous rate and what public work receives.

Council members indicated they had reviewed the changes at the previous meeting and found them acceptable.

Motion: Councilmember Mund moved to adopt resolution 2026-03. Councilmember Bodily seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

- Councilmember Mund: Yes
- Councilmember Braegger: Yes
- Councilmember Christensen: Yes
- Councilmember Hulsey: Yes

The motion carried.

Action Item: Discussion/Consideration Request for Additional Federal Funding-750 North Crossing/Historic Orchard Pathway Shared Use path (PIN 13932)

City Planner Madison Brown explained this was a request originally submitted by former employee Bryce Wheelwright approximately 6-7 years ago for \$85,000 to create a crossing on 750 North at 200 West as part of the Hop Trail. The project has now been estimated at \$250,000 due to increased material and labor costs. Despite the increase, Willard City's local match remains relatively small at just under \$11,000.

Brown reported that the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) at WFRC had approved the additional funding request the previous day, and the project will go to the next committee in April for final approval. She expressed excitement about being involved in the planning process and invited any interested council members to participate. City Engineer Zach Burke and City Manager Kimpton will also be involved.

The project will likely be funded from next year's budget and could take several years to complete. Brown emphasized the importance of coordinating with UDOT regarding their storm drain work on 750 North to avoid conflicts.

Council members expressed support for moving forward with the project, appreciating the opportunity to complete this portion of the pathway system and improve safety at the crossing.

Action Item: Discussion/Consideration Committees for the 4th of July

Councilmember Braegger announced that Marjorie Ross had requested this item be delayed until the next meeting on April 9th.

Presentation: Chad Hayman 2026 Candidate for Box Elder County Sheriff

Chad Hayman was unable to attend the meeting. The presentation will be rescheduled, potentially for the April 9th meeting.

Minutes

Approval of March 12, 2026, minutes

Council members reviewed the March 12th minutes and found them acceptable.

Motion: Councilmember Bodily moved to approve the minutes for March 12, 2026. Councilmember Mund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Public Works

Maintenance Supervisor Payden Vine had no report.

Police Department

Police Chief Theron Fielding reported that Officer Prange would complete his final week of training the following week. Officer Caleb Hathcock's start date is scheduled for April 7th, and he will begin the standard 12-14-week field training officer program.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Van Mund reported no issues.

City Manager

City Manager Kimpton noted that the mayor was listening to the meeting remotely and may or may not be able to attend the April 9th meeting. He had no other items to report.

City Planner

City Planner Brown reported several applications going to the planning commission the following week, including two public hearings and a rezone request that would likely come to the council within the next month. She noted multiple subdivision applications in the pipeline and joked about the city being "painted orange" due to all the construction activity.

City Attorney

The city attorney was not present.

City Interim Recorder

Interim City Recorder Diana Mund had no report.

Council Member Reports

Jacob Bodily

No report.

Rod Mund

Councilmember Mund reported on the budget process for the WWTP, noting that the proposed budget had been submitted and shouldn't require any amendments, with no line items expected to exceed projections.

Mike Braegger

Councilmember Braegger reported on two significant issues. First, he addressed a citizen concern directed to him by the mayor regarding Sierra Homes development, where a dead-end irrigation line on their property needed proper drainage to prevent flooding of nearby homeowners. He had contacted Garth Day about routing the water into flood control or storm water systems, similar to other locations where irrigation lines connect to the 200 South drain.

Second, he detailed an emergency at the dike where overflow water had carved out a significant void under the spillway concrete, exposing and threatening the city waterline. Working with Payden Vine, Dan, and Kenny Braegger's crew, they implemented a temporary fix using flow fill concrete. They redirected water flow and managed the situation to prevent spillway overflow until the concrete could be set properly. The repair may need to be permanent, potentially requiring engineering consultation, and costs will be billed to flood control as it was considered a flood-related issue.

Rex Christensen

No report.

Jordan Hulseley

No report.

Mayor's General Correspondence and Information

The mayor was listening remotely but did not provide any additional information.

Consideration of Motion to Enter a Closed Session

No closed session was needed.

Adjourn: Motion: Councilmember Christensen moved to adjourn. Councilmember Bodily seconded the motion. Motion carried.