

**Riverton City, Utah
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
March 17, 2026**

**Riverton City Hall
12830 South 1700 West
Riverton, Utah 84065**

Attendance:

Mayor Tish Buroker

Councilmembers:

Councilmember Spencer Haymond- excused
Councilmember Alexander Johnson
Councilmember Troy McDougal
Councilmember Andy Pierucci
Councilmember Shannon Smith

City Staff:

Kevin Hicks, City Manager
Ryan Carter, City Attorney
Cary Necaise, Public Works Director
Jason Lethbridge, Development Services Director
Jamie Larsen, City Recorder
Chief Shane Taylor, Riverton Police Department
Brook Bowen, Graphic Design & Marketing Specialist
Sheril Garn, Events and Operations Director
Stacie Olson, Assistant Public Works Director
Fire Marshal Wade Watkins, Unified Fire Authority

WORK SESSION – 4:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Buroker called the Work Session to order at 4:07 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Johnson, McDougal, Pierucci and Smith were present. Councilmember Haymond was excused.

Discussion Items

Water Rate Study Conversation with Shawn Koorn (HDR)

Shawn Koorn, HDR, reviewed the water rate study process, explaining that the goal is to determine the total revenue needed to fund operating and capital expenses over a 10-year period, with a focus on the next five years. He clarified that current revenues are not sufficient to cover expenses and future capital needs, meaning rate adjustments are necessary. He reviewed the secondary water revenue needs, noting it is in slightly better financial condition than culinary water but still requires rate increases to cover operating costs and capital improvements.

Mr. Koorn outlined projected monthly bill increases over several years and explained that, regardless of how rates are structured, the total revenue target remains the same. He also recommended moving toward differentiated rate structures by customer class to better reflect system usage and future needs. Council discussion highlighted concern that postponing funding increases risk, especially with ongoing inflation driving up construction and infrastructure costs, while others noted that borrowing also carries uncertainty due to fluctuating interest rates.

Mr. Koorn then compared rate structure alternatives, explaining the tradeoff between higher fixed base charges and lower consumption rates versus lower base charges with higher usage costs, all generating the same overall revenue but distributing costs differently. Option three was noted as a larger upfront increase with smaller future adjustments, while options one and two phase increases over time.

City staff and Councilmembers discussed the proposed water rate adjustments and focused on option three/ Councilmembers emphasized balancing a reasonable base rate with consumption-based charges to incentivize conservation while avoiding undue hardship on residents with fixed incomes. They debated whether to include bonding or other financing methods, ultimately agreeing that cash-funding projects and minimizing subsidies would be fiscally responsible.

Budget Discussion on Water Rate and Operational Budget

Nick Geer, Administrative Services Director, provided an updated overview of the budget and reported the general fund balance at approximately 23%, slightly above the 20% target, allowing flexibility for future CIP transfers.

Adjournment of Work Session

Councilmember Johnson **MOVED to adjourn the Work Session.** Councilmember Smith **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Buroker called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Johnson-Yes, McDougal-Yes, Pierucci-Yes, and Smith-Yes. The motion passed unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Approved: CCM 4.7.26