

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

2 Wednesday April 15th, 2026, 6:00 PM

3 Providence City Office Building, 164 North Gateway Drive, Providence UT

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5 To view the video recording of the meeting please visit our YouTube channel found [HERE](#).

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7 **HR. MIN. SEC.** above agenda items are timestamps of the YouTube recording.

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9 **Opening Ceremony:**

10 Call to Order: Mayor Alder

11 Roll Call of City Council Members: Council Members Kunz, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Campbell

12 Staff in Attendance: City Manager Ryan Snow, Community Development Director Skarlet Bankhead and City
13 Recorder Ty Cameron.

14 Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Alder

15 Opening Remarks/Prayer: Council Member Kirk.

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17 **2 MIN 05 SEC.**

18 **Council Reports:** Items presented by the City Council Members will be presented as informational only; no
19 formal action will be taken.

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21 **Council Member Campbell:**

- 22 • Council Member Campbell began the council reports, sharing that he had watched the Cache County
23 Council meeting and reached out to Catherine Beus our area rep with questions, scheduling a Thursday
24 meeting to discuss them.
- 25 • He attended the Cache Trails Alliance Committee meeting virtually after seeing Providence listed on
26 their agenda, which turned out to involve questions about wildlife management area bridges.
- 27 • Council Member Campbell reported taking a comprehensive tour with Ryan of city facilities, including
28 remodeled park restrooms, cleaned pump stations, and re-roofed pavilions, noting that Providence now
29 has the nicest park restrooms he has seen.
- 30 • He also mentioned working on America 250 initiatives and is now developing ideas for community
31 gathering opportunities.

32 **Council Member Speth:**

- 33 • Council Member Speth also praised the city tour with Ryan and the staff's impressive work on city
34 improvements.
- 35 • He discussed conversations with Ryan about garbage trucks, their logos, and service area limits.
- 36 • He expressed satisfaction with the wisdom shown in purchasing the 400 South property and the well-
37 executed trail connection.
- 38 • He reminded attendees about Utah's Great Shakeout earthquake drill scheduled for the following day,
39 encouraging residents to visit shakeout.org/utah for earthquake preparedness resources, noting that about
40 920,000 people had already signed up to participate.

41 **Council Member Sealy:**

- 42 • Council Member Sealy announced her involvement in organizing the fun run for Sauerkraut Days,
43 seeking volunteers to help with medals and snacks at the finish line.

- 44 • She informed the council that the school district had finalized boundary adjustments for elementary
45 schools, effective in the fall, and encouraged residents to check the district website.
- 46 • She reported visiting with residents about agenda items and mentioned that she will be attending the
47 Utah League of Cities and Towns conference in St. George.
- 48 • She also highlighted an open public transit survey for Connect, encouraging broader community
49 participation to improve rideshare education.

50 Council Member Kirk:

- 51 • Council Member Kirk shared that she had recently returned from a two-week trip to China, Thailand,
52 and South Korea, reflecting on how different cities organize themselves for their citizens.
- 53 • She reported that youth council applications were still open for high school students interested in
54 monthly community service.
- 55 • She described the successful Easter egg hunt at Zollinger Park, with two hunts accommodating 150 slots
56 each, though some parents registered multiple children under single slots, resulting in 150-200 kids per
57 hunt. She expressed excitement about progress on Grand View Park, emphasizing the importance of
58 preserving open space and acknowledging Ryan's proactive efforts in making land offers throughout
59 Providence. She noted the challenges of competing with developers when legally limited to paying
60 appraised value but celebrated acquiring the Grand View land for park development.
- 61 • She mentioned meeting with the Sauerkraut Committee and looked forward to discussing library and fire
62 service issues later in the meeting.

63 Council Member Kunz:

- 64 • Council Member Kunz noted that four out of five council members had taken the city tour with Ryan,
65 appreciating the time.
- 66 • He highlighted Just Serve projects, particularly cemetery cleanup with multiple youth groups
67 volunteering. He mentioned working toward making Providence a Just Serve City and reported missing
68 the Mosquito Abatement District trustees meeting while traveling, noting that spring activities would
69 likely start earlier due to the warmer season.
- 70 • He confirmed attending the ULCT conference in St. George with other council members and discussed
71 collaborating with Scot on America 250 service projects.

72 Mayor Alder:

- 73 • Mayor Alder reported on her appointment to the library board and ongoing discussions about library
74 operations. She praised the Chamber of Commerce's valuable work for valley businesses and residents.
75 The mayor expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming Sauerkraut celebration, noting Nicole Bone as chair
76 and mentioning it would be their fifth year of the rebooted celebration, though the tradition spans over
77 100 years, rooted in the area's Swiss and German heritage. She announced planning for a September 11
78 day of service.
- 79 • She welcomed the evening's full attendance, hoping for productive solutions to the issues on the agenda.

83 **Approval of the Minutes:**

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85 **17 MIN 35 SEC.**

86 ➤ **Item No. 1 Approval of the Minutes:** The Providence City Council will consider for approval the
87 minutes of March 18th, 2026. **(MINUTES)**

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- 89 • Mayor Alder called for the approval of the minutes of March 18th, 2026.
- 90 • No corrections or changes were made.
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92 **Motion to approve the minutes of March 18th, 2026.- Council Member Sealy. 2nd- Council Member**
93 **Campbell.**

94 **Vote:**

95 **Yea- Council Members Kunz, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Campbell**

96 **Nay-**

97 **Abstained-**

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99 **Motion passes, minutes approved.**

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101 **Reports and Presentations:**

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103 **46 MIN 15 SEC. (item was heard after item 3)**

104 ➤ **Item No. 2 Sauerkraut Days 2026 Updates:** The Providence City Council will hear a presentation
105 given by the Sauerkraut Days Committee regarding this year’s Sauerkraut Days.

- 106 • Nicole Bone, chair of the Sauerkraut Days Committee, presented updates for the upcoming 2026
- 107 celebration. She expressed excitement about the growing participation and requested more
- 108 volunteers from the community, emphasizing that the goal is to bring residents together to work
- 109 collaboratively.
- 110 • This year's celebration will take place on August 14th and 15th. The committee plans to prepare
- 111 2,000 pounds of cabbage, up from last year. Council Member Campbell noted he participated in
- 112 the cabbage cutting previously and found it enjoyable.
- 113 • The Friday evening parade down Main Street will continue as in previous years, followed by the
- 114 traditional gathering in the park. The committee is considering showing "Cool Runnings" as the
- 115 featured film for their movie in the park event.
- 116 • Saturday will feature a large stage setup with multiple performances throughout the day.
- 117 Ridgeline Booster Club will again serve as the main food vendor, focusing primarily on
- 118 bratwurst and sauerkraut rather than hamburgers. The committee discussed potentially
- 119 eliminating the 10K race while maintaining the fun run, mile, and 5K options. Last year's race
- 120 had approximately 130 registered participants with additional walk-ins.
- 121 • Key sponsors continue their support, with Living Tree Medical as the top sponsor and
- 122 NextMeters sponsoring the drone show. Bear Welding will likely continue donating medals for
- 123 the race events.
- 124 • Nicole announced that 2026 is designated as the "Year of the Cabbage," which the committee
- 125 plans to incorporate into their celebrations. She also discussed the grand marshal tradition, with

plans to open nominations to the public in May, allowing citizens to nominate community members for this honor.

- The committee expressed interest in adding a chalk art competition but faced previous challenges with sprinkler systems in the park. City Manager Snow suggested using the new trail area by Thompson Field, which would avoid sprinkler conflicts and showcase new city amenities.
- Council Member Speth shared historical context about sauerkraut's origins with sailors using it to prevent scurvy and recalled Providence's tradition of sauerkraut dinners in the 1970s that served up to 1,200 people. He mentioned making his own sauerkraut using recipes he photographed from the committee.
- The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 27th at 6:30 PM at City Hall, with future meetings likely moving to Zollinger Park in May for better planning visualization.
- Council thanked Nicole for all her hard work.

18 MIN. 10 SEC.

➤ **Item No. 3 Cache County Sheriff’s Office Presentation:** The Providence City Council will hear a presentation given by the Cache County Sheriff’s Office.

- Sheriff Chad Jensen and newly promoted Chief Deputy Michael Sean Bartsch presented the sheriff’s office contract renewal proposal. Sheriff Jensen announced Bartsch's promotion to chief deputy over the criminal division, which includes patrol, school resource officers, and investigations.
- The sheriff provided detailed statistics showing Providence had 1,877 calls for service last year, with projections of approximately 1,975 calls for the current year based on nine months of data. Contract hours were 2,370 last year, but the office provided 3,915 actual hours of service. This year's projection shows approximately 3,510 hours of service will be provided.
- Jensen explained the department has worked over the past three years to align contracted hours more closely with actual service provided, valley-wide. The current hourly rate of \$52.35 has remained unchanged since 2021, but needs to increase to match actual patrol costs.
- The proposed three-year contract extension includes hourly rate increases: starting at the current rate and incrementally increasing to \$68 per hour by the end of the third year. This translates to contract costs rising from last year's \$132,720 to \$142,200 in year one, ultimately reaching \$161,600 by year three.
- Jensen emphasized these increases primarily reflect wage adjustments necessary to retain quality staff. The department previously lost officers to agencies like Ogden City and Brigham City that offered \$10-12 per hour more. The county has since adjusted wages to remain competitive within their market comparison group.
- The sheriff explained that basic services (jail, civil papers, bailiff duties, and felony investigations) are covered by property taxes, while contracted patrol hours provide enhanced coverage beyond statutory requirements. The department currently has 124 sworn deputies total: half in the jail division, 35 in patrol, 12-13 in schools, and about a dozen in probation.
- Council Member Speth inquired about the department's capacity to serve 12 communities plus the school district. Council Member Sealy requested breakdowns of time spent on actual calls versus patrol time, which Jensen agreed to provide.
- Council Member Campbell asked about baseline coverage levels. Jensen explained that without contracts, the valley would have perhaps 15 patrol officers total to cover the entire area, with the remainder allocated to statutorily required services.

- The sheriff clarified that hour tracking uses traditional daily logs where deputies record time spent in each jurisdiction, whether responding to calls or conducting patrol activities. The beauty of the contracting system, he noted, is the ability to provide scalable service—from one deputy to ten depending on need—without cities having to hire individual full-time employees.
- The presentation concluded with the sheriff offering facility tours for council members and promising to provide updated contact information as the reorganization is implemented.
- Council thanked the sheriffs for their presentation and all their hard work in keeping our communities safe.

Resolutions/Ordinances:

1 HR. 03 MIN. 50 SEC.

➤ **Item No. 4 Ordinance 06-2026 Rezone of parcel 02-092-0049:** City Council will review, discuss and may take action on an ordinance regarding a rezone request of Parcel 02-092-0049, a 3-acre parcel located in the general area of 370 N 100 W. The property is currently zoned Agricultural (AGR); the applicant is requesting R-1-6. Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 8th and recommended that City Council approve the application request. [\(ANALYSIS\)](#) & [\(ORDIANCE 06-2026\)](#)

- Community Development Director Skarlet Bankhead presented the analysis for rezoning a 3-acre parcel from Agricultural to R-1-6 (Residential 1 unit per 6,000 square feet). The property is located near 370 North 100 West, and the Planning Commission recommended approval following their April 8th public hearing.
- Ms. Bankhead explained the city's general plan originally hoped to acquire this property for park space, but those efforts were unsuccessful despite the city's aggressive park acquisition program. She noted the city has nearly doubled its park space since the general plan's adoption, though not every attempted acquisition succeeded.
- However, the general plan's framework map identifies this area as appropriate for neighborhood residential development, providing support for the rezone. The development would support moderate income housing goals if homes are kept within appropriate price ranges.
- The property faces several challenges including wetlands, high water table, and open water areas. The developer understands these constraints and must comply with sensitive area regulations. Wetlands fall under Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction, not city enforcement, though the city monitors compliance during development phases.
- The rezoning would require compliance with all master plan requirements including impact fees for parks, water, sewer, and storm water management. The developer must either dedicate water rights, pay fees in lieu, or dedicate water shares as part of the approval process.
- Applicant Danny McFarlane of Stack Built explained his vision for 12 lots in a Planned Unit Development (PUD), preserving approximately three-quarters of an acre including the existing pond. The development would target the high \$400,000 to low \$500,000 price range, with lot sizes similar to Brookside Village and the adjacent senior housing development.
- Danny emphasized his goal of providing affordable housing for young families wanting to remain in Providence, noting the challenge of expensive land costs. The preserved pond and natural areas would serve as community amenities while houses would be two-story due to high water table preventing basements.

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- Council Member Sealy asked about homeowner customization options in the PUD. Danny confirmed buyers could choose colors, exterior finishes, and interior selections, with varied house styles throughout the development to avoid a cookie-cutter appearance.
- Lance Parker, the listing agent representing the 80-year-old property owner from Pocatello, provided context about the seller's situation. The widow inherited the property from parents who originally intended to build but decided to remain in River Heights. She now needs to sell due to health concerns and fixed income constraints.
- Mr. Parker noted the property has been listed for two and a half years with Danny providing the first legitimate offer. He mentioned surface water rights exist for livestock and the pond, though the conversion process to residential/culinary use would need clarification.
- Public comments revealed mixed community sentiment. Cindy Diamond raised concerns about high-density development and maintaining Providence's character while acknowledging inevitable growth. She stressed the importance of preserving the area's natural beauty and wildlife habitat.
- Caroline Mayo advocated for a 55-plus community to better protect wildlife and reduce child safety risks around open water. She emphasized the value of connecting with the neighboring Providence Springs senior community and expressed concerns about flooding in the area.
- Ashton McFarlane, a neighborhood resident, supported the development as providing needed housing for young families like himself. He noted existing nearby parks and recreation facilities that would serve the new residents.
- Council discussion focused on property rights, development pressures, and balancing community desires with landowner rights. Council Member Kirk outlined her three-point evaluation criteria: Planning Commission recommendation, general plan compliance, and compatibility with adjacent properties. She expressed confidence in the developer's track record and character.
- Council Member Campbell emphasized the importance of respecting property owner rights while acknowledging community concerns about development. He noted the difficulty of restricting property use without legal justification.
- Council Member Kunz expressed conflict between supporting property rights and concerns about developing every available space in the city. He questioned some of the Planning Commission's reasoning but ultimately understood their stance.
- Council Member Speth noted positive aspects including wildlife habitat preservation and potential for various age groups to utilize the housing. He addressed concerns about 55-plus restrictions, noting that physical limitations shouldn't prevent people from choosing two-story homes.

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Council Member Speth moved to approve Ordinance 06-2026 rezone of parcel 02-092-0049. Council Member Kirk seconded the motion.
Vote:
Yea- Council Members Kirk, Speth & Campbell
Nay- Council Members Sealy & Kunz
Abstained-

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Motion passes. Ordinance approved.

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258 **Agreements, Contracts, Bid Awards:**

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260 **1 HR. 55 MIN 40 SEC.**

261 ➤ **Item No. 5 Solid Waste & Recycling Collection and Disposal Services Agreement:** The Providence
 262 City Council will review, discuss and may approve an agreement for solid waste and recycling collection
 263 and disposal with Clean Slate Services. **(AGREEMENT)**

- 264 • City Manager Snow presented a three-year extension of the solid waste collection agreement
 265 with Clean Slate Services. He provided background on Providence's decision to operate
 266 independently from the 14-city consortium that contracted with Waste Management after Logan
 267 exited the solid waste business.
- 268 • Mr. Snow explained Providence's approach of purchasing trucks and cans while partnering with
 269 Clean Slate for manpower has successfully kept rates at half the increases experienced elsewhere
 270 in the valley. The service operates with a positive net position each year while building assets
 271 and reserves, funded entirely through service fees without property tax support.
- 272 • The amended agreement includes several modifications from the original two-year trial period.
 273 The service area is clearly defined as primarily Providence City limits with county-wide service
 274 capability requiring prior approval for expansion beyond Cache County.
- 275 • Financial changes include Clean Slate now paying directly for diesel fuel, with provisions for
 276 cost discussions if diesel exceeds \$8.50 per gallon. They will also pay for repairs and
 277 maintenance while reimbursing the city for mileage on the front-load truck, excluding
 278 maintenance and warranty-related mileage.
- 279 • The agreement allows Clean Slate to place approved signage on the front-load truck they lease
 280 and operate, with "operated by" language clarifying the relationship. All signage must be
 281 removable and leave trucks in good condition when contracts end.
- 282 • Payment structure includes a flat monthly rate of \$6,500 plus mileage for the front-load truck,
 283 designed to help the city recoup truck costs over a 5-7 year replacement cycle while Clean Slate
 284 handles fuel, maintenance, and repairs.
- 285 • Council Member Speth confirmed the 70-cent per mile rate and questioned insurance coverage
 286 adequacy. Mr. Snow explained Clean Slate provides primary coverage with the city carrying
 287 secondary and umbrella policies, creating multiple protection layers. He agreed to verify their
 288 actual coverage levels beyond the minimum requirements.
- 289 • The discussion included operational boundaries, with side-load trucks restricted to Providence
 290 limits except for delivery to disposal facilities. The front-load truck operates throughout the
 291 service area under Clean Slate's commercial operations.
- 292 • Council Member Sealy raised questions about multifamily residential rates, noting inquiries from
 293 HOA presidents about potential residential pricing for apartment complexes currently using
 294 commercial dumpster service. Mr. Snow explained the complexity of providing individual can
 295 service to multifamily developments, particularly regarding storage and collection logistics.
- 296 • Regarding insurance coverage, Council Member Speth expressed concern about the \$1 million
 297 minimum requirement, wondering if it should be higher given current liability awards. City
 298 Manager Snow explained that Clean Slate provides primary coverage, with the city carrying
 299 secondary coverage plus an umbrella policy, creating multiple layers of protection.
- 300 • The council discussed whether multifamily developments should pay residential rates since they
 301 are residences, but ultimately concluded the current system works effectively. Residents in

302 multifamily developments can choose their dumpster service provider and don't face the storage
303 and collection challenges of individual can service.

304 **Council Member Kunz moved to approve the solid waste and recycling collection and disposal**
305 **services agreement. Council Member Campbell seconded the motion.**

306 **Vote:**

307 **Yea- Council members Kunz, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Campbell**

308 **Nay-**

309 **Abstained-**

310 **Motion passes, contract approved.**

311 **2 HR 16 MIN 15 SEC**

312 ➤ **Item No 6 Fire Protection Agreement with the City of Logan:** The Providence City Council will
313 review, discuss and may approve an agreement for fire protection with Logan City. **(AGREEMENT)**

- 314 • City Manager Snow presented a straightforward extension of the fire protection agreement with
315 Logan City. He noted the previous five-year contract had an extension provision that was
316 currently being utilized, making this formalization necessary.
- 317 • Mr. Snow highlighted several modifications recommended by the city attorney. These include
318 language allowing Providence to pursue its own fire department if desired (though Snow
319 expressed no enthusiasm for managing such an operation), requirements for annual EMS fee
320 reporting, and provisions for contacting both the mayor and city manager for better coordination.
- 321 • The agreement maintains quarterly reporting requirements that have improved since Mr. Snow’s
322 arrival and includes a five percent annual increase rather than the previous three percent. Snow
323 explained this moderate increase is more manageable than large periodic jumps and aligns with
324 the city's sales tax growth rates.
- 325 • The contract amount totals approximately \$65,000 annually. Mr. Snow praised Logan's service,
326 particularly dedicated fire inspector Aaron Walker who functions as part of Providence's staff,
327 attending meetings and providing excellent service. He expressed confidence in the relationship
328 with Fire Chief Thompson and Mayor Mark.
- 329 • Council Member Speth inquired about any service issues, which Mr. Snow said were minimal.
330 He noted Providence receives very good fire and EMS coverage with strong working
331 relationships throughout Logan's organization.
- 332 • The council confirmed this extension maintains existing service levels while providing
333 reasonable cost increases that support Logan's operations without creating budget strain for
334 Providence.

335 **Council Member Sealy moved to accept the fire protection agreement with Logan City. Council**
336 **Member Speth seconded the motion.**

337 **Vote:**

338 **Yea- Council members Kunz, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Campbell**

339 **Nay-**

340 **Abstained-**

341 **Motion passes, contract approved.**

342 **2 HR 22 MIN 25 SEC**

343 ➤ **Item No. 7 Arbor Day Proclamation:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss and may sign
344 off on an Arbor Day Proclamation. **(PROCLAMATION)**

- 345 • City Manager Snow explained Providence's opportunity to achieve Tree City USA designation
346 by proclaiming Arbor Day. The city has completed all other requirements including conducting a
347 tree inventory that identified 4,100 city-owned trees, implementing management and pruning
348 programs, and planning to plant approximately 24 new trees in parks this year.
- 349 • Mr. Snow noted the city has hired arborists and mapped every tree with condition assessments,
350 developing comprehensive management plans. The Tree City USA designation, established
351 nationally 57 years ago, would recognize Providence's commitment to urban forestry alongside
352 other Cache Valley communities.
- 353 • The Arbor Day proclamation represents the final checkbox needed for designation application.
354 Mr. Snow emphasized the city's genuine commitment to tree care, noting they love trees in
355 appropriate locations like backyards and parks, though sometimes they conflict with sidewalk
356 infrastructure needs.
- 357 • Council Member Sealy asked about celebration plans, and Mr. Snow mentioned the tree planting
358 program and potential community education opportunities. The timing aligns with the America
359 250 celebration, making Providence's first Tree City USA designation particularly meaningful.

360 **Council Member Kirk moved to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation. Council Member Sealy**
361 **seconded the motion.**

362 **Vote:**

363 **Yea- Council members Kunz, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Campbell**

364 **Nay-**

365 **Abstained-**

366 **Motion passes, proclamation approved.**

367 **Plans and Other Business:**

368 **2 HR 27 MIN 05 SEC**

369 ➤ **Item No. 8 Fire District Alternatives:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss and may
370 take action on a memorandum from Cache County Executive George Daines regarding possible
371 alternatives to the Fire District. **(MEMORANDUM)**

- 373 • Cache County Executive George Daines presented alternatives to the current fire district
374 structure, addressing what he characterized as systemic problems with double taxation and
375 inequitable service distribution.
- 376 • He explained the current system taxes all county residents except Logan for fire services, but
377 Providence receives no benefit from approximately \$300,000 annually collected from its
378 residents. Meanwhile, Providence pays separately for Logan fire services, creating double
379 taxation for Providence residents.
- 380 • He outlined his proposed solution: establish a uniform mill levy throughout the county
381 (excluding Logan), collect funds centrally, then return every dollar collected in each city back to

that city. Cities would then use those funds however they choose for fire/EMS services, whether contracting with Logan, maintaining their own departments, or other arrangements.

- Using a \$600,000 home example, Mr. Daines showed Providence residents currently pay approximately \$75-83 annually to the county fire fund while receiving no services. Under his proposal, various mill levy options (600, 700, or 800 mills) would either maintain current costs or potentially reduce them while providing Providence with \$700,000-\$1,000,000 annually.
- This amount would exceed Providence's current fire service costs, allowing tax reductions for residents while providing surplus funds for future fire infrastructure or enhanced services. The system would also ensure unincorporated areas pay their fair shares rather than receiving subsidized services.
- He emphasized cities would maintain complete autonomy over service delivery choices. Providence could continue contracting with Logan, build its own department, or pursue other arrangements. The fire district board would add four more mayors, including Providence's mayor, giving cities control over the system.
- He noted the urgency to implement changes quickly, potentially for the 2027 tax year, to end double taxation. Cities could also choose to exit the fire district entirely, which Daines said he wouldn't oppose, though he suggested the voucher system might provide more flexibility and resources for future growth.
- Council Member Sealy asked about truth and taxation requirements, which Daines confirmed would apply in the first year, with the fire board handling subsequent years.
- The presentation included detailed financial analysis showing how the system would benefit Providence while ensuring equitable treatment across all county communities. Daines stressed this approach respects cities' autonomy while solving systemic funding inequities.
- Council thanked Mr. Daines for his presentation and noted that it gave the council a lot to think about moving forward.

2 HR 59 MIN 50 SEC.

- **Item No. 9 Tax Increase Public Hearing Date for Library:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss and may move forward with accepting Tuesday August 4th as the date for a Tax Increase Public Hearing regarding a property tax increase to fund the library.

- City Manager Snow briefly explained the need to set a public hearing date for a potential library tax increase. County showed only one available date remaining for truth in taxation proceedings: Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00 PM.
- Mr. Snow emphasized this represents continuing investigation into library funding possibilities, with the August date representing the only viable option if the council wishes to pursue truth in taxation. Setting the date doesn't commit to proceeding, but failing to set it would eliminate the option entirely.
- The hearing date must be reserved in advance with the county, and the city noted he had already submitted the paperwork to secure the slot. The hearing would focus solely on the library tax proposal with no other agenda items permitted.
- County Executive Daines observed that the potential fire district changes could provide \$300,000 annually that currently goes to the county for no services, potentially offsetting library costs. However, Council Member Sealy noted the complexity of explaining multiple tax changes simultaneously to residents and wanting the library to have a dedicated tax.

426 **Council Member Sealy moved to schedule the truth in taxation public hearing for the library on**
 427 **Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00 PM. Council Member Speth seconded the motion.**

428 **Vote:**

429 **Yea- Council Members Kunz, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Campbell**

430 **Nay-**

431 **Abstained-**

432 **Motion passes.**

433 **Public Comments:** Citizens may express their views to the City Council on issues within the City's jurisdiction.
 434 The City Council accepts comments: by email providencecityutah@gmail.com, and by text 435-752-9441.

- 436 • Mayor Alder opened the floor for public comment.
- 437 • No comments were made.

438 **3 HR 00 MIN 40 SEC**

439 **Staff Reports:** Items presented by Providence City Manager and/or Staff will be presented as information only.

- 441 • City Manager Snow provided comprehensive updates on multiple city initiatives. The tree inventory
 442 project nears completion with management plans being developed. The new trail project incorporates
 443 significant storm drain infrastructure with hopes for paving funding in next year's budget.
- 444 • The city continues pursuing property acquisitions, currently in discussions with Mr. Miller for property
 445 north of the trail to facilitate a pedestrian crossing at 400 South and First East. This would connect to
 446 planned sidewalk improvements leading toward the elementary school.
- 447 • Mr. Snow highlighted staff accomplishments across city facilities, noting particularly impressive
 448 upgrades to park restrooms, pump stations, and pavilion improvements. He praised staff pride and
 449 dedication in maintaining high standards throughout city operations.
- 450 • Grand View Park development continues with initial grading underway and future budget planning for
 451 amenities over the next 2-3 years. The city has received approval for six USU interns over the summer,
 452 with an additional intern assigned to the library, providing valuable learning opportunities while
 453 supplementing staff capacity.
- 454 • Budget development dominates his current time, with challenges from multiple contractors requesting
 455 significant increases. He noted the fire department increase, sheriff's department requests, and potential
 456 library funding creating substantial budget pressures despite six years without property tax increases.
- 457 • The city will host regional college club baseball athletics, providing exciting opportunities to showcase
 458 Providence. Mr. Snow announced upcoming skateboarding lessons at the skate park, with council
 459 members encouraged to participate in inaugural sessions.
- 460 • Mr. Snow presented a potential cemetery land acquisition opportunity: two parcels totaling 17.35 acres
 461 on the east bench. The estimated cost ranges from \$1.4 million for quick closing to \$1.7 million with
 462 extended terms, or potentially \$1.2 million for a carved-off 12-acre section.
- 463 • Council discussion revealed significant concerns about the property's challenges including 30 percent
 464 slopes above the deer fence line, single access point, power line easements, and lack of pressurized
 465 water infrastructure. The consensus indicated interest only at substantially reduced pricing given the
 466 complications involved.
- 467 • Mr. Snow noted the property would likely go to market soon, potentially creating future opportunities if
 468 initial marketing proves challenging.

- Community Development Director Skarlet Bankhead confirmed skateboarding lessons would be added to the city's recreation sign-up page and provided by Zach Shepherd's Directive team.
- The meeting concluded with Mayor Alder expressing appreciation for staff dedication and accomplishments throughout the community.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. – Council Member Kirk. 2nd- Council Member Sealy.

Vote:

Yea- Council members Kunz, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Campbell

Nay-

Abstained-

Motion passes, meeting adjourned.

Next city council meeting will be held on May 20th.

Minutes approved by vote of council on ____ day of _____ 2026.

I swear these minutes are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Ty Cameron, City Recorder