

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Ogden City Council held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:07 p.m., in the Council Chambers, and via electronic meeting, on the third floor of the Municipal Building, 2549 Washington Boulevard, Ogden City, Weber County, Utah.

Present: Chair Richard A. Hyer
 Vice Chair Dave Graf
 Council members Flor Lopez
 Kevin Lundell
 Shaun Myers
 Ken Richey
 Alicia Washington

Council Executive Director Glenn Symes
Council Assistant Executive Director Steve Burton
Council Communications Specialist Eric Davenport

Also present: Mayor Benjamin K. Nadolski
 Chief Administrative Officer Mara A. Brown
 City Attorney Gary Williams
 Chief Executive Assistant Cindy Weloth
 Deputy City Recorder Jason Gould

At the request of the Chair, all present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Weber County Fire District Honor Guard.

A moment of silence was observed.

Acknowledgements:

America250: Chair Hyer acknowledged the America250 events celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. He read a statement emphasizing that the founders envisioned a government system guided by thoughtful reflection, conversation, logic, reason, compromise, and commitment to the public good. Chair Hyer noted that constitutional conversations require civil dialogue, referencing the productive civic dialogue that occurred in their work session.

Utah State University Well-Being Project Survey: Council member Richey acknowledged the Utah State University Well-Being Project Survey currently being conducted. Mr. Richey explained that the survey, which began in 2018 and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete, aims to support community planning efforts and provide data for interested parties. He noted that Utah State University, as a land grant institution, has an obligation to pair their capacities with community needs throughout the state. Council member Richey mentioned that the university typically presents survey results to the Council following completion.

“We Are All Migrants” Exhibition: Council member Lopez invited the community to the "We Are All Migrants" exhibition at the Mary Elizabeth Dee Shaw Stewart Library on Weber State University campus. The exhibition runs through April 3, 2026 and shares stories about migration while emphasizing that everyone belongs. Council member Lopez described it as an important opportunity to learn, reflect, and support the community, calling it "amazing" and highly recommending attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Lundell stated he had reviewed the minutes of the joint work session of January 13, 2026 and the work session of February 3, 2026 and found them to be accurate to the best of his recollection.

Council member Lopez stated she had reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting and work session of January 20, 2026 and found them to be accurate to the best of her recollection.

Council member Washington stated she had reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2026 and found them to be accurate to the best of her recollection.

Vice Chair Graf stated he had reviewed the minutes of the joint work session of February 5, 2026 and found them to be accurate to the best of his recollection.

Council member Myers stated he had reviewed the minutes of the closed session of February 17, 2026 and found them to be accurate to the best of his recollection.

COUNCIL MEMBER MYERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR GRAF, ALL VOTING AYE.

Public Comments

Multiple residents addressed the Council with concerns primarily focused on Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities and community safety:

ICE Enforcement and Immigration Concerns: Stephanie Jerome, Joshua Creek, William Mitchell, Angel Castillo, Emily Fox, and Kayla Henriksen all addressed concerns about ICE activities in the community. Their main points included:

- Requests for transparent reporting on ICE detainment activities between Ogden City police and Weber County Sheriff's Office;
- Concerns about detention of individuals without criminal convictions, with statistics showing 77% of detained individuals had no criminal convictions;
- Observations of unmarked ICE agents operating without proper identification;
- Calls for written policies defining what Ogden police will not do regarding civil immigration enforcement;
- Requests for ordinances prohibiting use of city resources for civil immigration enforcement;
- Expansion of the PATH program and community engagement for undocumented families;
- Emphasis on constitutional rights and due process protections;
- Fear expressed by students and families in the community; and
- Requests for concrete action beyond verbal assurances.

Police Conduct and Equipment Concerns: Jess Mirage, a Navy veteran, expressed concerns about police response to a domestic disturbance he witnessed, questioning the deployment of what he believed was a grenade launcher and multiple police cars for what appeared to be a minor incident. Mr. Mirage connected this to broader concerns about police cooperation with ICE enforcement.

Kerry Wayne from Marriott-Slaterville addressed ongoing standing water problems at 1200 West that have reached the roadway. Mr. Wayne referenced previous promises from Mark Johnson in 2023 to address the issue and noted the Mayor's reluctance to take action. He requested temporary mitigation until roadway improvements can be implemented, emphasizing that the city created the problem through their partner Boyer and should take responsibility for fixing it.

A. Voorhees addressed the Council, providing a detailed account of an alleged incident of assault that occurred on December 31, 2024, involving a police officer. Ms. Voorhees described being assaulted, both physically and sexually, twice by the officer, although specific names couldn't be mentioned due to pending civil and criminal cases. Ms. Voorhees highlighted the difference between a crime and a presumption, emphasizing the lack of a victim in their situation and stating that the incident began with flashing lights blinding them, implying there was no legitimate cause for police intervention. Ms. Voorhees expressed deep frustration with the complaint process, recounting how their attempts to report the incident to various authorities, including the Mayor, Lieutenant, and local police departments, were met with indifference or laughter. Ms. Voorhees stated that although she submitted a complaint verbally and in writing, it seemed to have been taken lightly by the officers involved. She relayed intentions to escalate the matter to federal authorities, asserting that they had evidence, including clothing from the incident, in federal custody.

Linda Sanchez distributed materials that will aid the Mayor and Council in engaging in constitutional discussions, and she praised the Council's work session dialogue regarding communication with the public and the proposed joint resolution affirming community trust through public safety. She suggested creating a resource archive with constitutional documents to guide decision-making.

Heath Satow addressed concerns that he had about the former OPD police officer who stored photographs and data files in his garage and encouraged city leaders to review law enforcement records policies, especially those pertaining to sexual abuse.

Laura Lewis expressed skepticism about ICE enforcement claims in Ogden, noting lack of local data to support allegations and stating trust in the Mayor and Police Chief's assurances about non-cooperation with ICE activities.

Vice Chair Graf thanked residents for their attendance and engagement. He clarified that the joint resolution mentioned by Joshua Creek was not "killed" but withdrawn because it ran counter to state statute. Mr. Graf acknowledged ICE's lawless behavior in some instances across the country, calling them "a lawless bunch of thugs" in some cases. He expressed feeling powerless when federal agents arrive without proper notification and questioned what the city could do about such situations.

Council member Kevin Lundell explained that the presence of state code preventing the resolution caught everyone off guard, including Council staff and the City Attorney. He emphasized their continued efforts to find avenues for reaffirming community trust within state-imposed boundaries and appreciation for community concerns.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Nadolski expressed feeling conflicted about the requests being made, emphasizing that while residents ask the City to take a stand on constitutional rights, justice, due process, accountability, and law and order, many of the requested actions would require him to break the law and violate the constitution. He stated he would not do that, emphasizing that law is the law and federal agencies operate under federal directives. He addressed transparency concerns by reading from a public Homeland Security website listing 47 individuals with serious criminal records who were removed from Ogden, including charges such as sexual abuse of children, assault, drug trafficking, weapons possession, and fraud. He emphasized these were "bad people" who committed serious crimes and did not belong in the community, while acknowledging the challenge of removing dangerous individuals without harming contributing community members. He clarified that the Police Department does not own a grenade launcher in response to Mr. Mirage's concerns. Regarding the PATH program, the Mayor discussed efforts to provide additional investment in the program with help from Council member Lopez and other Council members.

Council member Comments

Council member Alicia Washington inquired about conversations with the police chief regarding evidence storage policies following Heath Satow's comments about the former officer case.

Mayor Nadolski stated a former officer was terminated and prosecuted for criminal conduct, emphasizing that when officers break the law, they are held accountable through proper channels. He added that strict protocols and policies dictate evidence handling, and taking evidence outside the chain of custody would violate those policies and potentially law. He emphasized that such violations result in termination and that no exceptions are allowed.

Council member Lundell clarified that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) removal of criminals is not new and has occurred under previous administrations, noting this is not what anyone is advocating against. He provided context about the PATH program, explaining that participants must be lawful residents for three to five years to qualify, meaning it doesn't protect the undocumented community with no pathway to citizenship. He emphasized that many long-term community residents have no available pathway to citizenship despite living in the community for generations or decades.

There being no further business to come before the Council, **COUNCIL MEMBER RICHEY MOVED THE MEETING ADJOURN AT 7:04 P.M. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR GRAF, ALL VOTING AYE.**

JASON GOULD
DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

RICHARD A. HYER, CHAIR

APPROVED: April 21, 2026