

**NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

April 14, 2026

The North Ogden City Council convened on April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Ogden City Public Safety Building at 515 East 2600 North.

Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah Public Notice Website on April 9, 2026.

Notice of the annual meeting schedule was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah Public Notice Website on December 10, 2025.

**Note: The timestamps indicated in blue correspond with the recording of this meeting, which can be located on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCriqbePBxTucXEzRr6fclhQ/videos> or by requesting a copy of the audio file from the North Ogden City Recorder.**

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Ryan Barker      | Mayor          |
| Tera Carney      | Council Member |
| Jay D Delpias    | Council Member |
| Chris Pulver     | Council Member |
| Christina Watson | Council Member |
| Steven Nabor     | Council Member |

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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| Jon Call       | City Manager/Attorney                        |
| Rian Santoro   | City Recorder                                |
| David Espinoza | Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager |
| Ryan Long      | Police Lieutenant                            |
| Peter Brown    | Finance Director                             |
| Scott Hess     | Community and Economic Development Director  |
| Timm Dixon     | City Engineer                                |

**VISITORS:**

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| Reed Miller    | Shiree Kimball  |
| Carol Miller   | Alicia Tischer  |
| Jeff Hodgson   | Richard Kimball |
| Nicole Hodgson | Sam Kimball     |

Charles Kimball  
Adam Bidwell  
Charlie Bidwell  
Layton Family  
Jess Wing  
Sami Wing  
Sponbeck Family  
Griffin Malmberg  
Ranel Cox

Kevin Mikkelson  
Deann Burns  
Susan Kilborn  
Zach Ward  
Merrill Sunderlund  
Ben Bailey  
Brent Call  
Michael

0:00:22 Mayor Barker called the meeting to order. Council Member Watson shared a quote from Henry Ford emphasizing unity, progress, and collaboration as the Council works through differing opinions. Following the opening remarks, those in attendance were invited to stand and participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **1. PRESENTATION OF THE STATE OF UTAH'S CONSTITUTION BEE WINNERS**

0:1:22 North Ogden resident Reed Miller invited participating students to the front and provided an overview of the Constitution Bee program, highlighting the type of knowledge students studied, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and foundational principles of government. Reed emphasized the importance of continued learning and understanding of the Constitution.

Reed reported that the Statewide competition was held at the Utah State Capitol and included elementary, junior high, and high school divisions. North Ogden Elementary had strong participation, with eight teams competing. Reed recognized Principal Ranel Cox and teachers Heidi Montag and Christa Burnett for organizing and supporting the students' preparation.

Reed explained the competition format and noted that students studied extensively and competed in multiple rounds. Several North Ogden teams performed very well, earning medals, trophies, and cash awards, including a second-place finish. Reed expressed appreciation for the students' efforts and emphasized the importance of civic education.

2. **FISCAL YEAR 2026 QUARTER 3 INVEST PORTFOLIO REPORT**

0:11:55 Treasurer Casey Hunsaker presented the City's quarterly investment report, providing an overview of current investments, returns, and financial trends. Casey explained that \$5 million had previously been moved into Meeder Investments to secure higher interest rates, and reported that the investment is now performing slightly better than the Public Treasurer's Investment Fund. Interest earned during the quarter, along with overall rates of return and average maturity, was reviewed.

Casey Hunsaker also reported on the City's balances within the Public Treasurer's Investment Fund and compared performance between the two investment strategies. Discussion among Council Members focused on investment timing, reinvestment of interest earnings, and long-term performance.

Casey further reviewed the City's outstanding sales tax revenue bonds, including remaining balances, interest rates, and the repayment structure for the bonds. Council discussion included bond maturity timelines, interest rate structures, and the financial strategy of maintaining low-interest debt.

Casey concluded with a brief overview of current economic trends, including interest rates, inflation, and market conditions, noting that rates may fluctuate in the future.

3. **SIGNING UP FOR NOTIFICATIONS ON THE CITY WEBSITE**

0:23:10 City Recorder Rian Santoro provided a brief overview of how residents can subscribe to receive notifications for City meetings, agendas, minutes, and public notices. Rian explained that subscribing helps improve transparency and keeps residents informed and engaged by delivering updates directly to their email.

Rian outlined two subscription options: the Utah Public Notice Website and the North Ogden City website, noting that both contain the same posted information. Instructions were provided on how to navigate and subscribe through each platform, including selecting specific public bodies on the State website and subscribing to page updates on the City website.

Rian emphasized that the City website requires an additional confirmation step through email, which is commonly missed. Rian also showed what the confirmation email looks like and explained how to complete the subscription process.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

0:27:19 No Conflict of Interest was disclosed.

### **5. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MARCH 24, 2026 MEETING MINUTES**

0:27:30 Council Member Nabor motioned to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Council Member Watson seconded the motion.

All those in attendance voted aye.

## **ACTIVE AGENDA**

### **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

0:28:32 Kevin Mikkelson, a North Ogden resident, addressed the Council regarding concerns about traffic speeds on 2750 North. Kevin inquired about the process for petitioning to reduce the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph, noting inconsistencies with nearby streets and frequent speeding in the area.

Kevin also expressed safety concerns related to children in the neighborhood and increased activity near the junior high, including reports of unsafe vehicle use. Kevin emphasized a desire for preventative action to improve safety.

Mayor Barker acknowledged the concern and stated that there are established rules and guidelines for such requests and that the matter would be looked into.

0:31:17 Deann Burns, a North Ogden resident, addressed the Council regarding concerns about excessive temporary signage throughout the City, stating that the volume of signs creates a negative appearance and appears to violate City ordinance. Deann questioned why enforcement is not occurring and expressed frustration that residents feel responsible for reporting or monitoring compliance. Concerns were also raised about responsiveness and communication from City staff.

Council Member Pulver acknowledged the concern and agreed that the signage is an issue.

Council Member Pulver explained that enforcement priorities are typically focused on higher-level safety concerns, but noted efforts are underway to improve code enforcement responsiveness.

Council Member Pulver encouraged residents to report violations through non-emergency dispatch so they can be properly logged and addressed.

**0:36:03** Reed Miller, a North Ogden resident, addressed the Council regarding a recent increase in his utility bill, noting an approximate \$15 increase. Reed expressed concern about how the increase was approved and whether residents had input in the decision. Reed Miller also referenced prior tax increases and questioned the cumulative financial impact on residents. Reed acknowledged the need for funding City services, such as roads and maintenance, but expressed concern about transparency and the potential impact on other residents.

**0:37:49** Alicia Tischer, a North Ogden resident, addressed the Council regarding a traffic safety concern near the Wendy's intersection. Alicia noted that the existing concrete barrier is not clearly marked and lacks signage indicating that only a right turn is allowed, which has led to confusion and near collisions. Alicia suggested adding reflective yellow markings or a no left turn sign to improve visibility and safety. Mayor Barker and staff acknowledged the concern and indicated they would look into the issue, noting the intersection may be under UDOT jurisdiction.

## **7. AUDIT - FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AUDIT REPORT**

**0:39:00** Finance Director Peter Brown presented the Fiscal Year 2024–2025 Audit Report and provided a summary of the audit findings. Peter explained that the audit was conducted in accordance with applicable standards and resulted in an unmodified, or “clean,” opinion. One compliance finding was noted regarding the timing of the City's Fraud Risk Assessment filing, and staff indicated corrective steps will be taken moving forward.

Peter Brown reviewed key components of the audit, including internal controls, financial statements, and notable variances. Explanations were provided for changes in property tax reporting, increases in public safety expenditures due to depreciation and compensated absences, and a higher-than-expected fund balance resulting from additional captured revenues and controlled expenses.

Council Members discussed the timing of the audit, the clarity of financial reporting, and the need for improved processes moving forward.

Members of the Audit Committee noted challenges due to staff turnover and emphasized plans to improve timelines, transparency, and understanding of financial reports in future years.

**Council Member Dalpias motioned to accept the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Audit Report. Council Member Pulver seconded the motion.**

**Voting on the motion:**

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| <b>Council Member Dalpias</b> | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Pulver</b>  | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Watson</b>  | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Carney</b>  | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Nabor</b>   | <b>aye</b> |

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**8. Policy – Cash Receipting**

**0:59:53** Treasurer Casey Hunsaker presented the Cash Receipting Policy for review, noting it was last updated in April 2022. Casey explained that the purpose of the policy is to outline how payments are received, processed, and deposited, and stated that the primary update reflects the City’s transition to the MyViewPoint and Community Connect systems. Casey also indicated a goal to review such policies annually moving forward.

Council Members discussed potential clarifications and additions to the policy, including language related to authorization for opening bank accounts, management of petty cash or imprest funds, and internal controls for handling and depositing cash. Suggestions included strengthening policy language, incorporating imprest fund guidance, and evaluating procedures to ensure adequate safeguards.

Following the discussion, the Council agreed that additional revisions were needed, and a motion was made to table the Cash Receipting Policy for further updates and consideration at a future meeting.

**Council Member Pulver motioned to Table the Cash Receipting Policy. Council Member Nabor seconded the motion.**

**Voting on the motion:**

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| <b>Council Member Dalpias</b> | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Pulver</b>  | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Watson</b>  | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Carney</b>  | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Nabor</b>   | <b>aye</b> |

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**9. POLICY - INVESTMENT**

**1:12:12** Treasurer Casey Hunsaker presented the Investment Policy for Council review, noting no changes had been made since its last adoption in 2022. Casey explained the policy aligns with the Utah Money Management Act and outlines allowable investment practices, emphasizing the priorities of safety of principal, liquidity, and yield. Council Members discussed aspects of the policy, including authorization for investment decisions, potential future investment strategies, and how investment income is allocated across City funds. It was noted that current practices prioritize conservative investment approaches and compliance with state guidelines.

**Council Member Pulver motioned to accept the Investment Policy. Council Member Carney seconded the motion.**

**Voting on the motion:**

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| <b>Council Member Dalpias</b> | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Pulver</b>  | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Watson</b>  | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Carney</b>  | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Nabor</b>   | <b>aye</b> |

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**Council Member Dalpiaz motioned for a five-minute break. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carney. All those in attendance voted aye.**

**10. BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET PREPARATION AND PLANNING**

**1:30:11** Finance Director Peter Brown presented an overview of Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget preparation and planning, focusing on revenue sources, forecasting approaches, and policy considerations. Peter reviewed major revenue categories, including property tax, sales tax, fees, intergovernmental revenue, and enterprise funds, and explained their levels of predictability, restrictions, and flexibility.

Peter Brown outlined different approaches to revenue forecasting, particularly for sales tax, and facilitated Council discussion on balancing conservative budgeting practices with improved accuracy. Council Members discussed risk tolerance, historical trends, and the importance of aligning revenue projections with actual performance to avoid unnecessary tax increases while maintaining financial stability.

Discussion also included property tax procedures under updated State requirements, including the need to tie any proposed tax increase to specific programs or positions. Council Members reviewed options for budgeting strategies, including maintaining a conservative surplus versus refining projections for greater precision.

City Manager/Attorney Jon Call presented information regarding employee compensation, including historical practices and proposed ranges for salary adjustments. Discussion included impacts on the budget, benefits costs, and market competitiveness, as well as the importance of transparency in total compensation.

No final decisions were made, and the discussion provided direction to staff for continued refinement of the proposed budget.

**11. ORDINANCE 2026-09 – UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CULINARY WATER**

**2:56:30** City Manager/Attorney Jon Call presented Ordinance 2026-09 regarding the unauthorized use of culinary water.

Jon explained the ordinance was developed to clarify existing rules, particularly during drought conditions, and to address confusion from residents about when culinary water use is permitted. The ordinance allows limited use for essential watering, such as small gardens, when secondary water is unavailable, but otherwise restricts use during a declared drought.

Council Members discussed enforcement and penalty structure, including concerns about appropriate fine amounts and the importance of providing a warning prior to citation. Additional discussion included code enforcement capacity and whether enforcement should be proactive or complaint-based.

**Council Member Dalpias motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-09 with a penalty structure of a written warning for the first violation and a \$500 fine for subsequent violations. Council Member Nabor seconded the motion.**

**Voting on the motion:**

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| <b>Council Member Dalpias</b> | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Pulver</b>  | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Watson</b>  | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Carney</b>  | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Council Member Nabor</b>   | <b>aye</b> |

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **12. CITY COUNCIL PILLAR ASSIGNMENT UPDATE**

### **a. Community: Council Members Pulver and Dalpias**

**3:11:12** Council Member Pulver provided updates on several ongoing City projects, including Barker Park, the dog park, North Shore planning, general plan and zoning updates, recycling efforts, hillside trail planning, and welcome sign improvements. Council Member Pulver noted progress on some items and requested additional status updates.

Council Member Dalpias reported that work has begun on the welcome signs, including coordination with community partners and outreach for design concepts.

Council Member Dalpiaz also shared that Cherry Days sponsorship opportunities are available and encouraged interested businesses to participate.

**b. Employees: Mayor Barker**

3:13:29 Mayor Barker provided an employee and staffing update, noting that a new police officer has been officially sworn in and is now actively working. Mayor Barker also reported that four seasonal parks employees have been hired, with additional positions still open and interviews ongoing. Recruitment is also underway for seasonal aquatic center staff, with training scheduled to begin at the end of April. Mayor Barker expressed appreciation to the Parks Department for their work at Mountain View Park and acknowledged community participation at the recent opening. Mayor Barker also noted that an Arbor Day event is scheduled for the following week.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

3:14:37 Brent Call, a North Ogden resident, expressed appreciation for the Council's discussion on the budget and found the information helpful in better understanding the process. He shared a suggestion regarding financial procedures, noting that in his experience, checks can be processed electronically rather than physically delivered to the bank. Brent also expressed support for a conservative budgeting approach, stating a preference for maintaining surplus funds and emphasizing the importance of public education in financial decisions. Brent thanked the Council for their service.

3:17:19 Susan Kilborn, a North Ogden resident, addressed the Council regarding the recently approved culinary water ordinance. Susan expressed support for stricter enforcement measures and stated a preference for a higher penalty amount, noting that a \$1,000 fine would serve as a stronger deterrent. She also emphasized concerns about long-term water availability despite recent rainfall and encouraged the Council to take a proactive approach to water conservation.

**14. MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

**3:18:55** Council Member Dalpiaz shared a positive experience involving newly sworn-in Officer Arnell, noting a personal interaction that highlighted the officer's positive presence in the community. Council Member Dalpiaz expressed appreciation for the Police Department and the impact officers have as role models within the community.

**3:19:12** Mayor Barker shared updates regarding coordination with Pleasant View City, including a proposal to allow Pleasant View residents temporary use of North Ogden's green waste facility while their decant facility is under construction. Mayor Barker indicated that details, including fees and a formal agreement, will be brought back to the Council at a future meeting.

Council Member Pulver raised considerations regarding capacity, and Mayor Barker noted minimal anticipated impact and potential air quality benefits.

Mayor Barker also informed the Council of an invitation to participate in Pleasant View's Founders Day pickleball tournament as an opportunity to build relationships between the two cities.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Carney motioned to adjourn the meeting.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.**

  
Ryan M. Barker, Mayor



Rian Santoro  
City Recorder

4/20/20

Date Approved

