



## SMITHFIELD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES April 22, 2026

The Smithfield City Council met in a specially scheduled meeting at 96 South Main Street, Smithfield, Utah on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Aaron Rudie was in the chair.

Opening remarks by Todd Orme

**Council Members in Attendance:** Jay Downs, John Engler, Chris Olsen, Todd Orme

**Council Members Excused:** Jenn Staker

**City Staff:** Justin Lewis (City Manager), Dana Lazcanotegui (City Recorder), Clay Bodily (City Engineer)

**Visitors:** Mark Anderson, Jordan Knutson, Shawn Milne, Lee Helms, Shawn Anderson, Debbie Zilles, Caralee Stokes

### **Presentation and discussion with representatives from AllTech, LLC on IT services and cybersecurity.**

Mark Anderson, President of AllTech LLC, stated that the company serves as Smithfield City's technical services partner, providing a range of services, including computers, phones, network infrastructure, technical support, surveillance systems, and cybersecurity. He outlined the company's organizational model, emphasizing a solutions-based approach and the importance of serving as a strategic partner through consistent communication, business enablement, user support and risk mitigation and strategic planning. He stated that he meets regularly to review needs and ensure the City remains informed about evolving technology and security requirements. They have mapped all the various sites and needs for each department. AllTech strives to provide a high standard of service management while balancing security needs with operational efficiency across multiple City facilities and departments. Mr. Anderson discussed the company's "zero trust network access (ZTNA)" approach and emphasized the importance of detecting, identifying, and protecting against modern potential cyber threats.

Mr. Anderson noted that automated (bot) traffic on the internet now exceeds human activity and that cybersecurity threats continue to evolve as technology advances. He explained that effective security requires a layered approach. A significant percentage of security breaches, approximately 85-90%, originate from user actions, often unintentional, such as clicking on malicious links. He added that implementing security awareness training can reduce potential threats by approximately 70%.

Mr. Lewis said the backup service they offer is a very important component. A while back the Caselle accounting software utilized at the city office crashed and years of information from the utility database was lost. Fortunately, with their assistance, the information was retrieved within a couple of hours. They also help with surveillance

equipment, especially for what is required during the election. He appreciates the ability to call on them when needed.

Councilmember Olsen asked if the camera information has backup and storage. Mr. Anderson explained that the footage is recorded digitally to an NVR (Network Video Recorder) which is stored for 30 days. Councilmember Olsen asked if this is run through a subscription fee. Mr. Anderson said the hardware is purchased by the City, installed and then the NVR is stored onsite, there is no monthly fee for the service. Hikvision is the vendor they work with.

Councilmember Orme asked for more information about vulnerability and exploit discovery and remediation. The company he works for interacts with the Claude Platform and although he recognizes the fantastic benefits it offers, he also respects the capabilities and possible security considerations. He asked about the public computers at the library, which seem like a high vulnerability environment. Mr. Anderson said the library computers are set up to prohibit installation of any software and only allows access to ethical and legal sites. He is an advocate for vulnerability scanning but that does come with extra costs. One of the most important components is backing up and recover data quickly. The recommendation this year is to address the architect and segmentation of the network and address any issues.

Councilmember Engler asked what the City is currently not doing that and could or should. Mr. Anderson said the City has the equipment and technology to do the job, moving forward more cybersecurity and protection should be implemented. Opportunistic attacks are far more common than targeted.

At Councilmember Olsen's request, Mr. Anderson will look into additional training tools, beyond what the state mandates.

Mayor Rudie asked if there is a list of recommendations versus cost. Mr. Anderson can provide additional information and will send it to the Council.

### **Discussion on Economic Development Tools.**

Shawn Milne, BRAG (Bear River Association of Governments) Director of Community & Economic Development and Intergovernmental Affairs, provided a presentation on municipal economic development. Mr. Milne is a resident of Smithfield.

#### Discussion Highlights:

Economic development is a term that gets thrown around and may mean different things for citizens, developers and local business community.

Councilmember Orme said for citizens it can mean cost of living, quality of life and affordability, which comes back to the balance of the City's capability and infrastructure.

Councilmember Engler said it can be the resources available to run City and all the different services, products and resources. The Council is interested in strengthening and broadening the base of revenue in order to provide necessary services.

Councilmember Olsen said it is also ensuring that the application of resources is done efficiently.

Primary revenue sources include: taxes, fees for service in the enterprise funds, PTIF/earned Interest, intergovernmental which include grants and other economical sources.

Ways to increase revenue, without raising taxes. Using the formula of aggregated property values multiplied by certified tax rate equals total revenues. If property values go up, the tax rate will automatically go down which will result in the same amount of revenue. If property values go down, the tax rate will shift up. New growth can be a caveat to this formula. Growth in the commercial component is good to provide quality of life for residents. Not all growth is created equally such as residential versus business.

The competitive landscape includes proximity to micropolitan center, limited capacity, proactive versus reactive strategy, lack of planning, and lack of signaling (business-friendly environment), workforce (mobile and skilled), quality of life, blank canvas, available ground, favorable tax environment and available tools.

The most basic tool of economic development is incentive(s) “carrot versus stick” scenario.

Tax incentive financing (TIF) is a valuable tool. This can be done by the City alone or working with other tax entities such as the fire district, school district, and special services districts based on the plan strategy.

CRA is a “community reinvestment area”. Typical expenses: municipal, developer, anchor, housing, administration, promotion.

A typical CRA process can include: identify project area, developer/business alignment, and third-party financial analysis, negotiate TIF terms, public hearings and approvals and implementation.

Councilmember Engler said getting a CRA in place, negotiating with businesses and other agencies is a difficult and complex issue. Mr. Milne said he can help with facilitation and direction. The cost for administrative fees through BRAG is a percentage of the TIF. His position is largely subsidized through Cache County because of legislation appropriations. There can be proactive or reactive strategies based on the goals and plan of the City.

The City needs to consider long-term objectives and strategy. Goals should be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timely. Objectives need to be determined and strategies need to be evaluated. Mr. Milne is happy to come in and workshop with the Council anytime.

Councilmember Engler remarked that Smithfield is a unique makeup, specifically with Logan nearby, and asked how to appropriately measure an ideal balance between

population versus revenue-based commercial, retail and industrial and determine the economic health of the community. Mr. Milne said it depends on the City's objectives and long-term vision. There needs to be a recognition that these changes will not be overnight. Retail development is generally a result of years of planning and preparation. Councilmember Engler said this information is very helpful and can be a very useful and alternative tool to raising taxes. This can be an education process for residents as well. Councilmember Orme agreed and said an informed community can help plan future growth.

The Council thanked Mr. Milne for his presentation. Mr. Lewis will send the digital presentation to the members.

\*\*\* The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. \*\*\*

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Aaron Rudie, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Dana Lazcanotegui, City Recorder



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**AGENDA**

Public Notice is given that the Smithfield City Council will meet in a specially scheduled meeting at 96 South Main, Smithfield, Utah, on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.

Welcome/pledge of allegiance and thought/prayer by Todd Orme

1. Presentation and discussion with representatives of AllTech, LLC on IT services and cybersecurity.
2. Discussion on economic development tools.

Adjournment

This is a public meeting; however, public comments will not be accepted

**\*\*\*Items on the agenda may be considered earlier than shown on the agenda.\*\*\***

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