

**Minutes of the North Logan City
City Council
Held on May 20, 2026
At the North Logan City Offices, North Logan, Utah**

(0:00:00 - Time stamps throughout the minutes below, indicate the time an item begins in the recording of the meeting.)

Item #1 - Opening Business

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lyndsay Peterson at 6:30 p.m.

Council members present were: Lyndsay Peterson, Buzzy Mullahkhel, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese, and Larry Hepworth. (Mark Hancey was excused).

Others present were: Alan Luce, Scott Perkes, Jordan Oldham, Aaron Thaxton, Police Chief Kent Goodrich, Fire Chief Nate Thompson, Sandy Spendlove, R. William Lusk, Quila Buhler, and Matt Cook.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Emily Schmidt

An invocation was given by Larry Hepworth

Adoption of Agenda

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Motion

Emily Schmidt made a motion to adopt the agenda, as presented. Buzzy Mullahkhel seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese, and Larry Hepworth voting in favor.

Recognition of Exemplary Staff Member

Danny Wells was recognized as North Logan City's Exemplary Staff Member for:

- Exceptional work ethic and dedication.
- Leadership and positive influence within the Streets Department.
- Ability to maintain morale while completing difficult projects.
- Significant contributions to city operations and public service.

The Council expressed appreciation for the Streets Department's critical role in maintaining city infrastructure and services.

Presentation by R. William Lusk

Mr. Lusk, representing the State of Utah emergency management community, presented the Utah Emergency Management Association Community Impact Award to Sandy Spendlove. The award recognizes outstanding emergency preparedness leadership and community impact among more than 300 emergency management organizations statewide.

Buzzy Mullahkhel read a proclamation honoring and recognizing Sandy Spendlove for her efforts, including:

- Founding and developing the North Logan Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
- Creating one of the largest emergency preparedness volunteer programs in Cache Valley.
- Organizing regular neighborhood preparedness trainings.
- Developing emergency communication exercises adopted by other organizations.
- Helping North Logan achieve the highest rating in northern Utah during a FEMA preparedness exercise.

The Council formally expressed gratitude for Sandy's years of service and commitment to community safety.

Proclamation recognizing Law Enforcement

Kenny Reese read the proclamation declaring May 20, 2026 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

The proclamation recognized:

- The service of the North Park Police Agency.
- The sacrifices made by officers and their families.
- The agency's role in protecting residents, businesses, schools, and public spaces.
- The department's commitment to safeguarding citizen rights.

Reports from Public Safety Officials

Police Chief Kent Goodrich's report included:

- Officers completed Emergency Vehicle Operations training and Annual firearms qualifications.
- May 10-16 Department Call Volume and Incident Types:
 - Total 129 (110 from North Logan, 19 from Hyde Park).
 - 56% of calls were priority calls.
 - 78 traffics stops, 24 citations, 54 warnings.

Review of Strategic Directives and Action Items

Alan Luce reviewed items with the Council, including:

- Public Works and Utilities:
 - Master Signage and Wayfinding planning meetings continuing in June and July.
 - Significant reduction in groundwater infiltration into sewer system.
 - Crack sealing and sidewalk improvement projects continue.
 - Stormwater master plan should be ready for Council review soon.
- Parks and Recreation:
 - RAPZ funding received for Elkridge Park north parking lot expansion and safety upgrades, which will support community events.
 - Bonneville Shoreline Trail easements acquisitions continue, grant funding secured.

Consent Items

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Motion

Emily Schmidt made a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Kenny Reese seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese, and Larry Hepworth voting in favor. The consent items were the May 6, 2026 meeting minutes for City Council, Local Building Authority, and Re-Development Agency.

New Business

Item #2: Public Hearing to receive public input and consider approval of an ordinance to vacate a 10-foot public utility easement located along the east side (rear) lot line of Lot 55 Mahogany Ridge Subdivision Phase 4 (3450 N 1930 E).

Aaron Thaxton presented the following:

- No utilities currently exist within the easement.
- Nearby open space provides alternative future utility access.
- Property owner seeks full use of the lot for landscaping and related improvements

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Mayor Peterson read aloud the guidelines for speaking at a public hearing and opened the public hearing at 6:54 p.m., and then closed it, as there were no public comments forthcoming.

Council discussion with staff included:

- Vacation applies only to the east-side easement.
- Setbacks remain unchanged.
- No objections or public comments were submitted.

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Motion

Kenny Reese made a motion to approve the vacation of the public utility easement on the east side of lot 55 Mahogany Ridge located at 3450 North 1930 East. Emily Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese, and Larry Hepworth voting in favor.

Item #3: Consider a request for a Zoning Map Amendment (Rezone) of one full parcel currently in the Residential Estate RE-1 zone (Parcel ID: 04-084-0045). This parcel is proposed to be rezoned to the Residential R-1-15 zone.

Scott Perkes presented an overview, including:

- Rezone request for Parcel # 04-084-0045:
 - from: RE-1 (Residential Estate, requiring 1 acre lots).
 - to R1-15 (Residential, requiring 15,000 sq. ft. lots).
 - Potential future development could increase from roughly 2–3 lots to approximately 8 lots.
- Planning Commission Recommendation
 - Public hearing held.
 - Concerns raised regarding stormwater drainage.
 - Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval.

Council discussion with staff included:

- Stormwater Concerns:
 - Existing drainage challenges in adjacent neighborhoods.
 - Importance of proper stormwater design in future subdivision review.
- Future Development Review:
 - State law now limits City Council review authority over residential subdivision approvals.
 - Technical review occurs through staff and Planning Commission.
- Housing and Growth Considerations:
 - Demand for estate-sized lots.
 - Moderate-income housing pressures.
 - Long-term growth objectives identified in city planning documents.

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Motion

Emily Schmidt made a motion to approve the rezone of the parcel that is currently in RE1, parcel ID 04-084-0045, to residential R115. Buzzy Mullahkhel seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese, and Larry Hepworth voting in favor.

Item #4: Consider approving the recommendations from the Fire Chief regarding the 2026 dates/times and geographic boundaries for the sale and ignition of private fireworks in North Logan City.

Fire Chief Nate Thompson presented the annual fireworks restrictions map and recommendations.

- The primary restricted boundary remains along 1600 East.
- Legal Fireworks Sales: June 24 – July 25
- Legal Fireworks Discharge:
 - July 2–5 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., with July 4 extended until midnight
 - July 22–25: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., with July 24 extended until midnight
- Fire Safety Discussion
 - Increasing wildfire concerns statewide.
 - Wayne County already under elevated fire restrictions.
 - State Fire Marshal will determine any future restrictions.

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Motion

Buzzy Mullahkhel made a motion to approve the recommendations from the Fire Chief regarding the 2026 stated times and geographic boundaries for the sale and ignition of private fireworks in North Logan City. Emily Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese, and Larry Hepworth voting in favor.

Fire Chief Nate Thompson presented a Fire Department report, which included:

- Personnel Changes:
- Retirement: Operations Chief Robert LaCroix after 34 years of service.
- Promotions: Josh Francis to Operations Chief, Andy Shock to Assistant EMS Chief, and Steve Sorensen to Training Chief
- Recruitment: Hiring process scheduled for June. Two to three firefighters expected to be hired.
- Service Statistics: Fire incidents have increased significantly compared to previous years.
 - More brush and rubbish fires.
 - Increased risk due to dry conditions.
 - Fire activity up across all contracted cities.
- Future Fire Station Planning: for future Zone 73 Fire Station.

City Council Work Session Items

Item #5: Discussion regarding proposed updates to the North Logan Culinary Water Fee Schedule.

Zac Root presented an overview, including.

- Proposed Base Rate increase of approximately \$1 per meter per month to fund:
 - Cellular meter communication systems.
 - Real-time customer dashboard access.
 - Leak detection improvements.
- Minor Tier Adjustments proposed for 30,000–60,000 gallon tier and 60,000–90,000 gallon tier:
 - Better align pricing structure.
 - Encourage conservation.

Council discussion with staff included:

- Water conservation goals.
- Comparison with neighboring cities.
- Protecting residents on fixed incomes.
- Incentivizing responsible outdoor watering.
- New Meter Technology Benefits
 - Residents will gain access to:
 - Near real-time usage data.
 - Leak notifications.
 - Consumption alerts.
 - Detailed water use analytics.
- Staff noted North Logan remains among the lowest-cost providers for average users while maintaining higher rates for excessive consumption.
- Staff report on drought conditions:
 - Reservoir levels statewide are historically low.
 - Groundwater levels remain stable but are monitored daily.
 - Secondary water shortages may create public pressure to switch to culinary water.
- Council requested additional public education regarding:
 - Water restrictions.
 - Secondary water limitations.
 - Conservation expectations.

Item #6: Updates regarding North Logan's water capital improvement projects.

Zac Root reviewed updates, including:

- Water Tank Project:

- Roof installation scheduled for June 2.
- Remaining piping and valve work to follow.
- Completion expected by August 5.
- Landscaping and visual screening plans discussed for exposed slope surrounding the facility.

Item #7: Updates on Civic Center.

Alan Luce reviewed updates:

- Library Roof: Insurance-funded replacement underway. New metal roof expected to eliminate long-standing leak issues.
- Library interior renovation continues.

Item #8: Reports from City officers, boards, and committees.

Scott Perkes reviewed Community Development and Drainage Discussion, including:

- Stormwater infrastructure.
- Drainage basin performance.
- Groundwater impacts on subdivisions.
- Geotechnical study requirements.

Council requested continued monitoring of drainage concerns in developing neighborhoods.

Alan Luce reviewed some general updates and events:

- Upcoming North Logan City public hearings regarding revisions to FY2026 budgets and adopting proposed FY2027 budgets on June 2nd and June 3rd.
- Upcoming events include:
 - Memorial Day Program: May 25th at 11 a.m.
 - Library Summer Kick-Off: June 1st.
 - Utah League of Cities and Towns Cache Valley Lunch: June 8th.
 - D.L. Evans Bank Groundbreaking: June 9th.
 - Touch-A-Truck Event: June 13th.
 - Pioneer Day Celebration: July 24th.

Emily Schmidt was excused from the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Item #9: Mayor item updates and coordination with legislators, ULCT, Fire District, CMPO, COG, CWC, RAPZ, Recreation Center Committee, Public Communication, ... etc.

Mayor Peterson reviewed items, including:

- America 250 Celebration: discussion regarding participation in the nationwide America 250 commemorative activities and possible community events.
- Fire District Governance: updates provided regarding countywide fire district funding and governance discussions.
- Recreation Center Planning: discussion regarding county recreation facility proposals, including aquatic center concepts and potential long-term city participation.

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Motion

Buzzy Mullahkhel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kenny Reese seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese, and Larry Hepworth voting in favor.

The meeting adjourned at: 8:02 p.m.

Approved by City Council:

June 17, 2026

Transcribed by: Scott Bennett

Recorded by:



Scott Bennett/City Recorder