

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

**Present:**

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| City Council:   | Braden Mitchell, Mayor<br>Alan Arnold, Councilmember<br>Bart Stevens, Councilmember<br>Anne Hansen, Councilmember<br>Michael Richter, Councilmember<br>Kent Anderson, Councilmember                                                                                                                                      |
| City Employees: | Steve Brooks, City Administrator/Attorney<br>Casey Warren, Police Chief<br>Cody Cardon, Business Administrator<br>Brandon Cooper, Community Development Director<br>Shawn Douglas, Public Works Director<br>Rich Taylor, Community Services Director<br>Matthew Hennessy, Fire Chief<br>Michelle Marigoni, City Recorder |
| Excused:        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Visitors:       | Stacey Haws<br>Allen Miller<br>Fernando Mendoza                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

### **Welcome & Roll Call**

The City Council meeting began at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance, including all Council Members, City Staff, and members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Steve Brooks

**Invocation** – Cody Cardon

### **Public Comment**

Mayor Mitchell reminded people to remain civil and dignified and thanked members of the public, council, and employees for attending. He invited members of the public to speak and noted that no action would be taken during public comment. Comments were limited to three minutes.

Allen Miller addressed the council regarding concerns about a proposed property tax increase and its impact on residents.

Seeing no other public comment, the meeting proceeded.

### **Presentations and Reports**

#### **1. Mayor's Report**

WACOG – Transfer station update – Ogden City moved away from the Weber Transfer Station and to the new Ogden station run by Robinson Waste, which will have a detrimental effect on the Weber station. Republic is also now taking over Robinson Waste.

RAMP EZ Grants were awarded to Riverdale City, \$2000 for the Halloween event and \$2000 for the Senior Center.

The senior center had a very successful and well-attended health fair.

#### **2. City Council Assignment Reports**

Housing – Councilor Stevens reported \$100 million allocated by the legislature for infrastructure.

**Development Review Committee Report**

Councilor Richter reported information would be provided to the council and that the committee would help keep the council informed of upcoming projects.

**The council agreed by consensus to reorder the action items to address the presentation of the tentative budget first.**

**Action Items**

**1. Presentation of Tentative Budget for FY 2027**

Mr. Cardon presented the tentative budget for FY 2027, covering various funds including the general fund, RDA funds, water fund, sewer fund, stormwater fund, and others. He reviewed revenues, expenditures, proposed increases, and capital projects.

Councilor Arnold requested a specific breakdown of the apartment side of the senior center and expressed the view that it should be ended due to costs. Councilmember Richter thanked staff for the presentation but stated that more detailed information should be provided much earlier to allow sufficient time for review and discussion of each element. He recognized that a decision on the tentative budget was required at this meeting.

Mr. Cardon noted the time constraints of the budget process. Councilmember Richter acknowledged this and indicated that another meeting could be held before final budget adoption. Discussion turned to whether to proceed with Truth in Taxation. Councilmember Arnold expressed that he did not want to move forward with the tax increase. Councilmember Richter stated that it was difficult to support an increase at this time.

Councilor Stevens disagreed and noted that it is less costly to conduct Truth in Taxation when multiple cities are doing so and that it is less painful when done more regularly.

Councilor Anderson noted that a \$120,000 increase in a budget of this size is minimal and practical, especially with rising fees and rates elsewhere. He highlighted Riverdale's unique situation with the 2030 planning issue and upcoming retail competition from new stores in nearby cities. He suggested that cost reductions combined with a modest tax increase should be considered to meet in the middle.

**2. Notice that an Executive Officer or Budget Officer of Riverdale City intends to state the following:**

- a. Riverdale City is considering a tax rate that exceeds the certified tax rate
- b. The approximate dollar amount and purpose of the ad valorem tax revenue increase
- c. The approximate percentage increase in ad valorem tax revenue that is based on the tax rate increase
- d. Riverdale City will provide notice of and conduct a public hearing as required, where members of the public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed increase.

**3. Statement of Budget Officer: Notice regarding a proposed property tax rate increase in the FY2027 Tentative Budget**

**4. Presentation of Proposed Property Tax Impact Schedule**

**5. Consideration of Resolution #2026-015 adopting the FY2027 Tentative Budget and Property Tax Impact Schedule, and setting a public hearing date**

The council continued discussion on the budget process, public hearing requirements, and options regarding the proposed tax rate increase. Council members provided input on next steps for the Truth in Taxation process and final budget adoption.

**Motion:** Councilmember Richter moved to amend to remove the proposed property tax increase and otherwise approve Resolution #2026-15 and the tentative budget.

**Second:** Councilmember Arnold

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| Councilor Stevens:  | No  |
| Councilor Hansen:   | Yes |
| Councilor Arnold:   | Yes |
| Councilor Richter:  | Yes |
| Councilor Anderson: | No  |

The motion passed 3 in favor and 2 opposed. The tentative budget will be adopted with no Truth in Taxation process.

**Upcoming Events**

- Ken Garff Honda Ribbon Cutting May 8th 12:00 p.m.
- Old Glory Days parade registration is open, all other registrations open May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Memorial Day May 25<sup>th</sup> – Offices closed

**Comments**

1. City Council

Councilmember Hansen reported that the Riverdale Band had a great concert. She asked if funding was budgeted for the band. Mr. Taylor stated that he applies for EZ grants and that funds are available in the miscellaneous account as needed. The band also collects small fees for some performances, which are returned to the city. Councilmember Hansen appreciated the council's input during the budget discussion and noted that they are trying to do what is best for the residents. She stated that Truth in Taxation should be addressed more regularly and felt the 2030 committee should have more opportunities to explore cost-saving solutions beyond 2030.

Councilmember Arnold shared that a resident had contacted him regarding planned developments. He noted that Sherwood Park has 75 homes served by only one meter, which moves to a higher tier after 10,000 gallons. Mr. Douglas explained that individual metering is now required for all units unless they are rentals. Councilmember Arnold stated that Angie is attentive to each resident's concerns and offered to explain details to any resident who calls.

Councilmember Stevens commented on the purpose of the comments section.

2. City Staff

Mr. Brooks stated that the final budget would be presented on June 16th. Mayor Mitchell requested that the presentation be sent to the council. Councilmember Arnold asked for additional details on the apartments at the senior center. Mr. Douglas noted that it is difficult to separate them because the apartments are closely integrated with the rest of the senior center.

3. Mayor

Mayor Mitchell requested that a 2030 committee meeting be held before the June budget meeting.

**Adjournment**

Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Arnold moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Richter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

**Date Approved: 6/2/2026**