



**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026

Note: The regularly scheduled City Council work session normally held at 5 pm was canceled. Instead, a tree planting ceremony in recognition of South Ogden's 90th Birthday was held outside of City Hall near the Veteran's Memorial. This was a social event and no city business was discussed or voted upon. Refreshments were served inside City Hall after the ceremony. City Council meeting was held at the normal time of 6 pm.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Russell Porter, Council Members Mike Howard, Jeanette Smyth, Doug Stephens, and Jeremy Howe

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED

Council Member Peterson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Matt Dixon, Assistant City Manager Summer Palmer, City Attorney Amy Hugie, Finance Director Peter Anjewierden, Public Works Director Jon Andersen, Fire Chief Cameron West, Police Chief Darin Parke, Planner Alika Murphy, Code Compliance Officer Guillermo Garcia, Events and Communications Manager Danielle Bendinelli, and Recorder Leesa Kapetanov

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Rod Nelson, Bruce & Joyce Hardman, and others

Note: The time stamps indicated in **blue** correspond to the audio recording of this meeting, which can be found by clicking this link:

https://cms7files.revize.com/southogdennew/document_center/Sound%20Files/2026/CC260707_1653.mp3?t=202607151754240&t=202607151754240 or by requesting a copy from the office of the South Ogden City Recorder.

I. OPENING CEREMONY

A. Call To Order

- Mayor Porter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He excused Council Member Peterson who was dealing with a fire in connection with his job, then called for a motion to begin the meeting. 00:00:00

Council Member Smyth so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stephens. In a voice vote Council Members Howard, Smyth, Stephens, and Howe all voted aye.

B. Prayer/Moment of Silence

- The mayor led those present in a moment of silence

C. Pledge Of Allegiance

- Council Member Stephens led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mayor Porter invited anyone who wished to make a comment to come forward.
 - Rod Nelson 00:01:16 Asked about construction on Adams Ave. and if a rezone would affect his property

III. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mayor Porter invited Public Works Director Jon Andersen to respond to Mr. Nelson's questions 00:03:06

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of June 16, 2026 Council Minutes

- Mayor Porter asked if any corrections needed to be made to the minutes. City Recorder Leesa Kapetanov noticed a name was misspelled; she would correct it. The mayor called for a motion to approve the consent agenda with the correction.

00:06:21

Council Member Howe so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smyth. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

V. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Resolution 26-19 – Approving an Agreement with Siddons-Martin for Purchase of Ambulance

- The mayor invited Fire Chief Cameron West to address this item
00:06:59
- Discussion/questions by Council
00:08:10
- Mayor Porter entertained a motion to approve Resolution 26-19
00:09:39

Council Member Howard so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Howe. The mayor asked if there was further discussion, and seeing none, he called the vote:

Council Member Howard -	Yes
Council Member Smyth-	Yes
Council Member Stephens -	Yes
Council Member Howe-	Yes

Resolution 26-19 was adopted.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FY2027 Final Budget

- City Finance Director Peter Anjewierden asked if anyone attending would like a copy of the “Proposed Property Tax Schedule”. He then stated the proposed FY2027 budget included a property tax increase. Mr. Anjewierden reviewed the Proposed Property Tax Schedule, including how much revenue the proposed tax increase would generate, what the percentage increase would be, and for what the increased revenue would be used. He announced that the public hearing for the proposed tax increase would be held August 4, 2026 at 6 pm at City Hall.
00:09:58
- Mr. Anjewierden reviewed some one-time costs that staff would like added to the FY2027 Budget before its final adoption
00:15:36
- Questions from Council
00:21:43
- The Council instructed staff to add the items to the budget for consideration
00:29:28
- Questions/comments by City Manager Dixon
00:29:45
- Questions from Council
00:32:07

B. City's Annexation Policy

- City Manager Matthew Dixon reviewed the city's current annexation policy. He informed the Council the annexation policy needed to be updated and staff would begin the update process. 00:36:30
- Mayor Porter made it clear that the City was required to have an annexation policy. The City would annex properties only if the property owners requested they be annexed and if the City determined it was in its best interest to annex them. 00:43:59
- Questions/discussion by Council 00:49:38

VII. REPORTS/DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER

A. City Council Members

Council Member Smyth - 01:00:44
Council Member Howe - 01:01:19
Council Member Howard - nothing to report
Council Member Stephens - 01:03:12

B. City Manager 01:08:13

Comments by Public Works Director Jon Andersen on streetlight on 40th and Madison
01:14:29

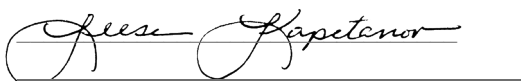
C. Mayor 01:16:01

VIII. ADJOURN

- At 7:19 pm, Mayor Porter entertained a motion to adjourn 01:19:06

Council Member Smyth so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Stephens. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the South Ogden City Work Session and Council Meeting held Tuesday, July 7, 2026.



July 21, 2026

Leesa Kapetanov, City Recorder

Date Approved by the City Council