

OGDEN VALLEY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 30, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Huntsville Town Hall, Council Chambers, 7474 East 200 South, Huntsville, Utah

Name	Title	Status
Janet Wampler	Mayor	Present
Tia Shaw	Council Member	Absent
Peggy Dooling-Baker	Council Member	Present
Kay Hoogland	Council Member	Present
Chad Booth	Council Member	Present
Don Hickman	Council Member	Present
Sharon Robbins	Recorder	Present
Kathy Zindel	IT Director	Present

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Wampler at 6:02pm
 - a. Roll Call – all council members present
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Wampler
 - c. Moment of Silence for approximately one minute
2. **Public Comment** (at the discretion of the Mayor). All public comment shall: 1) only be made by those after the person states his or her name and address for the record; 2) may last no longer than 2 minute unless otherwise allowed by the Mayor; and 3) must be germane to the authority of the City Council and be directly related to city programs, projects, services or events.

Jim Bird asked the City Council to consider requesting donations rather than increasing taxes. He will still say he lives in Huntsville. He indicated the city name should be Ogden Valley to represent the whole valley and to be inclusive. The name belongs to everyone equally. There should be no hurry and a broader search should be completed.

Jim Burrows indicated the name Eden or Eden Valley goes beyond the local designation for this area. It is a name that evokes the beauty of the valley and sums up the macro situation of this place. He played part of the song he wrote titled "Eden Valley."

Wayne Rubin indicated support for Eden Valley as the name.

Tina Allred indicated that 85% of the historical Ogden Valley is inside the city. Whatever the name, it should not include City. She indicated that historically, the name on the maps for this area was Ogden Valley.

For Health and Safety, the first responders know Ogden Valley and will go to the wrong place if the name is different.

For the poll, she indicated she voted multiple times. If the poll selected one entry, which one was selected? She indicated that motivated activists could skew the poll.

She indicated there will be confusion and extra work if the city name is Eden. Pineview is neutral.

Jason Baker suggested that he can appreciate the history. He grew up in Liberty. Each area has distinct boundaries and cultures. He indicated the city should be named Valley, Utah. It is strong, simple and bold. It breaks barriers that have been part of the culture. No matter what name is picked, residents will still need to explain where it is.

Joe Donovan says ditto to everything said. Eden is a brand, like Garden of Eden.

Larry Rigby says it should be something other than Ogden Valley. This causes slight heartburn and we are not Ogden's little sister. We need something fresh to get away from Ogden.

Dave Martin is a strong proponent of Ogden Valley. Other names will have unintended consequences and extra cost.

Edith Songer stated that Ogden Valley is not touchable. We cannot change the name of this valley. It is for the whole valley including Huntsville.

Bart Breaggar indicated we cannot stamp another name over this valley without damages.

Verl Creager indicated that we could count the votes. It should be Eden like the votes.

Mayor Wampler announced there will be a power outage tonight. Tina Allred clarified it is for the Eden side of the valley. There are two main grids – Huntsville and Eden.

3. **Standing Items:**

a. Planning Update

There is a Planning Commission hearing scheduled for August 25 to discuss changes to the Shoreline zone.

b. Litigation Update

The Mayor indicated the City is challenging the state tax commission to be able to participate in Truth-in-Taxation. The judge indicated the City did nothing wrong. The Lt Governor acted late, and the new city should be fully funded. He indicated the tax commission regulations are allowed to fill the gap in the state code where it is silent.

c. Finance/Budget and Truth-in-Taxation Update

The City continues to proceed down two paths for the budget – FY27 budget and Truth-in-Taxation. The Mayor invites everyone to look on the website, at the budget details, and budget book. The Truth-in-Taxation hearing is scheduled for August 11th.

d. Proposed Property Tax Impact Schedule

The Property Tax Impact Schedule is available at each meeting, online on the website and in the City office.

4. Resolution 2026-44: Affirming, Establishing, and Settling the Official Name of the Municipality. Discuss and possibly deny, continue, or adopt Resolution 2026-44.

Each Council member made a statement about naming the City.

Council member Dooling-Baker acknowledged the work of the City Naming Advisory Committee. She went through some of the details of what this entailed, creating a neutral survey and utilizing reliable software and Weber State resources. She indicated that 4 of the 5 Districts selected Eden as the name, and that she was going to vote with the ‘voice of the valley’.

Council member Shaw acknowledged the Committee’s passion was unmistakable and that she attended those meetings. She indicated that the City should keep the name Ogden Valley for the long, rich history. Changing the name will create additional work and cost. She also indicated that 1800 residents out of 7000 is not enough to change the name to Eden. The survey is not the same as a ballot. Lots of people did not take the survey. She would like to preserve the Odgen Valley City name.

Council member Hoogland indicated she also acknowledges the efforts of the Naming Committee. She supports Ogden Valley as the legal name for the City. Her preference is to not use City in the name to preserve the rural nature of the valley. She indicated she has heard there is fear that incorporation was an Eden-based initiative. She indicated imposing the name Eden on the rest of the valley was not unifying, especially for those who had opposed incorporation in other areas, and a more unifying name was needed. She stated that as a City official, she should vote what is best for the City.

Council member Hickman indicated that District 5 is the largest and most rural and did not select Eden as the top name. Historically, the area was called Ogden Hole. He recognized the Naming Committee and indicated with the 300 names collected, there was no consensus. He indicated that Eden is not a unifying name. There is strong skepticism that the northern valley will take over. He will vote to change the name to Ogden Valley.

Council member Booth indicated that he has lived in Eden for more than 25 years. He has talked with valley residents and heard passion on both sides. He asked that we show we are a community and grasp the vision we passed. There is too much divisiveness to vote for a new name that we should hold off. He will vote to retain Ogden Valley as the name for the City.

Council member Shaw moved to adopt Resolution 2026-44 Affirming, Establishing and Settling the Official Name of the Municipality to retain the name of Ogden Valley City legally, and can be referred to Ogden Valley. Council member Hickman seconded the motion. The council members voted 4-1 to adopt the motion.

Council member Dooling-Baker	Nay
Council member Hoogland	Aye
Council member Shaw	Aye
Council member Booth	Aye
Council member Hickman	Aye

5. Resolution 2026-45: Authorizing the Preparation of Ordinances and Personnel Materials in Accordance with the Organizational Chart Structure Approved on this Date. Discuss and possibly deny, continue, or adopt Resolution 2026-45.

Council member Hoogland spoke to each of the organization charts displayed for the City Council review. She indicated the organization chart will show how to organize to serve the vision of the City. She indicated the resolution will empower the Mayor and attorney to implement the chart voted on.

Chart 1 – this chart is the organization recommended by the panel discussion members in the last meeting. It is based on the structure of the state code. The City Administrator will be responsible for 3 groups of services (1) shared services, also known as back office, (2) community development including planning, strategic planning, economic planning, (3) community services, including public works and roads.

Council member Dooling-Baker asked if funds are available. Council member Hoogland indicated that this organization would not be filled all at once.

Chart 2 – is similar to Chart 1 with additional features. It shows the Mayor responsibility for external organizations. Council member Shaw asked who chairs the advisory committees. The committees will have a City Council member as a Co-chair that will report to the City Council.

Council member Hoogland indicated the organization gets the City Council out of portfolio management, the temporary approach to the city management. It allows the City to hire experts.

The Mayor supervises the City Administrator. Council member Dooling-Baker asked that the resolution include ‘with the advice and consent of the City Council with regard to appointments.

Chart 3 – Council member Dooling-Baker presented this organization chart, that includes a transitional step where the City Council keeps some responsibility for portfolios. The first step would be to hire a Community Development Manager half time. Also possibly hire a Public Works Manager half time.

Council member Booth asked for the vote to be delayed so that he can get some questions answered and understand the organization charts better.

Council member Hoogland moved to adopt Resolution 2026-45 Authorizing the Ordinances and Personnel Materials in Accordance with the Organizational Chart Structure titled ‘Group 2.1A City Administrator’ Selected, with the addition of the verbiage ‘with advice and consent of the City Council’. Council member Hickman seconded the motion. The council members voted 4-2 to adopt the motion with the Mayor voting on this resolution.

Council member Dooling-Baker	Nay
Council member Hoogland	Aye
Council member Shaw	Aye
Council member Booth	Nay
Council member Hickman	Aye
Mayor Wampler	Aye

6. Resolution 2026-46: Adopting the Official Vision Statement of the Municipality.

Discuss and possibly deny, continue, or adopt Resolution 2026-46.

The Vision Statement was displayed on the screen in the meeting and read out loud to the council members and the public.

Council member Booth indicated the importance of the vision and that it represents is for the whole valley, not just one district.

Council member Hickman moved to adopt Resolution 2026-46 adopting the Official Vision Statement of the Municipality as stated. Council member Shaw seconded the motion. All council members voted aye (5-0).

7. Closed Meeting (As needed for any purpose as allowed in UCA 52-4-25).
No closed meeting was requested.

8. Adjournment

Council member Hickman moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Hoogland seconded the motion. All council members voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

The July 30th, 2026 Special City Council meeting minutes were Approved by the Ogden Valley City Council on the 18th Day of August, 2026.

Signature: *Sharon Robbins*

Printed Name: Sharon Robbins

Title: Recorder