
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, August 18/, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the Civic Center, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

Present:

City Council:	Braden Mitchell, Mayor Bart Stevens, Councilmember Anne Hansen, Councilmember Michael Richter, Councilmember Kent Anderson, Councilmember
City Employees:	Steve Brooks, City Administrator/Attorney Brandon Cooper, Community Development Director Casey Warren, Police Chief Matthew Hennessy, Fire Chief Cody Cardon, Business Administrator Michelle Marigoni, City Recorder Sgt. Schofield, Police Department
Excused:	Alan Arnold, Councilmember / Mayor pro tem
Visitors:	Jason Francis Cody Hansen Alan Bowthorpe Chris Hupp Rik Hermann Colleen Henstra

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 Council Members, City Staff, and members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance – Kent Anderson

Invocation – Steve Brooks

Public Comment

Mayor Mitchell invited members of the public to speak.

No public comments were received.

Presentations and Reports

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Mitchell did not have any reports to present at this time.

2. City Administration Report

- a. Department Reports July
- b. August Anniversaries Employee Recognition
- c. Staffing Authorization Plans
- d. Community Development Report
- e. Development Review Committee Report

Mr. Brooks reviewed the July department reports. Employee recognition included Norm Farrell (28 years of service) and Dean Gallegos (31 years of service). He also reported that the Fire Department has filled its vacant position.

Brandon Cooper reported on community development updates, including the El Pollo Loco anniversary celebration, developments at Slick City (indoor slide park) and EOS, and the construction progress on the new Northrop Grumman building. Councilmember Stevens inquired about the Northrop Grumman building and why it is significant to clarify its location is in Riverdale rather than Roy. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Cooper provided clarification on this matter.

Councilmember Richter reported on behalf of the Development Review Committee that Konala is moving into the old Subway building.

Consent Items

1. Consideration to approve meeting minutes from:

July 7, 2026 Council Meeting
July 21, 2026 Council Meeting

Mayor Mitchell asked if there were any changes to the minutes. There were none.

MOTION: Councilmember Richter moved to approve the consent items. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. There was not any discussion regarding this motion, which passed unanimously in favor.

Action Items

1. Consideration of Resolution #2026-33 approving a Real Estate Purchase Contract and Reimbursement Agreement between Riverdale City and Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company (DWCCC) for the sale of approximately 5.91 acres

Mr. Cooper gave a brief background summary of the property and details of the sale.

Motion: Councilmember Richter moved to approve Resolution #2026-33 approving a Real Estate Purchase Contract and Reimbursement Agreement between Riverdale City and Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company (DWCCC) for the sale of approximately 5.91 acres.

Second: Councilmember Hansen

Councilor Richter	Yes
Councilor Arnold	Absent
Councilor Anderson	Yes
Councilor Hansen	Yes
Councilor Stevens	Yes

Motion passed unanimously (4 in favor, 1 absent).

2. Riverdale Fire Department/Weber Fire District update and discussion

Mr. Brooks Mr. Brooks explained there is a meeting on August 19, 2026, for final negotiations regarding the transfer, including discussions on the building, equipment, and staff.

Building Lease:

Councilmember Stevens asked if the City of Uintah had sold its building when it contracted with the fire district. Mr. Brooks explained that Uintah had a different situation, as they previously operated a volunteer fire department. Fire Chief Matthew Hennessy clarified that the Weber Fire District does rent a portion of the building from Uintah for wildland equipment. Mr. Brooks stated that he preferred to have the building retained by the city as an asset and leased to the district, given its location in the city park. Councilmember Stevens agreed that the building should be kept as a city asset to keep future options open. Councilmember Richter was also in agreement, but expressed a desire for a mechanism to offset the maintenance costs. Mr. Brooks suggested a low-cost lease with the maintenance responsibilities falling upon the district. Councilmember Anderson agreed with the maintenance costs being the district's responsibility. A shorter-term lease would be preferred by the Council.

Equipment:

Mr. Brooks reported that the Weber Fire District wants the city's newest equipment to be transferred to them, but they are not interested in acquiring any backup equipment. He suggested allowing them to take the equipment they want and keeping the rest to be declared as surplus. He noted there will be some costs associated with buying out employees' leave balances, and suggested that selling the surplus equipment could help offset these expenses. Councilmember Richter felt that giving the equipment to the district without compensation was difficult, suggesting that the city should look into receiving some value for it. Councilmember Stevens asked how much service life was left on the equipment. It was noted that a new ladder truck would need to be purchased by Riverdale if the transition did not happen, and that Roy City

is currently turning over its ladder truck. Councilmember Anderson suggested recouping a portion of the depreciated value of the equipment. Councilmember Hansen suggested that the value could be tied to residents' tax rate increases in the future, though Mr. Brooks did not believe that would be feasible. Councilmember Stevens recommended starting negotiations at what is wanted and seeing if the district will agree.

Employees:

Stacey Comeau and Cody Cardon have been working with the district to ensure that employees' wages and benefits transfer over properly. The district is asking for the leave balances to be funded by Riverdale, which is estimated to cost a couple hundred thousand dollars. Compensatory (comp) time would also need to be paid out. Councilmember Hansen noted that some agencies have been onboarding lateral transfers with their accumulated time off. Suggestions were made to trade equipment for employee leave balances. It was noted that the current budget includes a full year of running the fire department, but only half the fiscal year should be necessary to operate it, meaning the remaining budgeted funds would likely cover these transition costs. Mayor Mitchell emphasized that he wants the employees to transition over under the exact same terms they have now, without losing a single dollar of compensation, even if the city policy needs to be amended to make sure that happens. Councilmember Stevens expressed a desire for a firm, hard negotiation strategy.

Upcoming Events

- August 21 – Senior Picnic Lunch
- August 22 – Bonneville CTC 5k & Half Marathon
- August 17-22 – Community Center closed for maintenance
- September 7 – Labor Day
- September 29 – Training: NIMS 402: Supporting Roles as Elected Officials

Comments

City Council

City Staff

Mr. Brooks explained that Tom Hansen with Washington Terrace scheduled the upcoming NIMS 402 training (Supporting Roles as Elected Officials) for September 29, 2026, and invited surrounding cities' councils. He also announced that the Riverdale Police Department was recognized by Washington Terrace for their assistance in a recent fire.

Chief Warren spoke about the Flock cameras and assured the Council that Riverdale is using them appropriately. He reviewed state laws and addressed rumors, clarifying that data from Riverdale's cameras is not shared with anyone other than the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC). He emphasized that the cameras are not used to infringe on anyone's rights, but rather to protect rights by helping locate suspects.

Mayor

Mayor Mitchell asked Chief Hennessy to brief the Council on the most recent fire on I-84. He also announced that there are nearly a dozen new businesses coming in, mostly filling vacant locations.

Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Richter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Date Approved: 9/1/2026