



Hildale City Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale City, Utah 84784

Minutes

Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters: Mayor Jessop

Council Member Terrill Musser, acting as Mayor Pro Tempore, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call of Council Attendees: City Recorder

PRESENT

Council Member Luke Merideth
Council Member JVar Dutson
Council Member Terrill Musser
Council Member Darlene Stubbs (via zoom)

ABSENT

Mayor Donia Jessop (excused)
Council Member Lamont Black (excused)

STAFF

City Recorder Maxene Jessop
AP Clerk Miranda Jeffs
Police Chief Radley

Pledge of Allegiance: By Invitation of Mayor Jessop

Council Member Merideth led the pledge.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures: Mayor and Council Members

None

Special Recognitions:

Short Creek Festivities

1. City Council Community Recognition and Appreciation Award

Council Member Musser recognized the SC Festivities board and volunteers for eleven years of service, honoring their role in revitalizing the community through the Fourth of July tradition. Since 2015, the event has grown from an expected 250 attendees to thousands, fostering cohesion across Hildale, Colorado City, and St. George. The council presented the "Hildale City Welcome Home Appreciation Award," celebrating the group's dedication with the plaque's inscription: "The greatest traditions are built by willing hands, generous hearts, and a community that chooses to come together."

Kendall Pipkin (Vice President) recounted the event's origins in 2015 with George & Miriam, the unexpected turnout, the expansion to multiple events, the formation of a 501(c)(3), his service as president for three years, and the current leadership by Mayor Donia Jessop. He noted the event has worldwide fans and dedicated volunteers.

Council Member Dutson expressed gratitude for the volunteerism and the positive impact on the community.

Council Member Merideth offered supportive remarks, praising SC Festivities' perseverance and growth.

Appointments to Boards or Commissions:

None

Public Presentations:

None

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: Council Members

2. City Council meeting minutes of: July 8, 2026, July 16, 2026 and August 05, 2026.

Council Member Musser noted a typographical correction in the July 8 minutes, a reference to "Council Member Duston" should be spelled "Dutson."

Motion made by Council Member Dutson to approve the minutes with the noted correction, seconded by Council Member Stubbs.

Voting Yea: Council Member Merideth, Council Member Dutson, Council Member Musser, Council Member Stubbs

Motion Carried

Oversight Items: 10 minutes - Mayor Jessop

3. Financial Report and Invoice Register approval

Finance Director Sherrie Broadbent presented the financial report for June 2026, sharing her screen for the presentation.

Council Member Merideth asked if the budget could be expected to balance month-to-month following recent fiscal adjustments. Ms. Broadbent explained that revenues are time-dependent; for example, property tax revenue is primarily received in December, so a perfect monthly balance is not expected, but the overall financial health will be much better. She confirmed that the increased property tax rate will be reflected in the revenue received this December.

Council Member Dutson thanked Ms. Broadbent for her work, noting the improved clarity helps the council understand revenue fluctuations against consistent monthly expenses.

Council Member Musser asked for an explanation of the general fund's beginning negative balance of approximately \$1.5 million and ending balance of negative \$1.8 million, questioning how much was an operating deficit versus interfund obligations. Ms. Broadbent stated she is still working to fully reconcile these figures.

Council Member Dutson requested, for next month, an added checks-and-balances package for the "3.1 or 3.2 grant," clarified as the first grant the City received in the grant fund. He asked for a copy of the balance sheet for the grant fund and a breakdown of payments made against that grant over the last couple of years and the remaining balance. Ms. Broadbent confirmed she would compile a more thorough historical detail for Council review.

Motion made by Council Member Dutson to pay the bills as funds are made available, Seconded by Council Member Merideth. Voting Yea: Council Member Merideth, Council Member Dutson, Council Member Musser, Council Member Stubbs

Motion Carried

4. City Admins report (Department reports included)

Council Member Musser noted that departmental reports were included in the council packet for review. He also expressed appreciation to Chief Radley and the volunteer firefighters for their work, as well as to Nathan Fischer and the City team for their service.

Public Hearings And Action Items:

5. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed declaration and disposition of the following City-owned real property as surplus:

325 E Newel Ave, Parcel No. HD-SHCR-9-28

The purpose of this hearing was to receive public comments on the proposed declaration and disposition of City-owned real property as surplus. City Attorney Shawn Guzman noted the properties are considered "significant parcels" (anticipated value of at least \$500,000) under City ordinance, requiring a public hearing prior to declaration as surplus.

Properties Noticed:

- 325 East Newel Avenue, Parcel No. HDSHCR-9-28
- 1340 West Uzona Avenue, Parcel No. HD-HDIP-27

Public hearing for item 5 & 7 were combined. Public hearing was opened at 6:29 pm.

Motion made by Council Member Dutson to open a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the disposition and declaration of City-owned real property at 325 East Newel Avenue and 1340 West Uzona Avenue, Seconded by Council Member Stubbs.

Voting Yea: Council Member Merideth, Council Member Dutson, Council Member Musser, Council Member Stubbs

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Mayor Pro Tem Musser invited public comment in person and online. No public comment was received.

Mayor Pro Tem Musser declared the public hearing was closed at 6:30 pm. City Attorney Guzman confirmed a motion was not required to close.

6. Consider approval of declaration and disposition of the following City-owned real property as surplus:

325 E Newel Ave, Parcel No. HD-SHCR-9-28

Action items 6 and 8 were combined.

City Attorney Shawn Guzman clarified the action is to declare the properties surplus, which enables but does not obligate the City to sell them.

Motion made by Council Member Dutson to approve the declaration and disposition of the following City-owned real property as surplus: 325 East Noel Avenue, Parcel No. HD-SHCR-9-28 and 1340 West Uzona Avenue, Parcel No. HD-HDIP-27, Seconded by Council Member Merideth.

Voting Yea: Council Member Merideth, Council Member Dutson, Council Member Musser, Council Member Stubbs

Motion Carried

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9. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment regarding the adoption of the Water Conservation Plan dated February 27, 2026.

The public hearing was declared open at 6:35 PM.

Utility Director Postema presented remotely.

The Water Conservation Plan (dated February 27, 2026) is required by the State of Utah for grant eligibility, including the current booster pump station grant.

The plan was reviewed by the Utility Board and Planning & Zoning Board, with edits made based on comments. The State has confirmed the plan meets its criteria.

No public comments were received.

The public hearing was declared closed at 6:37 PM

10. Consider approval of Resolution number 2026-08-01 adopting the Water Conservation Plan.

Council Member Merideth asked if adoption changes current drought/rationing stages; Mr. Postema confirmed it does not.

Council Member Merideth asked about meter sizes for large users. Mr. Postema provided examples of meter sizes for various uses (residential, duplex, commercial).

Council Member Dutson asked if previously discussed changes were incorporated; Mr. Postema confirmed they were, noting a focus on outdoor use, future landscaping requirements, and indoor conservation rebates.

Council Member Dutson inquired whether the water conservation plan requires annual re-approval or re-submission for grant eligibility.

Utility Director Postema clarified that the plan is an ongoing program and does not expire annually, allowing the city to pursue state and federal grants without needing to re-adopt the entire document. He confirmed that the city can amend specific portions of the plan as requirements change without needing to replace the entire document

Motion made by Council Member Dutson to approve Resolution 2026-08-01 adopting the updated Water Conservation Plan as presented, Seconded by Council Member Merideth.

Voting Yea: Council Member Merideth, Council Member Dutson, Council Member Musser, Council Member Stubbs

Motion Carried

Public Comments: 3 minutes each - Discretion of Mayor Jessop

Mayor Pro Tem Musser opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were received in person or online.

Council Comments: For items not on the agenda (10 minutes total)

Council Member Merideth expressed gratitude to EMS and local law enforcement with the start of school, noting increased safety needs around intersections.

Council Member Dutson requested law enforcement conduct educational outreach with the school district to enhance safety at the start of the school year. Chief Radley responded that officers typically conduct such safety assemblies. Council Member Dutson also thanked law enforcement and staff for their preparedness and response during a recent local emergency. He requested that Council Member Musser's detailed public explanation on Facebook regarding property tax increases be formally added to the City's historical records. Mayor Pro Tem

Musser directed City Recorder Jessop to note and forward the request.

Council Member Musser thanked staff for their responsiveness to document requests and reminded the public that records are available and accessible at City Hall.

Calendar of Upcoming Events: 5 minutes - Mayor Jessop

11. City Council Calendar

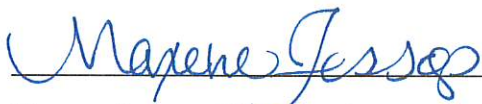
Mayor Pro Tem Terrill Musser noted the events on the calendar included in the packet.

Adjournment: Mayor Jessop

Motion made by Council Member Dutson to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Council Member Merideth.
Voting Yea: Council Member Merideth, Council Member Dutson, Council Member Musser, Council Member Stubbs

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Minutes were approved at the City Council Meeting on September 9, 2026.


Maxene Jessop, City Recorder

