



Council Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2026

Council Chambers

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jared Hamner called the Council Meeting to order at 12:00 PM. The time, place, and agenda of the meeting had been provided to the Tooele Transcript Bulletin and to each member of the governing body by posting the notice and agenda at least two days before on the Tooele County website and emailing them a link.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rose Moore, Tooele County resident.

3. Roll Call

Council Member Roll call as follows:

Council Member Erik Stromberg: present (online)

Council Member Kendall Thomas: present

Council Member Tye Hoffmann: present

Council Member Scott Wardle: absent

Council Member Jared Hamner: present

Also, present were Scott Broadhead- Attorney, Andy Welch- County Manager, Brittany Lopez- Assistant County Manager, and Nicole Rash- Chief Deputy Clerk.

Staff in attendance were Nathan Harris- Deputy Attorney.

Guests in attendance were Chase Randall, Rose Moore, Natalie Merriam, Aleta Boyce, Tracy Gregich and various other residents.

4. Public Comments

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Chase Randall, Tooele City Resident: Fully supports Data Center in Tooele County. He urged the Council to carefully consider facts and not give into hysteria.

Rose Moore: She also spoke about Data Centers. She stated she feels it's ironic that the council will acknowledge a drought in Tooele County but they're still moving forward with creating ordinances to enable Data Centers. She also spoke about a traffic impact study stated she feels it is biased for the developer.

Natalie Merriam, Tooele City Resident: She stated it is a hardship to ask people to come to Council Meetings in the middle of the work day. She spoke about Tooele County Resolution 2026-18, stating she doesn't like how it was hidden in a list of hyperlinks. She stated that as the Council is working on chapter 34, it is expected that more research be put into water use.

Tracy Gregich, Pine Canyon Resident: She referred to the state of Virginia, who enacted restrictions to study what the environmental impact of Data Centers has been. She stated that she feels there is no race with China; China has 450 Data Centers and the US has over 5,000. She stated she feels the Council should not be listening to Google, but to their constituents. She urged the Council to take time and slow down.

Aleta Boyce, Erda City resident: She asked for a 1-year moratorium on Data Centers. She stated 22 wells were not included in the traffic study. She asked a question regarding the costs of doing the traffic study vs. repairing the roads.

5. Contracts

a. Court House Land Sale Agreement, Nathan Harris

This is the agreement with the state for the purchase of the land and building of the Tooele County Courthouse. The current lease agreement is ending soon, and the state desires to purchase the land and the building from Tooele County. The County will continue to receive benefits for years in the future and the state will continue to provide the courthouse for the County.

Nathan Harris, Deputy Attorney, presented this item as outlined above. He advised this item has been discussed in several previous meetings. He advised the proposed sale has been published in the newspaper and the public comment period has happened. He advised this meeting is to move forward with the vote on the sale of this land.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to approve the Court House Land Sale Agreement. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

6. Action Item

a. Vote to Appoint a New Council Vice-Chair; Nathan Harris

This item is so the Council may vote on a new vice-chair

Nathan Harris, Deputy Attorney, presented this item as outlined above. Council Member Scott Wardle is stepping down as Council Vice Chair due to work and family conflicts. Chairman Jared Hamner nominated Council Member Erik Sromberg to serve as Vice Chair.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to close nominations and appoint Council Member Erik Stromberg by acclimation. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

7. Council Update

No Council updates.

8. Manager Update

9. Informational - Public Transparency

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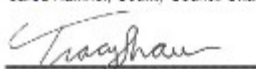
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10. Adjournment - Closed Session if needed

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to adjourn at 12:13 pm. All in favor. The motion passed.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED:


Jared Hamner, County Council Chairman


Tracy Shaw, County Clerk



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