

FARMINGTON CITY – CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
held via Zoom and at City Hall, 160 S. Main, Farmington, Utah
September 15, 2026

WORK SESSION

Present:

*Mayor Brett Anderson,
City Manager Brigham Mellor,
Mayor Pro Tempore/Councilmember Amy
Shumway,
Councilmember Roger Child,
Councilmember Scott Isaacson,*

*Councilmember Melissa Layton,
Councilmember Kristen Sherlock,
City Attorney Paul Roberts,
City Recorder DeAnn Carlile,
Recording Secretary Deanne Chaston, and
Finance Director Levi Ball.*

Mayor **Brett Anderson** called the work session to order at 6:05 p.m.

DAVIS COUNTY ANIMAL CARE UPDATE

Director of Animal Care of Davis County **Michelle Hicks** presented this update, saying her facility provides six core community services: pet adoption, volunteer/foster, owner surrenders, community cat program, field enforcement, and emergency readiness. The owner surrender is a unique one that other facilities don't typically offer. They have 10 officers, one specifically dedicated to the community cat program that traps, spades/neuters, vaccinates, and then releases. They offer traps to the community, and their waiting list is months long.

Their service area covers 34 miles from South Weber to North Salt Lake and Syracuse. They provide a pet food pantry for pet owners in times of emergency. More than half of animals found are recovered using their website, social media, and Petco.

Farmington accounts for 5.18% of Davis County's call volume, with 112 out of 2,508 total calls in 2026. The highest call categories in Farmington are animal park patrols and wellness checks. She suggested more waste stations and signage for dog rules and waste at Woodland, Mountain View, Farmington Regional, Forbush, South Farmington, and Moon parks. They would also like to participate at Festival Days. They offer employee snuggle time, Sniffabouts day out program, and weekend wags three-day foster program.

Animal Care of Davis County does not handle wildlife, especially racoons. They instead focus on companion animals. The Division of Wildlife Resources handles wildlife.

City Manager **Brigham Mellor** said he would like specific data on why Farmington residents are surrendering their animals. It could be that as the population gets older, they have to give up their pets to move into new living situations such as assisted living. **Hicks** agreed, saying nationwide owners aren't allowing renters to have animals, limiting the size or breed of animals, or increasing the cost of pet deposit and monthly rent.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CELESTE MALOY'S CONSTITUENT SERVICES

Cole Clawson, caseworker for Congresswoman **Celeste Maloy's** Constituent Services, addressed the Council. His office is located in Bountiful, and he acts as **Maloy's** eye and ears on the ground. His office functions as a congressional liaison that helps constituents with federal agencies (such as the IRS), passports for international travel, etc. When someone first comes into

their office, they fill out a privacy release form, which allows his office to reach out to agencies in their behalf. He recently helped a pilot retain his job with the FAA after being placed on medical leave for eight months for migraines. He said his services are underutilized, and usually people come to him as a last resort even though it doesn't have to be that way.

Mellor asked for **Clawson's** help with the Army Corps of Engineers, which must approve permits involving water areas such as those leading to the Great Salt Lake in Davis County. The permits often doesn't happen in a timely fashion, taking months longer than necessary, which could cost developers and the City. Recently, it has caused a matter that could cost Farmington \$800,000, which would be taking money away from the new fire station and taxpayers. **Clawson** agreed to look into the issue for Farmington.

Bret Millburn addressed the Commission, saying he is running for Davis County Commissioner Seat B as an unaffiliated candidate. He served three terms as a commissioner from 2007 to 2018. He joined the November ballot because he is concerned with last fall's proposed tax increase based on inflation, the lack of a spending plan or explanation, and the discord among the current commissioners. When taxes were raised last, he was on the Commission and had a specific plan outlining where the budget would go (library system expansion). He proactively reached out to the Utah Taxpayers Association and editorial boards in an effort to educate the public.

Mellor credited **Milburn** with Cabela's locating in Farmington instead of Layton.

REGULAR SESSION

Present:

*Mayor Brett Anderson,
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Shumway,
Councilmember Roger Child,
Councilmember Scott Isaacson,
Councilmember Melissa Layton,
Councilmember Kristen Sherlock,*

*City Attorney Paul Roberts,
City Recorder DeAnn Carlile,
Recording Secretary Deanne Chaston,
Finance Director Levi Ball, and
Youth City Councilmembers Addison
Cartwright, Ellie Duncan, Meher Grover,
Lucy Hale, Carter Richardson, Greta
Rollins, Cayden Salway, and Leia Stevens.*

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor **Brett Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Councilmember **Melissa Layton** offered the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember **Scott Isaacson**.

SUMMARY ACTION:

Minute Motion Approving Summary Action List

The Council considered the Summary Action List including:

- Authorization for Disposition of Evidence Items
City Manager **Brigham Mellor** presented this agenda item. For the first time in over 40 years, Farmington did an audit of its evidence room. The City is working on getting

security cameras in the evidence room and now needs to dispose of evidence such as iPhones, amp, tool kit, AirPods, Oakley meta glasses, iHome vacuum, Huntsman mini gaming keyboard, Pokemon elite trainer box, ROG Xbox gaming system, iPad, Pixel phone, Apple watch, Beats earbuds, necklace, battery bank, jewelry, Magnum subwoofer, Havis MDT mount, rifle mount, car radio, Stalker DSR radar and antennas, dual antenna system, and a human jaw.

City Attorney **Paul Roberts** said they attempt to notify the owner before selling items at auction. Bikes are donated to the nonprofit juvenile justice center. Statute determines the minimum amount of time items must be held. Electronic devices are wiped of all data before they are auctioned off.

The Youth City Councilmembers discussed what they think should be done with evidence items. They said unclaimed items should be sold, with proceeds benefiting taxpayers. **Roberts** said that all proceeds go to the General Fund to benefit police, fire, roads, parks, administration, etc. The City Council has control of all of those funds.

- Approval of the City Council minutes for September 1, 2026
- Monthly Financial Report for August 2026

Motion:

Kristen Sherlock moved to approve the Summary Action list Items 1-3 as noted in the Staff Report.

Amy Shumway seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor, as there was no opposing vote.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Councilmember Amy Shumway	X Aye	_____	Nay	_____	Excused
Councilmember Roger Child	X Aye	_____	Nay	_____	Excused
Councilmember Scott Isaacson	X Aye	_____	Nay	_____	Excused
Councilmember Melissa Layton	X Aye	_____	Nay	_____	Excused
Councilmember Kristen Sherlock	X Aye	_____	Nay	_____	Excused

UTILITY OVERPAYMENT REIMBURSEMENT DISCUSSION

Finance Director **Levi Ball** said it is unusual to have a utility overpayment. When it does happen, it is usually an overpayment of a few dollars after a resident moves away from Farmington. There is a certain expense associated with processing a check, mailing it, having it returned, and then never cashed. It is a long process when it comes back on the statement to be reconciled with the bank, and eventually sent to the State as unclaimed property. As such, Staff is proposing a materiality threshold of \$10. If someone reaches out requesting a reimbursement, Farmington would send a full one to them. However, if it is less than \$10 and no request has been made, the City would not go through the process of reimbursing the funds.

Mellor said there are circumstances where residents have to move quickly and they don't know where they are heading next. Thus they don't leave a forwarding address.

Isaacson said the threshold should be more like \$20. **Ball** agreed. No motion was needed, as this is an administrative decision.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS:

City Manager Report

Mellor said the Council would be discussing rooster policy in an October work session.

Isaacson said that while many cities outlaw roosters, there are zones in Farmington where they are still legal. At times, young goats are noisier than roosters. It is a classic debate, and neighbors should try to work the issue out amongst themselves. **Mayor Anderson** said many cities permit roosters if there is a certain acreage.

Shumway said she would like to work out a way to keep roosters in Farmington. If the City is going to discuss the issue, she wants real data to refer to. After being on the Council for seven years, this is the first time she is hearing complaints.

Mellor discussed installing a crosswalk on Glovers Lane by the high school. Because the crosswalk would need ADA access, which would eliminate the park strip, installing one in that location is not feasible. A beacon would eliminate on-street parking in the area. Therefore, both options are not advisable. He will speak with the School Resource Officer (SRO) to get a more reasonable perspective on the issue.

Shumway said this should be the peak year of student enrollment, as proceeding years will see a decline. **Isaacson** said that high school parking has been a contentious issue for seven years.

Youth City Councilmembers discussed the parking issue. Sophomores are not allowed parking passes, and the issue gets progressively worse as more and more sophomores get their licenses as the school year progresses. The district's answer is for more students to ride buses. However, students don't prefer riding buses when they have to walk 15 to 20 minutes just to get to the stop. There would need to be a change in bus routes or an opportunity to get more bus drivers. Eliminating on-street parking will just spread the problem out more. Parking spots are freed up throughout the day as students leave to attend the Davis Technology College and Catalyst Center. As the school year progresses, seniors attend less. In addition, staff parking stalls aren't all used. Therefore, they suggested that after a certain time of day, parking could be made more available.

Mellor said in order to prepare the future budget, he would like a list of trails that the City should focus on, as determined by the Trails Committee. The new fifth fifth sales tax revenue could be used to resurface Lagoon Trail and do other trail treatments. The new sales tax starts in January but won't get disbursed until March.

Mayor Anderson and City Council Reports

Isaacson said that the number of mosquitoes this year has been low because it has been so dry and hot. However, the cases of West Nile virus have increased because the mosquitoes survived the mild winter. Some species can hibernate during the winter. Last year there were three deaths in Davis County from West Nile.

Councilmembers **Roger Child** and **Isaacson** said they would like to be on a subcommittee to address short-term rental policy in Farmington. Past attempts presented options, but nothing was decided on. **Mellor** said the issue was a big headache for a while, but it has since died down.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Child made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48p.m.

Sherlock seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor, as there was no opposing vote.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Councilmember Amy Shumway	X	Aye	_____	Nay	_____	Excused
Councilmember Roger Child	X	Aye	_____	Nay	_____	Excused
Councilmember Scott Isaacson	X	Aye	_____	Nay	_____	Excused
Councilmember Melissa Layton	X	Aye	_____	Nay	_____	Excused
Councilmember Kristen Sherlock	X	Aye	_____	Nay	_____	Excused



DeAnn Carlile, Recorder