

**Riverton City, Utah
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
September 15, 2026**

**Riverton City Hall
12830 South 1700 West
Riverton, Utah 84065**

Attendance:

Mayor Tish Buroker

Councilmembers:

Councilmember Spencer Haymond
Councilmember Alexander Johnson
Councilmember Troy McDougal
Councilmember Andy Pierucci
Councilmember Shannon Smith

City Staff:

Kevin Hicks, City Manager
Ryan Carter, City Attorney
Cary Necaise, Public Works Director
Jason Lethbridge, Development Services Director
Jamie Larsen, City Recorder
Chief Shane Taylor, Riverton Police Department
Brook Bowen, Graphic Design & Marketing Specialist
Sheril Garn, Events and Operations Director
Stacie Olson, Assistant Public Works Director
Fire Marshal Wade Watkins, Unified Fire Authority

WORK SESSION – 5:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Buroker called the Work Session to order at 5:06 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Haymond, Johnson, McDougal, and Smith were present. Councilmember Pierucci joined via Zoom.

Presentations/Discussions

Text Service Discussion

Nate Slack, Public Information Officer, provided an update on the City's text messaging services. Following an RFP process, Regroup was selected to replace Constant Contact, providing unlimited text messages to approximately 17,000 contacts under a five-year, \$21,000 contract. The new system will allow easier resident enrollment, targeted geographic alerts, and mobile access for staff, providing a more reliable way to communicate emergency and City information.

13400 S. Canal Crossing Bridge (2200 West) Update

Matt Cassel, City Engineer, provided an update on the replacement of the canal crossing bridge on 13400 South between 2200 West and 2700 West. The federally funded project was scheduled to begin October 15, with the road closed between Redwood Road and 2700 West during construction. The replacement bridge would remain two lanes wide and include bike lanes and sidewalks, with the City contributing 7% of the project cost.

Mr. Cassel also provided an overview of upcoming Mountain View Corridor construction, including

sewer relocations beginning later in the fall and mainline construction expected to begin in spring 2027 and continue for approximately three and a half years.

General Plan Draft

Jason Lethbridge, Development Services Director, presented proposed updates to the General Plan, including changes to the land use map intended to better align with existing zoning and development patterns. Discussion focused primarily on the Redwood Road and 12600 South corridors, including potential RM6 and mixed-use designations, future development, UDOT access and roadway plans, and the need to establish clear expectations for property owners and developers. He also reviewed potential changes to the golf course area, the mobile home park area along the Bangerter Highway, and other properties to bring the General Plan into greater consistency with existing conditions. The proposed plan also identified recreational, commercial, and residential activity centers as priorities for infrastructure, transportation, and land use planning over the next three to five years.

Adjournment of Work Session

Councilmember McDougal **MOVED to adjourn the Work Session**. Councilmember Haymond **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Buroker called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Haymond-Yes, Johnson-Yes, McDougal-Yes, Pierucci-Yes, and Smith-Yes. The motion passed unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 6:28 PM.

COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Buroker called the Council Meeting to order at 7:01 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Haymond, Johnson, McDougal, and Smith were present. Councilmember Pierucci joined via Zoom.

Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

David Mobley offered the invocation and Chief Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations/Recognitions

Constitution Week Proclamation

Mayor Buroker read the Constitution Week proclamation and urged residents to protect the freedoms guaranteed to us through the constitution.

Historic Homes Presentation

Mayor Buroker recognized Rick and Joan Bills, Brian and Misty Russell, Ben and Maria Nelson and Spencer and Rachel Haymond for their historic homes and presented them with the historic homes plaque.

Riverton Baseball Presentation

Randy Smith, Riverton Baseball President, updated the Council on the previous baseball season and thanked the Council for their partnership with Riverton Baseball.

Dual Check Resetter Project

Cary Necaie, Public Works Director, provided an update on the installation of approximately 2,500 dual check devices at residential water meters to prevent backflow and protect the City's culinary water system. The project was included in the long-range budget, with an RFP underway and installation expected to occur over three to four years, depending on available funding.

Citizen Comment

Mayor Buroker called for public comments;

Jake Hunsaker, a Riverton resident and candidate for Utah House District 48, reported that conversations with voters had identified infrastructure, property taxes, and local government control as key concerns. He outlined potential legislative priorities related to unfunded mandates and transportation and expressed appreciation for the City's partnership with other levels of government.

Lena Long addressed the Council regarding cargo containers used for agricultural purposes on a one-acre property, explaining that the containers provided secure protection for horses, including disabled horses, hay, and other equipment. She requested that the Council allow the containers to remain uncovered on the sides located within the horse paddock while allowing the more visible front side to be improved, citing concerns that required metal siding, wood paneling, and other coverings could create safety risks for the horses.

Todd Christensen requested that the City consider the size and agricultural use of the property when applying the cargo container regulations.

Matt K. addressed the Council regarding the City's 287(g) agreement with ICE and stated that the agreement had been signed by the former mayor without City Council deliberation or a vote. He requested that the Council formally consider and vote on the agreement, arguing that doing so would clarify the Council's position and whether the agreement should remain in effect, and expressed opposition to the agreement and federal immigration enforcement policies.

Summer Joos addressed the Council regarding the City's 287(g) agreement with ICE and described the impact of a family member's detention by ICE. She urged the Mayor and Council to bring the agreement forward for consideration, questioned an unsubstantiated claim that 70% of Riverton residents supported the agreement, and expressed hope that the Council and community could find common ground on the issue.

David Mobley expressed opposition to repeated public comments concerning the City's 287(g) agreement with ICE and characterized the participation of outside activists as disruptive and performative. He cited federal immigration enforcement arrest data from fiscal year 2026 and argued that Riverton's involvement with ICE had resulted in comparatively few arrests, while

emphasizing support for the City's partnership with federal authorities.

Seth Dunn expressed opposition to the City's 287(g) agreement with ICE and stated that research indicated such agreements could negatively affect public safety and crime reporting among immigrant populations. He requested that the Council put the agreement to a public vote and urged the Council to end the City's cooperation with ICE.

Brian Clouser expressed opposition to the City's 287(g) agreement with ICE and described concerns regarding the treatment and detention of immigrants under federal immigration enforcement. He urged the Council to consider the human impact of the agreement and stated that the Council's decision regarding the agreement would reflect its position on the issue.

Erin Barney addressed the Council regarding the City's 287(g) agreement with ICE and disputed the characterization of residents and others speaking against the agreement as outside agitators. She described personal connections to Riverton, expressed concerns about ICE activity in the community, and urged the Council to end the 287(g) agreement.

Alex LeCates addressed the Council regarding the City's 287(g) agreement with ICE and argued that the agreement had implications beyond Riverton because residents from surrounding communities regularly visit the City. He expressed concerns about ICE enforcement and the involvement of Riverton Police and questioned whether the agreement served the interests of the community.

Cruz Romo expressed opposition to the use of Flock surveillance technology on public roads and in parks. He raised concerns about government surveillance and the sharing of local surveillance data with federal agencies such as ICE, stating that such practices could compromise residents' privacy and trust in local law enforcement.

Mayor Buroker called for additional public comments; there being none, she closed the Citizen Comment period.

Mayor/Council/Staff Reports

Mayor Buroker addressed comments regarding the City's 287(g) agreement with ICE and outlined four points: (1) ICE is a federally managed agency that has operated since 2003, and ICE agents may be present in Riverton regardless of whether the City has an agreement with ICE; (2) Riverton Police remained focused on local issues and crimes within the Riverton community; (3) the former mayor legally entered into the agreement with ICE without Council approval because the agreement was a task force agreement rather than a municipal services agreement; and (4) while members of the public have a right to address the Council, the Mayor and Council are responsible for representing Riverton residents.

Mayor Buroker provided an update from the morning's UFA meeting and noted that an education e-bike video would be made available to residents. She reported that the City had submitted its annual state-required report regarding the use of liquor tax funds, noting that the City had historically used those funds to cover prosecution of alcohol and drug offenses and that prosecution costs had exceeded the tax revenue received. She also reported on the well-received Jordan River Night event, announced plans to hold open office hours each Wednesday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. beginning in October, encouraged residents to obtain a copy of 1776, and reminded the Council that the water rate increase had been approved at the June 2 City Council meeting and

communicated to residents through multiple City newsletters.

Councilmember McDougal Parkway and Day of Service activities, including tree planting and cleanup along the Jordan River Parkway, and expressed appreciation for efforts to encourage residents to take greater ownership in maintaining nearby trails, parks, and other City facilities through volunteer service.

Councilmember Haymond recognized Constitution Week and expressed appreciation for the U.S. Constitution and the liberties and freedoms it provides. He also reported on the Jordan Basin Improvement District's expansion of its wastewater treatment plant and efforts to control costs, including savings from updated printers and consolidated billing systems. He noted that recent heavy rain increased wastewater flows significantly due to stormwater entering the sewer system through manholes, but the system continued to operate effectively and within capacity.

Councilmember Johnson reported on recent activities with the South Valley Chamber of Commerce, including a presentation regarding the Salt Lake Temple public open house scheduled from April 27 through October 1, 2027. The Councilmember also reported on the Jordan River Commission's Get to the River Festival and encouraged residents to participate in additional events throughout the county, and provided an update on statewide drought conditions, noting that recent rainfall had reduced the area classified as severe drought while encouraging continued water conservation.

Councilmember Smith reported attending the Get to the River event and provided an update from the Salt Lake County Mosquito Abatement District, noting that mosquito populations were declining seasonally but that West Nile virus had been detected in the area. She also reported attending Riverton's Friday Fun Nights, a ribbon cutting for a new Mooyah Burger location at Mountain View Village, and being appointed to the TRCC board, which allocates funds for tourism, recreation, cultural, and community activities in Salt Lake County.

Councilmember Pierucci discussed the impact of HOA fees on home purchasing power, recognized staff for a presentation to the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District regarding Riverton's water conservation efforts, and encouraged residents to support new businesses opening throughout the City.

Consent Items

Mayor Buroker presented the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Minute Approval: September 1, 2026;
- b. **Resolution No. 26-40** – Approving a Direct Award Grant Funds Agreement Between the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and Riverton City for Roadway Improvements on 2700 West Between 13400 South and Bangerter Highway; and
- c. **Resolution No. 26-44** – Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Forge Industrial to complete the Trestle Lane Waterlines Relocation Project.

Councilmember McDougal **MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda**. Councilmember Johnson **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Buroker called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Haymond-Yes, Johnson-Yes, McDougal-Yes, Pierucci-Yes, and Smith-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items

Resolution No. 26-12 – Adopting the Salt Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Volume 1 – Base Plan and Volume II – Jurisdictional Annexes) as Approved by the Utah Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Kevin Hicks, City Manager, provided an overview of the Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan, explaining that Volume One was the countywide plan over which the City had limited control, while Volume Two was the Riverton-specific annex that could be modified by the City. He presented two versions of Volume Two for consideration, noting that the second version incorporated a requested change to Table 11 by removing the “effects on climate change” column, and requested that the Council identify which version it wished to approve.

Councilmember Haymond **MOVED** to approve **Resolution No. 26-12 – Adopting the Salt Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Volume 1 – Base Plan and Volume II – Jurisdictional Annexes, version 2) as Approved by the Utah Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**. Councilmember McDougal **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Buroker called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Haymond-Yes, Johnson-Yes, McDougal-Yes, Pierucci-Yes, and Smith-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilmember McDougal **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Councilmember Johnson **SECONDED** the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Approved: 10.6.26 CCM