

CLINTON CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

2267 N 1500 W

Clinton UT 84015

Date: September 22, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: 2267 N 1500 W, Clinton, UT 84015



Elected Officials:

Mayor: Marie Dougherty

Councilmembers: Spencer Arave, Jennifer Christensen, Chris Danson, Adam Larsen, and Dane Searle

Staff Present: City Manager Trevor Cahoon, Police Chief Shawn Stoker, Assistant Police Chief Matt Fawbush, Fire Chief Jason Poulsen, Assistant Public Works Director David Williams, Parks and Recreation Director Brooke Mitchell, Finance Director Cory Christensen, Deputy Recorder Amy Durrans, and Recorder Lisa Titensor

Public Present: Kirby Crowley, Brandon Stanger

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dougherty called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m. The full City Council was present.

DISCUSSION - TERM LIMITS

Mayor Dougherty explained that the Council had discussed the term limits ordinance on July 28 and set the work session to consider its merits. No action was scheduled for the work session. The topic had arisen while the Council was considering amendments to Title 2 of the City Code.

Councilmember Christensen distributed the results and comments from an informal Facebook poll she conducted of 244 respondents. She emphasized that the poll was not scientific. The Council also reviewed information on how long former Clinton City elected officials had served and discussed the experience of past elections.

Councilmembers discussed whether term limits would encourage participation and prevent elected officials from serving after their engagement declines. They also considered the value of experience and continuity, the availability of candidates, the advantage of incumbency, and whether voters should be able to reelect an official without a limit imposed by ordinance. Members expressed differing views about whether Clinton has experienced a problem that term limits would address.

The Council examined the language of the existing ordinance. Members noted that it limits service to two terms but does not clearly provide for a former official to run again after a break in service, although they recalled discussing that possibility when the ordinance was adopted. Mayor Dougherty also raised a question about the ordinance's legal defensibility and the potential for a legal challenge. No legal conclusion was reached.

The Council discussed retaining the ordinance, repealing it, or amending it to allow service after a break or to change the number of terms permitted. Members discussed returning the matter to a future policy agenda for possible action. Councilmember Christensen suggested a public hearing, and Mayor Dougherty agreed and said a presentation should provide context if a hearing is held. The Council took no vote or other formal action during the work session.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at approximately 6:51 p.m.

**Dated the 13_ day of October, 2026.
/s/Lisa Titensor, Clinton City Recorder**