



Wasatch County Council Meeting Minutes

DRAFT Minutes for September 16, 2026

The Wasatch County Council met in regular session live and online on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, in the Wasatch County Chambers located in the Wasatch County Administrative Building at 25 North Main, Heber City, Utah 84032.

A video recording of the meeting may be viewed by using the Wasatch County Public Portal (<https://wasatchcout.portal.civicclerk.com/>) and selecting the desired meeting.

Agenda

Call to Order

1. Prayer/Remarks - Spencer Park
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Mark Nelson

Public Comment

Public comments will be accepted in-person or via Zoom Webinar. Please limit comments to three minutes. If action is necessary, the item will be listed on a future agenda. The Council may elect to discuss the item if it is an immediate matter of concern. Email public comments to publiccomment@wasatchcounty.gov.

Summary:

No Public Comment

Call for Agenda Items

Summary: Dustin Grabau: The Treasure Office is hoping to meet some short-term staffing needs, so this is a budget request for next year, but they would like to do it for this fall. I'm asking if you want this scheduled for your consideration? We think we can fit it within our budget. Do you want Amber to come and explain to you what the situation is, or would you like us to take care of it? **Colleen Bonner:** I think it's always good to hear. **Luke Searle:** would you be mending the budget this year? **Dustin Grabau:** It would be reprogramming some existing funds, so it's not going to be a net increase in our budget, but it would be a request if we were authorizing an ongoing basis for 2027. We assume we are spending all our funds. In reality, we are conserving. We don't spend everything. We think we have enough money saved. **Colleen Bonner:** I think it would be good to go on record. **Dustin Grabau:** I'll have her

come to the meeting.

Consent Items

1. Approval of August 5, 2026 Minutes – Clerk/Auditor

Summary: There was a regular council meeting held on August 5, 2026. Combined motion was made after item 2 on consent agenda.

2. Approval of August 12, 2026 Minutes – Clerk/Auditor

Summary: A council work meeting was held on August 12, 2026

Action Taken: Councilmember Bonner: made a motion to approve consent items which includes the approval of August 5th minutes and August 12th minutes. **Councilmember Crittenden:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None

Council Items

1. First Reading of Ordinance 26-14 adopting seasonal parking restrictions – Terry Ekker

Summary:

- A. In order to facilitate the speedy and safe removal of snow from county roads, from November 1 through April 1, it is unlawful for the owner or driver of any vehicle to park or cause or allow to be parked such vehicle upon a paved county road or within 5 feet of a paved county road:

Action Taken: Councilmember Crittenden: made a motion that **we set this as the first reading and set the second reading for October 7th.** **Councilmember Park:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None

2. Briefing on the Wasatch County 2026 Quarter 2 Financial Report – Randy Bates
Wasatch County Finance Director

Summary: The purpose of this item is for staff to present to the County Council the Wasatch County 2026 Quarter 2 Financial Report, which shows financial estimates for

Calendar Year 2026 based upon six months of actual revenue/expenditure data (January 1–June 30, 2026) and six months of updated estimates (July 1 – December 31, 2026).

No motion needed

3. Presentation and discussion of the 2027 Base Budget, the General Fund five-year forecast, and department budget requests. – Heber Lefgren, Assistant County Manager

Summary: The purpose of this item is for staff to present to the County Council: (1) The 2027 Base Budget (which shows what the 2027 Budget would look like if current service levels remain unchanged); (2) A 5-year financial forecast for the General Fund based upon the 2027 Base Budget and the assumption that the current level of services remain unchanged; and (3) a list of all budget improvement requests submitted by departments for consideration.

This presentation is aligned with the county's revised budget calendar (attached) which was originally presented to, discussed with Council, and slightly modified during June's Council Retreat.

No motion needed

Council/Board Reports

Summary:

Councilmember Searle: We had a Library Board meeting this Tuesday. We switched our Library Board meeting to the third Tuesday at 3:00 PM and had our new member, Amanda Crowe, review some applications from that first opening and go to interview two individuals for that last opening on the library board. Now it's been expanded.

Councilmember Rowland: We had a meeting about affordable housing. It went well. Kendall and I can present at a future date. Also, on open land (WOLB) we are going to try and arrange an activity coming up in the next couple of weeks.

Councilmember Bonner: Did you ever get a chance to talk to Heath about the Parks and Rec. Board? It's on Oct. 8th, and I'll be gone **Dustin Grabau:** Yes, he's looking into it.

Councilmember Nelson: Dustin and I were in a quarterly meeting with UDOT, and we were talking about trails. You probably know this already. The trail that's on the right of way between Soilder Hollow and the Depot and Veterans Park is divided into AB&C and A&C are going to go out to bid soon and will likely be under construction or built next year. And B is not. **Councilmember Crittenden:** That's the one that crosses the river? **Councilmember Nelson:** Yes, I just wanted to let you know the status of that **Councilmember Park:** Is it funding reasons not being made? **Councilmember Nelson:** No, Engineering, the core was almost done. Also, I wanted to mention Heritage Days. We're one step closer because it's next Friday, and we are going to have a heritage day at the railroad and there will be public fireworks on the 25th at 9:00 PM. Activities between 5 and 7 include dinner, heritage entertainment, train ride, then fireworks. Here are some teasers. As we researched in 1910, you could buy a ticket to the Denver Rio Grande and railroad in Salt Lake City, put your

bicycle on the train with you and ride all the way to Heber to spend the day in Heber and ride back to Salt Lake and the tickets were \$1.25. The other thing we found someone broke into the safe on the Denver Rio Grande train a night when it was parked in the Provo yard and blew up with nitroglycerin and got \$55 in cash and \$25,000 in life insurance policies that was reported to the Salt Lake Telegram on September 16, 1932.

Councilmember Rowland: I just wanted to acknowledge and express our condolences to the families of the horrific accident on Hwy 40.

Manager's Report

Summary:

I talked with our financial advisors. We received a bond authorization in 2018 by voters for our Open Space Bond. We issued the first \$5,000,000 as a debt in 2020 as of the Lundins, and spent all that \$5,000,000. We have the other \$5,000,000 allocated. I think some of it projects are unlikely to proceed anyway, we have all that is allocated. Do you want us to proceed with issuing that \$5,000,000? We could wait about 90 days to do a general obligation issue, we could wait until we have a funding request. I think there are a few pair, Llama Mitchell Kisell, open space easements authorized by us, and we don't have cash in the bank to fund those challenges.

I'm curious if you want to schedule this as an agenda item, something you want to see in the near future.

Closed Session – as needed

Closed sessions may be held in accordance with Utah State Code 52-4-205 to discuss the following: Purchase, Exchange or Lease of Property; Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation; The Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual.

Summary:

5:45 pm Motion to go into closed session for property accusations.

Action Taken: Councilmember Bonner: made a motion to go into closed session regarding property accusations. **Councilmember Nelson:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None

Present in closed session. All Councilmembers: Dustin Grabau, Tiarra Cooper, Richard Breitenbeker, Scott Sweat, Wendy McKnight

At 5:51 pm came out of the closed session.

Action Taken: Councilmember Bonner: made a motion to come out of closed session.

Councilmember Park: seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None

Public Hearings 6:00

1. Paul Berg, representing KEW Consulting LLC, requests preliminary approval for Heritage Hills, a 23-lot conservation subdivision with 2 additional lots that are considered lots of record. The subdivision is located in Sections 5 & 8, Township 4S, and Range 6E in the Residential Agriculture 1 (RA-1) and Mountain (M) zones. The proposal also includes a county initiated request to amend the master trail plan to change the trail on Lake Creek Road east of 6400 East from the north side of Lake Creek Road to the south side of Lake Creek Road. – Doug Smith

Summary: This proposal is located at approximately 6380 East Lake Creek Road and further east of the red sandstone rock quarry on Lake Creek Road. The property is on the north and south sides of Lake Creek Road. The RA-1 portion of the development is west of 6400 East adjacent and east of Lake Creek Estates. The property surrounds the red rock quarry on the north side of Lake Creek Road on the way to Timber Lakes.

Whether or not the application meets the applicable laws governing the use and development of land in Wasatch County and is in compliance with the purpose and intent of the requirements of the conservation development code as well as the development requirements in the Residential Agriculture (RA-1) zone and a discussion about the trail master plan.

Action Taken: Councilmember Park: made a motion that **we approve this preliminary approval for Heritage Hills, a 23-lot conservation subdivision with 2 additional lots of record, and ask this be brought to council in November to amend the master trail plan with the findings and conditions as presented.** **Councilmember Searle:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None

Adjournment

Summary:

Adjourn at 6:40 PM

Action Taken: Councilmember Bonner: made a motion to adjourn. **Councilmember Nelson:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None

Chair

Joey D. Granger/Clerk/Auditor