

**Riverton City, Utah
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
October 6, 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 – 4:45 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Buroker called the Work Session to order at 5:11 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Haymond, Johnson, McDougal, Pierucci and Smith were present.

Presentations/Discussions

AI Demonstration

Jamie Larsen, City Recorder, explained how using AI to transcribe meetings and summarize discussions had significantly reduced the time required to prepare City Council minutes. The presentation demonstrated how AI-generated summaries of public comments and work sessions were reviewed, edited, and condensed.

MyCivic Report a Problem Discussion

Nate Slack, Public Information Officer, provided an update on the MyCivic app, including usage trends and 2026 service request data, noting that approximately 1,300 cases had been submitted and 1,176 resolved. He explained that the app allowed residents to report issues, upload photos, and track case progress. The Council discussed promoting the app, helping residents submit requests, and using service request data to demonstrate the City's responsiveness.

Long Range Plan Discussion

Nick Geer, Administrative Services Director, reviewed the City's five-year financial projections and explained that revenues were not keeping pace with projected operating expenses and capital needs across the culinary water, secondary water, sanitation, and general funds and general capital funds. The Council discussed establishing cash-on-hand goals to maintain financial stability and prepare for emergencies, with several members expressing interest in working toward a reserve of 250–270 days or more. Mr. Geer explained that the culinary water fund had approximately \$10.3 million in proposed projects over five years, including about \$8 million in infrastructure replacement, and that delaying projects could increase future costs. Councilmembers discussed whether projects should be funded through rate increases, existing reserves, debt financing, or a combination of approaches. They requested more information about project priorities, which projects were essential, and the long-term implications of delaying infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Geer also reviewed potential revenue shortfalls in the general fund and discussed options for addressing them, including expenditure reductions, a possible 0.20% local sales tax increase, general city property tax, reviewing business license fees, and evaluating other City fees to determine whether they adequately covered service costs. Councilmembers emphasized the need to evaluate the City's finances as a whole, including water rates, property taxes, and other fees residents pay to different entities. They requested several rate scenarios showing the costs of meeting current operating expenses and reaching different reserve targets over the five-year strategic planning period. The Council also discussed the need to prioritize police and fire funding and review department budgets and proposed capital projects before making financial decisions. Mr. Geer indicated that additional project information and rate scenarios would be discussed during upcoming work sessions, including a dedicated discussion of water projects and further review of the City's fee schedule.

Adjournment of Work Session

Councilmember Pierucci **MOVED to adjourn the Work Session**. 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. The Work Session adjourned at 6:29 PM.

COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Buroker called the Council Meeting to order at 7:02 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Haymond, Johnson, McDougal, Pierucci and Smith were present.

Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Cade Alcock offered the invocation and Abby Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comment

Adrian Galey raised concerns about housing costs, limited public transportation, and racial isolation in the community. She expressed concern that the City's 287(g) agreement with ICE had made their family feel unsafe and urged the mayor to vote against the agreement.

Alex opposed Riverton's cooperation with ICE through the 287(g) agreement and questioned whether the agreement would divert police resources from serving the community, undermine public trust, and affect individuals who live, work, attend school, visit, or travel through Riverton.

Matt challenged the City's explanations for maintaining the 287(g) agreement, questioned the legal basis for not consulting the City Council, and argued that public concerns were valid regardless of whether speakers lived within Riverton. He urged the City to end its cooperation with ICE.

Mayor/Council/Staff Reports

Councilmember Johnson reported on Jordan River Commission and South Valley Chamber of Commerce board meetings, highlighting the success of Riverton's Get to the River Festival and the upcoming Titans Award gala recognizing small businesses and volunteers. He also congratulated Mayor Buroker on receiving the Jordan River Commission's Outstanding Elected Official Award and provided updated statewide drought statistics, encouraging residents to conserve water.

Councilmember Haymond – No Report.

Councilmember McDougal reported that Riverton's sanitation costs and usage were down 7% year over year, while TransJordan's cash reserves had increased from \$3.4 million to \$6 million, largely due to increased commercial use of the Sandy transfer station. TransJordan is preparing for future transfer station development and anticipated relocating its operations farther south within approximately five years, as the landfill was nearing capacity.

Councilmember Smith congratulated Mayor Buroker on receiving the Jordan River Commission's award and reported attending meetings for the TRCC and CDBG funding boards to help determine funding allocations. She also attended the South Valley Chamber of Commerce Women in Business luncheon, a ribbon cutting for Advanced Display's expanded manufacturing facility in Riverton, and the Riverton Police Department's Citizens Academy.

Councilmember Pierucci reported that Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District's water deliveries to cities decreased 16% during the June–September season compared with 2025, while Riverton's water use decreased approximately 2% from January through September. He encouraged continued water conservation, thanked the Riverton Police Department for responding to resident concerns about traffic enforcement, speeding, and noise, and recognized Italian American Heritage Month. He also promoted the Riverton Connect app, noting that more than 1,176 reported issues had been resolved during the year through resident submissions.

Mayor Buroker reported that the annual financial audit committee had broader representation this year, including a Riverton resident with municipal experience. She also provided an update on the newly formed economic development committee, which was researching practices in other cities and identifying priorities to strengthen Riverton's tax revenues. She commended the landscaping and design of a new flex warehouse and office development near 12600 South Bangerter Highway and announced that Riverton had received the Get Healthy Utah Award, with a committee established to support continued improvement over the next three years.

Presentations/Recognitions

Riverton Choice Awards for Excellence in Education, Rose Creek Elementary

Councilmember Johnson awarded the Riverton Choice Awards for Rose Creek Elementary to Rebecca Blaisdell (Teacher), Claire Cox (student) and Axel Raleigh (student).

Riverton Choice Awards for Excellence in Education, Midas Creek Elementary

Councilmember McDougal awarded the Riverton Choice Awards for Midas Creek Elementary to Eliza Cortez Gardner (teacher) and Weston Gates (student).

Unified Fire Authority Presentation

Fire Marshal Watkins provided Unified Fire Authority's third-quarter and 2026 year-to-date report for Riverton, reviewing emergency and fire calls, ambulance and apparatus responses, and response times. Falls remained the most common EMS call type, and the 90th-percentile emergency response time was seven minutes and 27 seconds. He noted that calls were generally distributed throughout the City, with higher volumes potentially associated with care facilities, major travel corridors, and multifamily housing. The presentation also highlighted wildfire mitigation work along the Midas Creek corridor, where crews removed vegetation and ladder fuels to reduce the risk of fire spreading into tree canopies.

Consent Items

Mayor Buroker presented the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Minute Approval: September 15, 2026;
- b. **Resolution No. 26-45** Approving the Execution of an Amendment to the Water Contract with Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District;
- c. **Resolution No. 26-47** – Authorizing the Execution of a Franchise Agreement with Strata Networks;
- d. **Resolution No. 26-48** – Declaring the Identified equipment as a surplus and authorizing the City Manager to dispose of the item as he deemed appropriate; and
- e. **Resolution No. 26-49** – Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Newman Construction to complete the 1776 West 11800 South Frontage Improvement Project.

Councilmember Pierucci **MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda**. 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.

Public Hearing(s)/Action Items

Resolution No. 26-46 – Approving a Real Estate Purchase Contract with David D. King to Sale City-Owned Property Located at 2646 West 13400 South

Mayor Buroker opened the public hearing called for comments; there being none, she closed the public hearing.

Ryan Carter, City Attorney, reviewed a proposed contract for Riverton City to sell property to Mr. King. The agreement included provisions for the City to relocate utilities and adjust the purchase price if relocation costs increased unexpectedly. The City would coordinate the utility relocation with the purchaser and work in good faith to complete the transaction.

Councilmember Haymond **MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda**. 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.

Ordinance No. 26-20 – Text Amendments to Remove referenced to obsolete, conflicting and/or redundant code and minor edits and text removal for consistency with Utah State Codes

Jason Lethbridge, Development Services Director, presented a series of housekeeping amendments to the City's development code to remove obsolete or redundant provisions and align the language with current state law and existing City practices. The amendments addressed water-efficient landscaping standards, references to the general plan, minimum home size and exterior design requirements, and removal of agricultural and industrial zoning designations that had never been applied to property in Riverton. The Planning Commission recommended approval, and no public comments were received.

Mayor Buroker opened the public hearing called for comments; there being none, she closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Pierucci **MOVED to approve Ordinance No. 26-20 – Text Amendments to Remove referenced to obsolete, conflicting and/or redundant code and minor edits and text removal for consistency with Utah State Codes..** 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

Strategic Priorities Discussion

Mayor Buroker introduced a draft five-year strategic plan developed from Councilmembers' vision statements and department heads' identified needs during the recent strategic planning meeting. Councilmembers were asked to review the draft over the following weeks and provide feedback, including ensuring alignment with other cities' plans, incorporating previously identified priorities, and establishing measurable goals.

CLOSED SESSION

- **Discussion of pending or reasonably imminent litigation.**

At 8:02 PM, Councilmember McDougal moved to meet in a closed meeting to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Councilmember McDougal also moved to close the City Council meeting at the end of the Closed Session. Councilmember Smith **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Buroker called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. the vote was as follows: Haymond-Yes, Johnson-Yes, McDougal-Yes, Pierucci-Yes, and Smith-Yes. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting resumed in a Closed Session at 8:17 PM. Minutes for the Closed Session were taken and recorded and are now on file as a Protected Record.

Councilmember Johnson **MOVED** to adjourn the Closed Session at 8:45 PM. Councilmember Haymond **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Buroker called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Haymond-Yes, Johnson-Yes, McDougal-Yes, Pierucci-Yes and Smith-Yes. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment

As noted before, Councilmember McDougal **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Councilmember Smith **SECONDED** the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Approved: CCM 10.20.26