

**NORTH OGDEN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

June 29, 2021

The North Ogden City Council convened on June 29, 2021, at 6:01 p.m. at the North Ogden City Office at 505 East 2600 North. And also available electronically at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85009118094?pwd=aCtQZkY1YVp5MTFmb2NGRlA1OXIHQT09> or by Telephone: US: +1 346 248 7799 or 1 669 900 9128 or 1 253 215 8782 or 1 312 626 6799 or YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCriqbePBxTucXEzRr6felhQ/videos>. Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on June 24, 2021. Notice of the annual meeting schedule was published in the Standard-Examiner on December 13, 2020.

PRESENT:	S. Neal Berube	Mayor
	Ryan Barker	Council Member
	Blake Cevering	Council Member
	Charlotte Ekstrom	Council Member
	Cheryl Stoker	Council Member
	Phillip Swanson	Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:	Jon Call	City Manager/Attorney
	Susan Nance	City Recorder
	Dirk Quinney	Chief of Police

VISITORS:	Jay D Dalpias	Susan Kilborn	Edythe
	Steve Eyre	Dan Pyle	Stefanie Casey
	Brenda Ashdown	Spencer Stephens	Leonard Looney
	Merrill Sunderland		

Mayor Berube called the meeting to order.

6:00 PM – CLOSED MEETING

- 1. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO ENTER A CLOSED MEETING FOR THE REASONS RELATED TO UTAH CODE §52- 4-205(1)(c) REGARDING STRATEGY REGARDING PENDING OR REASONABLY IMMINENT LITIGATION**

Council Member Swanson motioned to recess the active agenda and enter into a closed meeting to discuss the pending or reasonably imminent litigation pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205 (1)(c). Council Member Stoker seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Ekstrom	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Swanson	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 6:02 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:38 p.m.

Mayor Berube welcomed the public and called the meeting to order. Council Member Swanson offered a thought and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. CALL FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Mayor Berube asked if any Councilmember had any conflict of interest to disclose. There were no disclosures made.

ACTIVE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Pyle, North Ogden resident, stated he is here tonight to ask for help from the City to address an issue with a valve on his home that was installed higher than called for in building code. He needs to relocate the blow out valve to another location or excavate the area to install it lower in the ground. He presented photographs of the present conditions of the valve to the Council and asked for consideration of his request for assistance from the Public Works Department.

4. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH BOUNDARIES FOR FIREWORKS AND PROHIBIT OPEN BURNING IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY**

City Manager/Attorney Call noted the Council adopted an ordinance on June 22 to ban fireworks throughout the entire City for the remainder of the year; staff is asking that the Council consider an amended ordinance to include appropriate language for addressing fire concerns in the community. This includes language identifying current drought conditions and definitions of hazards that contribute to increased fire risk. He presented the proposed ordinance document to identify the adjustments that have been made; the restrictions are set to expire December 31 of this year. He then presented maps that have historically been used to identify the City's boundaries as well as the areas in which fireworks have been banned; he asked that the Council determine which map should be included as the exhibit to the proposed ordinance for public communication purposes.

Council discussion centered on the clarity of the language included in the proposed ordinance and the manner in which the City-wide fireworks ban will be communicated to the public. They also determined to make the North Shore Aquatics Center parking lot to be used for personal fireworks display from July 2 through 5, and July 22 through 25, 2021. They also concluded to use the map that identifies the City boundaries and areas more susceptible to wildfire risk.

Council Member Swanson motioned to approve Amended Ordinance 2021-19 to establish boundaries for fireworks and prohibit open burning in certain areas of the City, with the wilfire.org map that was provided in the meeting and renumbering as appropriate. Council Member Cevering seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Ekstrom	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Swanson	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steve Hair, North Ogden resident, commented on allowing fireworks at the North Shore Aquatic Center. He hopes there will be some regulation of those fireworks because he has been to similar personal displays in the past and witnessed people getting hurt because of recklessness. He added that he hopes efforts are taken to protect homes around the

Aquatic Center as well. He then stated that it is very important to protect the hillsides of the City that are very dry and are very susceptible to wildfires if any fireworks are lit in that area. He asked that the City truly enforce the ordinance as adopted.

Brenda Ashdown, North Ogden resident, stated that it would be appropriate for the City to consider this type of ordinance earlier in the year if this is necessary next year and in future years; it is difficult for some people to understand when actions are taken just days before a holiday when fireworks are common. She then asked how long an abandoned car can be left on a public street before enforcement action is taken. Chief Quinney stated the vehicle would need to meet the legal definition of abandonment, which is either unregistered or inoperable. If it is neither of those, the car can be parked on the street indefinitely. Ms. Ashdown stated that the license plates have been removed and she is unsure it is inoperable. She identified the location of the vehicle. Chief Quinney stated the Police Department has been made aware of the vehicle and has tagged it to be towed.

Mr. Pyle reapproached and asked when he can expect to hear a response from the City about his request to relocate the valve on his property. Mayor Berube asked Mr. Pyle to leave his contact information with City staff and they can reach out to him.

Mr. Hair reapproached and asked if carwashes in the area are being required to conserve water in this time of drought. He added that he has seen many other property owners that are not following water restrictions; churches and neighboring property owners are watering their landscaping much more than allowed. Mayor Berube stated the City is carefully monitoring those issues and will be considering an ordinance that will impose penalties for those using culinary water for landscaping maintenance. He asked City Manager/Attorney Call to address the question about commercial water use. Mr. Call noted that many businesses, like carwashes, have water storage tanks to collect used water, filter it, and reuse it. He can check with the Public Works Department to see what they have done to reach out to businesses about reducing their water usage.

6. COUNCIL/MAYOR/STAFF COMMENTS

Council Member Barker reported the North View Fire District has hired paramedics that will be staffed in this community; most residents have not been aware that paramedic services have come from Ogden. This change should increase the level of service for public safety and paramedic response.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Stoker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Swanson seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

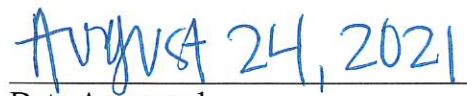
Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Ekstrom	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Swanson	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.


S. Neal Berube, Mayor


Susan L. Nance, CMC
City Recorder


Date Approved