

City of City of Willard  
**City Council Meeting February 12,  
2026**

Meeting minutes

**1. Call to Order**

**a. Invocation**

The invocation was given by Councilmember Jordan Hulsey.

**b. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Travis Mote led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**c. Conflict of interest declaration**

Mayor Travis Mote declared that he had bid on water shares that would be discussed during the meeting. It was noted that Councilmember Braegger had also bid on the water shares.

**2. Presentation of Citizenship Awards**

Mayor Mote explained that this was the second year for the Citizenship Awards program for Willard Elementary students. He noted the awards recognize outstanding youth who participate, show respect to their teachers, and are kind to one another. The awards are meant to show appreciation and encourage them to continue their good work as they grow up to become valuable members of society.

Several students were presented with citizenship awards, including Anaya Iqbal, Neytiri Cain, Logan Jorgensen, Liza Bird, Kolter Allen, Isabelle Kunz, Porter Hulsey, Madi Pearce, Hudson Parker, Enrique Solis and AnneLynn Bate. A group photo was taken with the students and the city council.

**3. Public Presentation**

Diana Baker of 276 West Center Street addressed the council regarding the garbage can ordinance. She expressed support for the proposed changes, noting that she may need a new can soon and was pleased the issue was being addressed, though she mentioned some concern about upfront costs.

No other residents addressed the council during the public comment period.

**4. Planning Commission Report**

Ken Ormond provided a report on the Planning Commission's recent meeting. He reported that:

- The commission considered an MPC zone for Western Farmlands at Canyon Bay subdivision, but postponed it due to issues with wording, clarity, and submittals for playground equipment.
- Two zoning changes were postponed until the next Planning Commission meeting.
- A conditional use permit for Daryl Nielsen in South Willard for a gravel pit was approved with the recommendation that it be put in Parson's name.

## 5. New Business

### a. Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance No. 2026-01

Mayor Mote opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance 2026-01, amending Chapter 12.20 of the Willard City Municipal Code regarding garbage and litter.

City Manager Jeremy Kimpton provided an overview of the ordinance, explaining that it clarifies ownership of garbage cans and addresses replacement costs. The main provisions include a \$135 charge for new move-ins to cover startup costs, with the city taking ownership of the can after that point. For existing cans, residents currently own them, but the city would take ownership upon replacement.

Diana Baker expressed support for the ordinance as she needs a replacement can soon, though she noted concern about upfront costs.

After receiving no further public comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Councilmember Jacob Bodily moved to approve Ordinance 2026-01, amending Chapter 12.20 garbage and litter of the Willard Municipal Code. Councilmember Rod Mund seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### c. Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance No. 2026-05

Mayor Mote opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance 2026-05, amending Chapter 2.08 of the Willard City's Municipal Code regarding the powers of the City Manager.

City Attorney Amy Hugie explained the proposed changes, which included:

- Cleaning up the language in the city manager section
- Clarifying that the city manager supervises the police
- Removing language that had the mayor performing evaluations of the police chief and fire chief
- Establishing the city manager's authority over all employees and volunteers
- Adding the mayor to the provision prohibiting council members from being appointed as city manager during their term of office and for one year after

Sharon Newlin asked for clarification about who residents should contact when contractors or utility companies need to work on private property. Council members and staff advised that for issues with city infrastructure, residents should contact the city manager. However, for utilities with legal easements, it's often a matter between the property owner and the utility company.

After hearing all public comments, the hearing was closed.

Motion: Councilmember Mike Braegger moved to approve Ordinance 2026-05 as written. Councilmember Jacob Bodily seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

**e. Action Item: Discussion/Approval of Ordinance 2026-02**

The council discussed Ordinance 2026-02, amending Section 24.44.050 of the Willard City Zoning Code regarding area coverage, setbacks, and height regulations.

Councilmember Rod Mund expressed concerns about the agricultural conservation easement provisions, particularly potential conflicts that could arise from agricultural activities near residential areas. He cited examples including spraying in orchards and livestock odors that could lead to complaints from nearby homeowners.

Mayor Mote explained that the agricultural easement option was intended to preserve farmland while providing open space that the city would not have to maintain. He acknowledged the need for careful consideration when approving such arrangements.

The council also discussed height limitations for accessory buildings and accessory dwelling units (ADUs). It was determined that there was a typo in the ordinance regarding the height limitations. The council agreed to amend the language to establish a consistent 25-foot height limit for accessory buildings rather than tying it to the height of the principal structure.

Motion: Councilmember Mike Braegger moved to approve Ordinance 2026-02 with the correction to section 24.08.14, deleting "or the height of the principal structure, whichever is less." Councilmember Jordan Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

**f. Action Item: Discussion/Approval of bids received for 2026 Willard City Irrigation Water**

The council reviewed bids received for the 2026 Willard City Irrigation Water.

Mayor Mote noted that he had declared a conflict of interest on this item as he had submitted a bid as did Councilmember Mike Braegger.

Motion: Councilmember Rex Christensen moved to approve the bids as presented. Councilmember Rod Mund seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**g. Action Item: Discussion/Approval of Resolution 2026-02**

The council discussed Resolution 2026-02 supporting Willard's involvement with the Box Elder Communication Center for emergency dispatch services.

Motion: Councilmember Jacob Bodily moved to approve Resolution 2026-02. Councilmember Rod Mund seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

**h. Action Item: Discussion/Approval of Appointment of Chandler Bingham as Planning Commission Chair**

Mayor Mote explained that Sid Bodily had approached him after a planning commission meeting expressing that one of the other planning commission members might want the

opportunity to chair the commission. Mayor Mote had discussed it with Sid, who felt he had been chair for quite a while, and subsequently asked Chandler Bingham to serve as chair, with Sid taking Chandler's seat on the commission. The mayor requested council ratification of this decision.

Motion: Councilmember Rod Mund moved to ratify the appointment of Chandler Bingham as Planning Commission Chair. Councilmember Jacob Bodily seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Item Tabled from January 22, meeting:

### a. Discussion/Approval of Ordinance 2026-01

The council discussed the ordinance regarding a municipal boundary adjustment with Perry City. Mayor Mote noted that additional maps had been provided showing that the boundary line goes down the middle of 200 West and maintains the inland port without changing the port of entries. The adjustment would incorporate the Link properties and Chad Braggart's properties along with the James Edward Meyer property.

Councilmember Braegger spoke in favor of the boundary adjustment, stating that while it was difficult to give up part of Willard, he felt the area would be better served by being in Perry due to sewer and water infrastructure already in place.

Councilmember Mund expressed opposition, questioning what benefit Willard would receive and noting the potential loss of approximately \$1 million in impact fees and taxes.

Mayor Mote mentioned concerns about the feasibility of providing sewer service to the area, as it would require a pump station in an area with a low groundwater table that could lead to potential problems.

Pat Burns, a property owner affected by the decision, expressed frustration with the delay after working on the issue for 3.5 years. He noted he had invested \$1.1 million in sewer infrastructure and that neighboring properties already receive Perry water while being in Willard.

Chad Braggart, another affected landowner, described how his property receives Perry water and sewer services already, and pointed out that Willard had previously declined to invest in infrastructure in that area.

After extensive discussion, the council considered the possibility of pursuing an interlocal agreement with Perry for services rather than a boundary adjustment.

Motion: Councilmember Rod Mund moved to table the item and explore an interlocal agreement option for water and sewer services with Perry City before the next council meeting. Councilmember Jacob Bodily seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Mund, Bodily, and Christensen voting in favor, and Councilmembers Hulseley and Braegger opposed.

## 9. Minutes

### a. Approval of January 22, 2026, minutes

Motion: Councilmember Rod Mund moved to approve January 22, 2026, meeting minutes. Councilmember Jacob Bodily seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 10. Staff Reports

### a. Public Works

Mayor Mote thanked Public Works for getting the lift station working again and for getting the lights on.

### b. Police Department

The council briefly reviewed the police department report. Councilmember Braegger asked about animal wildlife cases, which were reported to be mostly deer hits.

### c. Fire Department

No report was provided.

### d. City Manager

City Manager Jeremy Kimpton mentioned that the personnel policy would be ready for review at the next meeting.

### e. City Planner

No report was provided as the City Planner had to leave the meeting early.

### f. City Attorney

No report was provided.

### g. City Interim Recorder

The Interim Recorder noted the need to approve January 22, 2026, minutes.

## 11. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Rod Mund presented a thank-you card and letter from Sherry and BJ Wells recognizing the council's acknowledgment of Jim Wells, who recently passed away. The letter noted Jim's deep roots in Willard, with the Wells home being established in the 1850s and still standing in the center of town.

Councilmember Mike Braegger emphasized the importance of friendship among council members despite disagreements during meetings, stating that they are all still friends at the end of the day regardless of differences of opinion.

Councilmember Rex Christensen and Councilmember Jordan Hulsey also made comments about the importance of balance in decision-making and the need to invest in the city's infrastructure for future growth.

Mayor Mote provided updates on the economic development plan, Granite documents, and requested improvements to the online dog license program, noting his personal experience with the current system was not a good one and needed streamlining.

Councilmember Mike Braegger shared an observation about hikers going into potentially dangerous areas near Granite's operations despite warnings.

### 13. Consideration of Motion to Enter a Closed Session

Motion: Councilmember Jacob Bodily moved to close the meeting and go into a closed session to discuss character, professional competence, and potential litigation issues. Councilmember Rod Mund seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

### 14. Adjourn

Motion: Councilmember Jacob Bodily moved to adjourn. Councilmember Rex Christensen seconded the motion.  
Meeting Adjourned