

Willard City Council Meeting

Meeting minutes

Call to Order

Invocation

Councilmember Mund was asked to give the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mote led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Conflict of interest declaration

Mayor Mote asked if there were any conflicts of interest on the day's agenda. No conflicts were declared.

Open Comment Period

Diana Baker of 276 West 7th street addressed the council. She mentioned an article about Perry and their overcrowding issues, noting that Perry was amending their ordinance to allow only 4-unit houses or townhomes per building and 4 buildings per acre. She suggested that Willard should consider similar measures before experiencing similar overcrowding issues with large townhomes.

Planning Commission Report

There was no planning commission member present, so this item was skipped.

New Business

Discussion on proposed RV Ordinance

Jeremy Kimpton, City Manager introduced the topic, explaining that there had been concerns about RVs staying longer than the ordinance allowed at RV parks. The planning and zoning commission had discussed this over several meetings and were asked to draft an ordinance allowing for longer stays. Jeremy mentioned that a work session had been held previously to discuss the matter.

Jeremy explained that he had modified Brigham's tiered system ordinance, which was originally geared towards hotels, to fit RV resorts or parks. He stated this was for discussion only, as they didn't schedule the public hearing in time. He asked for feedback from the council on whether they liked it or wanted changes.

Councilmember Mund suggested getting feedback from the police, fire, and public works departments who sometimes visit these areas. He emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards and addressing nuisances if they arise.

Council Member Mund also brought up the issue of farm labor housing, suggesting that provisions should be made for farmers to park trailers on their property for workers, as long as proper hookups and sewage management were in place. This led to a discussion about the differences between residential and agricultural zones, and how to handle sewage and hookups for such situations.

Mayor Mote expressed concerns about enforcement in residential areas and the differences between ADUs and trailers. He suggested that for agricultural situations, there should be a minimum acreage requirement and proper documentation of farm labor status.

The council discussed various aspects of the proposed ordinance, including sewage management, impact fees, and the definition of seasonal agricultural workers. Jeremy agreed to draft language for the agricultural worker exception and circulate it for feedback before presenting it to the planning commission.

Mayor Mote requested that Jeremy add this item to the next agenda to schedule a public hearing after the planning commission's review.

Minutes

Approval of March 27, 2025, City Council minutes

Councilmember Braegger noted an error in the minutes where Mayor Mote was referred to as "Mayor Campbell" on line 7, page 4. No other changes were suggested.

Motion: Councilmember Mund moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Councilmember Bodily seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial

Warrants, Vouchers, Reports

The financial report was signed by attending council members.

Department Reports

Public Works

Payden Vine, Public Works Director reported that they were starting to open park bathrooms and prepare for the water season, with plans to open facilities on April 15, 2025.

Police Department

Chief Theron Fielding reported that they were waiting for statistics to be compiled for the next council meeting. Vehicle maintenance was ongoing, with lights and trucks being serviced and motor work starting.

Fire Department

There was no report from the Fire Department.

Council Member Reports

Jacob Bodily

Councilmember Bodily had no report.

Rod Mund

Councilmember Rod inquired about trucks he had observed traveling through the city, possibly related to landscaping work near a temporary retention pond. He also suggested that the council take a field trip to view areas of the city where development is occurring, such as Ridge and Orchards. The council agreed to schedule this at the next meeting, potentially for May.

Mike Braegger

Councilmember Mike thanked Peyton and his team for their help with flood control, including replacing a stem on a flood control gate in the nature park and assisting with camera work on a pipe on 600 South. He also raised concerns about a yield sign on 100 North, suggesting it be changed to a stop sign due to anticipated increased traffic from Highway 89 construction.

Council Member Braegger also inquired about weed control in the nature park and suggested considering the county's weed spraying services for larger areas.

Rex Christensen

Councilmember Christensen was absent from the meeting.

Jordan Hulsey

Councilmember Hulsey reported on discussions with Principal Godfrey regarding the citizenship award. The school wants to present the awards at the last council meeting in May, with one award per grade for grades 2-5. They are coordinating with Three Mile Creek Elementary to potentially include their students as well.

Next Agenda: April 24, 2025

This item was not specifically discussed during the meeting.

Mayor's General Correspondence and Information

Mayor Mote requested a brief meeting with Council Member Braegger and Jeremy Kimpton, City Manager after the council meeting to discuss Bear River Water Conservancy District matters.

City Manager's Report

Jeremy reminded the council of the upcoming work session on the 24th. He also mentioned the snow and parking ordinance that had been emailed to the council for review, which was based on state guidelines with some modifications for Willard. He stated he would bring it back for final approval at a future meeting.

City Planners Report

Nothing discussed during the meeting.

City Attorney Report

The City Attorney had nothing to report.

Consideration of Motion to Enter a Closed Session

Mayor Mote explained that the council needed to enter a closed session to discuss the tentative agreements with Granite regarding the trail. He mentioned that these agreements would be made public shortly.

Motion: Councilmember Mund moved to enter a closed session to discuss real property. Councilmember Bodily seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all council members present voting in favor.

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned as the council entered the closed session.

Adjourn