

# Willard City Council Meeting

Willard City Council Meeting  
November 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m.  
Willard City Council Chambers  
80 West 50 South Willard Utah 84340

## **Officials Present:**

Mayor Travis Mote  
Council Member Jordan Hulsey  
Council Member Rex Christensen  
Council Member Jacob Bodily

## **City Staff:**

Colt Mund, City Attorney  
Jeremy Kimpton, City Manager  
Susan K O Bray, City Recorder  
Chief Theron Fielding  
Madison Brown, City Planner

## **Others Present:**

Jay Thackery  
Lynn Murphy  
Chad Braegger  
Doug & Mary Younger  
Ken & Ruth Ormond

## **Call to Order & Public Hearings**

### **Invocation**

Mayor Mote commenced November 14, 2024, City Council meeting. Council Member Christensen gave an invocation.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited following the invocation by Council Member Hulsey.

### **Conflict of Interest Declaration**

Mayor Mote noted the absence of council members Braegger and Mund due to other commitments. It was confirmed that no members present had conflicts of interest regarding the agenda items.

## **Open Comment Period**

During the open comment period, no residents wanted to speak when invited to voice their comments or concerns regarding city matters.

## **Planning Commission Report**

The planning commission reported several topics discussed, including:

Commissioner Chad Braegger mentioned while an amendment was being drafted for accessory dwelling units, PUD criteria are a point of focus. There was also an emphasis on South Willard's land-use planning coordination to accommodate annexation efforts and align with future land-use maps for South Willard.

## **New Business**

### **Discussion Regarding Water Allocation**

Discussion addressed water allocation requirements and challenges, emphasizing the necessity of water accounted for city parks and exploring water needs for the cemetery, which is planning an expansion due to a lack of available lots. Discussions included potential solutions to conserve water through enhanced system efficiencies like automation and evaluating overall future water reserve planning to ensure sustainability.

There was mention of a state-required water plan due by 2025. Plans to remain proactive in managing water allocations to mitigate against losing rights were discussed. There was consensus on moving forward to finalizing an ordinance either by December or January to enshrine allocations.

## **Minutes**

### **Approval of October 24, 2024, Minutes**

Mayor Mote requested comments concerning the meeting minutes. No concerns were reported.

Motion to approve October 24, 2024, minutes was made by Council Member Christensen. Council Member Bodily seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Financial**

### **Warrants, Vouchers, Reports**

The financials were reviewed by each council member present. The payment approval was signed.

## **Department Reports**

### **Public Works**

Public Works discussions focused on issues such as homeowners placing dirt on curbs and ensuring driveways remained accessible and curbs kept clear. A suggestion was made for city employees to play a role in enforcing upkeep.

### **Police Department**

An informative report was provided on a Web-based feedback system for officer behavior tracking, supported initially through a state grant for an initial cost cap of about \$5,298.

Concerns were raised about covering successive subscription offerings if future grants were unattainable.

### **Fire Department**

The fire department representative was not present, no additional reports or inquiries regarding their operational outputs were presented.

### **Council Member Reports**

#### **Rex Christensen**

Acknowledged Veteran's Day and made public thanks to community veterans for their significant service contributions.

### **Mayor's General Correspondence and Information**

Dialogue involved a discussion with the school district regarding fencing around school property, examining its implications on public infrastructure like the Golden Mile, sprinkling systems, and strategies around maintaining and sharing resources linked to the adjacent park. Discussions drifted around ensuring public usage without compromising security measures demanded by newer school policies. A practical maintenance strategy was suggested, which involved collaboration between the school district's maintenance team and city public works.

A conversation surfaced asking why dog licensing is done, prompting observations that its utility—in terms of revenue versus costs—might be misaligned regarding city objectives, bearing little profit after operational labor expenses. Perspectives offered proposed perhaps the greater availability of relatable tech solutions like microchipping obsolesces the need for licenses, He would like to post a survey on Facebook in further viewing public response for potential transition.

Mayor Mote stated we need to advertise the irrigation shares the city has by January 1, 2025. Bids will be due by the 10th of January.

### **City Manager's Report**

The City Manager acknowledged the Deer Run Subdivision wanted to put small playground equipment in the little strip by the detention pond. Jeremy, City Manager, said that the developer is going to have the HOA manage it until the summer of 2026, then it will be handed over to the city. There will be a field for sports.

### **Adjournment**

Council Member Bodily moved to adjourn. Council Member Hulseby seconded the motion. Motion carried.