

Tooele City Council Business Meeting Minutes

Date: June 4, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Tooele City Hall, Council Chambers
90 North Main Street, Tooele, Utah

City Council Members Present

Justin Brady
Melodi Gochis
Ed Hansen
Maresa Manzione
David McCall

City Employees Present

Mayor Debbie Winn
Police Chief Adrian Day
Michelle Pitt, City Recorder
Loretta Herron, Deputy City Recorder
Roger Baker, City Attorney
Shilo Baker, Mayor's Assistant
Andrew Aagard, Community Development Director
Paul Hansen, City Engineer
Jamie Grandpre, Public Works Director
Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director
Chase Randall, Library Director
Cody Lopez, Oquirrh Hills Golf Pro

Minutes prepared by Alicia Fairbourne

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brady called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Dave McCall, Present
Ed Hansen, Present
Melodi Gochis, Present
Maresa Manzione, Present
Justin Brady, Present

3. Public Comment Period

Chairman Brady opened the floor at 7:03 pm.

Megan Bleazard, Shelby McBride, and Brooke Hill – members of the Grantsville High School girls' golf team – thanked the City Council and Mayor Winn for allowing them to practice and compete at Oquirrh Hills Golf Course. They shared personal reflections on how the sport and access to the course positively impacted their lives. The team also presented a framed gift to the Council and Mayor as a gesture of appreciation.

Rick Harrison, Grantsville girls' golf team coach, expressed gratitude for the ongoing support from the City, praised the condition of the golf course and its staff – particularly Golf Pro Cody Lopez – and noted the exceptional experience his athletes receive compared to other programs. He also commended the City for the quality of England Acres Park. The Council responded appreciatively, and photos were taken with the team.

There being no further public comments, Chairman Brady closed the floor at 7:08 p.m.

4. State Funded Grant Previously Funded by VOCA (Victims of Crime Act)

Presented by Velynn Matson, City Court Victim Advocate

Ms. Matson presented an update on the state-funded grant previously funded by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). She reported that while many cases were still progressing, a notable 2016 Tooele City homicide case recently went to trial and resulted in a guilty verdict, with sentencing expected in the fall. Ms. Matson shared crime trend data observed in her office, noting a decrease in domestic violence and aggravated assault, a steady but high rate of child sexual assault cases, and an increase in burglaries and stalking. In the past six months, her office assisted with 65 protective orders and provided emergency support services such as shelter, food, rent assistance, and transportation for victims, particularly those aged 30 to 44. She announced that a new grant cycle would begin July 1 and expressed gratitude for the Council's support. Chairman Brady and Mayor Winn thanked Ms. Matson for her work, with Mayor Winn noting that the upcoming budget included funding to expand Ms. Matson's role to full-time.

5. Ordinance 2025-10 An Ordinance of Tooele City Enacting a Temporary Land Use Regulation Amending Tooele City Code Section 7-26-3 Regarding Water Rights Exactions

Presented by Roger Baker, City Attorney

Mr. Baker presented the proposed ordinance and explained that the ordinance allowed the City Council and administration to more specifically exercise discretion when determining whether to accept water rights offered by developers. The update responded to concerns about over-appropriated water sources in eastern Tooele Valley and the difficulty in developing new water sources. The proposed changes would allow the City to reject rights that lacked demonstrable potential for development, thereby protecting the city's water system from nonviable or overlapping rights. The ordinance would remain in effect for up to six months while a permanent regulation was studied and developed.

Council members asked clarifying questions about who determined sufficiency, and Mr. Baker affirmed that the decision would ultimately rest with the Council and Mayor, advised by city staff and the Utah Division of Water Rights. Councilman Hansen voiced concern about whether rejecting rights might challenge their validity, to which Mr. Baker responded that the City was not invalidating rights but rather exercising due diligence in evaluating them.

The Council Members expressed support, viewing the ordinance as a protective measure.

Motion: Councilwoman Gochis moved to approve Ordinance 2025-10, an Ordinance of Tooele City enacting a temporary land use regulation amending Tooele City Code Section 7-26-3

regarding water rights exactions. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilwoman Manzione, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Abstain"; Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 4-0 with 1 abstaining.

6. Ordinance 2025-17 An Ordinance of Tooele City Amending Tooele City Code 10-2-7 Regarding Designated Truck Routes for Large Vehicles

Presented by Adrian Day, Police Chief

Police Chief Adrian Day presented Ordinance 2025-17, which amended Tooele City Code Section 10-2-7 regarding designated truck routes for large vehicles. Chief Day explained that the changes addressed problematic truck traffic by removing Pine Canyon Road and Droubay Road from the designated route list on the east side of the city, as those roads lacked suitable access and related infrastructure. The ordinance also eliminated the provision allowing the police chief to grant written exceptions, noting that Section 4 already adequately covered permissible deviations for deliveries, construction, and business access. On the west side, the ordinance clarified routing through Utah Avenue and 1100 West to prevent trucks from cutting through neighborhoods near schools. Additionally, it reclassified violations for improper parking as civil citations while maintaining Class B misdemeanors for illegal driving.

The Council had no questions, having previously reviewed the item during a work meeting.

Motion: Councilman Hansen moved to approve Ordinance 2025-17, an Ordinance of Tooele City amending Tooele City Code Section 10-2-7 regarding designated truck routes for large vehicles. Councilwoman Manzione seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilwoman Manzione, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed unanimously.

7. Resolution 2025-48 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Amending the Tooele City Fee Schedule to Increase the Non-Resident Library Card Fee

Presented by Chase Randall, Library Director

Mr. Randall presented the resolution which proposed an increase in the non-resident library card fee from \$30 to \$40 per year. He explained that Tooele City residents receive library cards at no additional cost, funded through property taxes, while approximately 1,000 non-residents, primarily from Stansbury Park, Erda, and Grantsville, currently pay the annual fee. The fee had not been updated since 2015. Mr. Randall calculated the true per-resident cost to the City at \$32.93, indicating that residents were subsidizing non-resident access. The proposed fee adjustment was designed to eliminate that subsidy and would take effect on July 1, 2025, giving time to notify cardholders. He compared the rate to Salt Lake County's \$180 household-based model and Grantsville's \$10 fee, noting differences in service levels and collection sizes. He also highlighted the library's participation in the Beehive Library Consortium and interlibrary loan program as added value.

Council Members supported the proposal and praised the library's services.

Motion: Councilwoman Gochis moved to approve Resolution 2025-48, a Resolution of the Tooele City Council amending the Tooele City Fee Schedule to increase the non-resident library card fee. Councilwoman Manzione seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilwoman Manzione, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Resolution 2025-49 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Consenting to Mayor Winn's Appointments of Denece Hall, Jesi Lloyd, and Kalani Mascherino to the Library Board of Directors**

Presented by Chase Randall, Library Director

Mr. Randall presented the proposed resolution, requesting the Council's consent to Mayor Winn's appointments of Denece Hall, Jesi Lloyd, and Kalani Mascherino to the Library Board of Directors for three-year terms. Mr. Randall explained that the board had four vacancies due to resignations and expiring terms, and the three appointees were selected from a pool of five applicants. He introduced each appointee, highlighting their community involvement and enthusiasm for the library.

Jesi Lloyd is a homeschooling mother of four with strong ties to the library and the community. Denece Hall, a long-time Tooele resident and former City employee, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve and give back. Kalani Mascherino has actively volunteered with the Friends of the Library and looked forward to supporting library programs and outreach.

Council Members thanked the appointees for their willingness to serve.

Motion: Councilwoman Manzione moved to approve Resolution 2025-49 consenting to Mayor Winn's appointments of Denece Hall, Jesi Lloyd, and Kalani Mascherino to the Library Board of Directors. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilwoman Manzione, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Library Annual Report**

Presented by Chase Randall, Library Director

Mr. Randall presented the annual report for the Tooele City Library, highlighting achievements and statistics from the past fiscal year. The library maintained a physical collection of 49,282 items and offered access to 449,356 digital titles via the Libby app, along with nearly 35,000 movies and TV shows through the new Kanopy streaming service. Total library visits reached over 160,000 – an 8% increase from the previous year. The library served 9,340 cardholders, 9% of whom were non-residents. Physical checkouts totaled over 174,000, while digital checkouts exceeded 106,000, with usage trending toward a more balanced ratio.

Mr. Randall explained that a drop in the reported number of cardholders resulted from a database cleanup during the implementation of a new catalog system, which also blocked expired cardholders from using digital resources until renewing. The library filled only one staff position during the year and operated without requesting a budget increase, aside from cost-of-living adjustments. It also contributed \$10,000 in savings to the City's capital expenditures fund, due in part to reduced costs from equipment upgrades, including a new boiler. Revenue increased by approximately 10%, with projections near \$36,000.

Technology use also rose, with over 21,000 public computer and Wi-Fi sessions recorded. Program participation grew as well, with over 2.8 million minutes read in the summer reading program and nearly 1,530 participants. A total of 263 programs were held, attracting more than 14,000 attendees.

Completed projects included the new catalog system, water-wise landscaping improvements, stamped concrete installation, and boiler replacement. Mr. Randall concluded by inviting questions, and the Council expressed appreciation for his leadership and the library's continued progress.

10. Resolution 2025-50 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Agreement with SKM for SCADA System Design Work at the Water Reclamation Facility

Presented by Jamie Grandpre, Public Works Director

Mr. Grandpre presented Resolution 2025-50, which approved an agreement with SKM for SCADA system design work at the Water Reclamation Facility. He explained that the \$36,000 not-to-exceed contract would fund design services for the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system and electrical instrumentation and controls as part of the facility's Phase One upgrade project. The scope of work would focus primarily on ultraviolet (UV) system improvements. Mr. Grandpre noted that SKM would bill based on actual work performed, up to the contract limit. There were no questions from the Council.

Motion: Councilman Hansen moved to approve Resolution 2025-50, a resolution of the Tooele City Council approving an agreement with SKM for SCADA system design work at the Water Reclamation Facility. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilwoman Manzione, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed unanimously.

11. Resolution 2025-47 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Declaring Surplus Certain Technology-Related Equipment, and Authorizing its Disposal

Presented by Michelle Pitt, City Recorder

Ms. Pitt presented the resolution and requested the Council to declare certain technology-related equipment from the police department's IT division as surplus. She explained that the items had exceeded their useful life and no longer met the city's technology needs. In accordance with city policy, the equipment had been retained as long as possible to salvage usable parts, and the City would now seek to recycle as many of the items as feasible. There were no questions from the Council.

Motion: Council Member McCall moved to approve Resolution 2025-47, a Resolution of Tooele City Council declaring surplus certain technology related equipment and authorizing its disposal. Councilwoman Manzione seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilwoman Manzione, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed unanimously.

12. Invoices & Purchase Orders
Presented by Michelle Pitt, City Recorder

There were none.

13. Minutes

~May 21, 2025 Work Meeting

~May 21, 2025 Business Meeting

There were no corrections.

Motion: Councilwoman Manzione moved to approve the May 21, 2025 Work Meeting and May 21, 2025 Business Meeting Minutes as presented. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilwoman Manzione, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed unanimously.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Brady adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.

Approved this 18 day of June, 2025


Justin Brady, City Council Chair

