

City Council Business Meeting Minutes

Date: March 18, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Council Members Present

Justin Brady

Ed Hansen

Jon Gossett

Melodi Gochis

Dave McCall

Staff Present:

Maresa Manzione, Mayor

Matthew Johnson, City Attorney

Kelley Anderson, Planning Commissioner

Chris Sloan, Planning Commissioner

Police Chief Adrian Day

Paul Hansen, City Engineer

Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director

Shilo Baker, City Recorder

Loretta Herron, Deputy City Recorder

Minutes Prepared by Teresa Young

1. **America 250 Tribute and Pledge of Allegiance**

Presented by Tooele High School JLTC

Chairman Brady opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Lieutenant Colonel Anderson introduced himself as the JROTC instructor serving all four high schools in the district. He explained that the program is a military science elective available to students throughout all four years of high school. Participation provides students with the opportunity to enlist in any branch of the military at an advanced rank (E-2 or E-3), offering increased pay and service time benefits. He noted that he has successfully helped students enlist in branches such as the National Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be involved.

The Tooele High School JLTC (Junior Leadership Training Corps) led the Flag Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call**

Jon Gossett, Present

Melodi Gochis, Present

Ed Hansen, Present

Dave McCall, Present

Justin Brady, Present

3. **Public Comment Period**

Chairman Brady opened the public comment period at 7:05 p.m. Seeing no members of the public coming forward, Chairman Brady closed the public comment period at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Baker, City Recorder, advised that an emailed public comment had been received.

The Chairman reopened the public comment period and read into the record an email from Tina and Jeff Simonich, dated March 4, 2026, requesting a review of the seasonal schedule for pickleball net maintenance. The Simonichs expressed a desire to extend access to the courts, noting that neighboring communities maintain pickleball nets year-round or for longer seasons. They suggested that the nets remain accessible even when restrooms are closed, similar to other local amenities, such as the city skate park, which remains open during winter months without restroom access. They also noted a growing demand for dedicated pickleball courts on the south end of town to better serve the increasing population.

Chairman Brady closed the public comment period at 7:07 p.m.

4. **Resolution 2026-15 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Amending the Tooele City Fee Schedule Regarding Animal Shelter Fees and Police Department Record Fees**

Presented by Adrian Day, Police Chief

Chief Day outlined the launch of a small Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program in partnership with an off-site provider, giving the City access to affordable veterinary services for sterilization and vaccinations. As part of this, a new rabies vaccination fee is proposed to ensure compliance with state law prior to adoption or release of animals. Additional changes include reducing the animal carcass disposal fee from \$100 to \$50 for dogs, cats, and small animals (excluding livestock), reinstating a \$100 dog surrender fee under certain circumstances, and adding a \$30 surrender fee for cats.

Chief Day advised that for police records, he is proposing separating police record fees from general City records due to the significantly higher volume and sensitivity of requests. The Police Department processes thousands of requests annually, many requiring redaction and compliance with state systems and expungement requirements. He also noted that victims of crimes are typically not charged for reports. As part of the update, an increase in accident and police report fees from \$5 to \$10 was proposed, supported by comparisons to similar agencies.

The Council discussion included clarification on animal disposal procedures and fee applicability for small animals.

Motion: Councilman Hansen moved to approve Resolution 2026-15 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Amending the Tooele City Fee Schedule Regarding Animal Shelter Fees and Police Department Record Fees. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye" Councilman McCall, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passes 5-0.

5. **Ordinance 2026-05 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 Paul Hansen, City Engineer

Mr. Hansen explained that since August 1998, Tooele City has required water rights exactions for all new developments, a policy that has been in place for nearly 28 years. With development increasing and water resources becoming more challenging to secure, minor language updates are proposed to the ordinance to better protect the city's interests. These changes do not alter exaction amounts or requirements, but they give the city the ability to evaluate proposed water rights for conveyance and, at its discretion, refuse, modify, or place conditions on them. The ordinance also allows the city to reject water rights not associated with a developed or identifiable water source and to more thoroughly assess water source sufficiency and quality. Mr. Hansen noted that the east side of Tooele Valley has been over-appropriated by the state engineer, and while the city is currently developing resources, including a new well near Rogers Road, the ordinance ensures that future water rights are valid and usable. The measure is a temporary land use ordinance, intended to begin immediately upon approval, and it will also be reviewed by the Planning Commission for a formal recommendation back to the Council. The purpose is solely to protect the interests of the city and its residents without being punitive or restrictive.

Motion: Councilwoman Gochis moved to approve Ordinance 2026-05 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:

Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Gossett, "Aye", Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 5-0.

6. **Ordinance 2026-06 An Ordinance of Tooele City Amending Tooele City Code Section 6-7-4 Regarding the Imposition and Collection of Fees for Impounded Animals**

Presented by Matt Johnson, City Attorney

Mr. Johnson explained that the proposed amendment addresses a problem in the city code regarding fees and costs associated with impounded animals. The previous code allowed unpaid fees to be collected through civil action or added to the owner's tax or utility bill, which could be misinterpreted as punitive. The amendment updates the language to more accurately reflect the city's actual collection practices. It also adds clear provisions for notifying owners of the amount owed and the timeline for payment. Specifically, owners are notified either in person or by mail to their last known address, and they have 30 days to pay before the city may initiate collection through Finance, the City Attorney's office, or other appropriate methods. The changes clarify procedures without altering the city's collection authority.

Motion: Councilman Gossett Ordinance 2026-06 An Ordinance of Tooele City Amending Tooele City Code Section 6-7-4 Regarding the Imposition and Collection of Fees for Impounded Animals.

Councilman Hansen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilman McCall, "Aye", and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 5-0.

7. **Invoices & Purchase Orders**

Presented by Shilo Baker, City Recorder

Ms. Baker noted one invoice in the packet for the annual renewal of the iWorq software, which supports planning, zoning, and business licensing management, including online payment processing for permits and licenses. The renewal cost is \$30,000.

Motion: Councilwoman Gochis moved to approve invoice and purchase orders as presented.

Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 5-0.

8. Minutes

- ~March 4, 2026 Work Meeting Minutes
- ~March 4, 2026 Business Meeting Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes.

Motion: Councilman McCall moved to approve the March 4, 2026 Work Meeting Minutes and the March 4, 2026 Business Meeting Minutes. Council Hansen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilman McCall, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passes 5-0.

9. Adjourn

Chairman Brady adjourned the meeting at 7:22 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 1st day of April, 2026


Justin Brady, City Council Chair

Shilo Baker

From: Tina Simonich
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 3:20 PM
To: Council Meeting Public Comment
Subject: Proposal for Extended Seasonal Net Availability and Pickleball Facility Expansion

[External Email]

To the Tooele City Parks and Recreation Department,

My husband and I are avid pickleball players and truly appreciate that Tooele City provides high-quality facilities for this sport. It is a vital part of our year-round physical activity and a wonderful asset to the community.

We are writing to formally request a review of the current seasonal schedule for pickleball net maintenance. Currently, many local players must relocate to the high school courts during the off-season because the city-managed nets are removed for the winter. In contrast, several neighboring communities—including

Grantsville

Stansbury

, and various locations in Salt Lake—maintain their nets year-round or for an extended season.

During a recent inquiry with your department, it was noted that the net schedule is currently tied to the operation of park restrooms. While we understand the logistical challenges of winterizing facilities, we would like to suggest that the pickleball nets remain accessible even when restrooms are closed.

Other local amenities, such as the

Tooele City Skate Park

, remain open for use during the winter months without requiring active restroom facilities

[(www.tooelecity.gov)].

Furthermore, given the surging popularity of the sport, we would like to advocate for the development of additional pickleball courts within Tooele City. Specifically, there is a significant demand for dedicated courts on the south end of town to better serve the growing population in that area.

We appreciate the work you do to maintain our city's parks and look forward to hearing your thoughts on how we can make pickleball more accessible throughout the year.

Best regards,

Tina and Jeff Simonich