

KAYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
September 4, 2025

Minutes of the regular Kaysville City Council meeting held on September 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Kaysville City Hall, located at 23 East Center Street, Kaysville, Utah.

Council Members Present: Mayor Tamara Tran, Council Member John Swan Adams, Council Member Mike Blackham, Council Member Abbigayle Hunt, Council Member Nate Jackson, and Council Member Perry Oaks

Others Present: City Manager Jaysen Christensen, City Attorney Nic Mills, City Recorder Annemarie Plaizier, Parks and Recreation Director Cole Stephens, Recreation Coordinator Bryan White, Sgt. Lacy Turner, Information Systems Manager Ryan Judd, Landon Jacobs, Johnny Cunningham, Deacon Clegg, Tori Fotheringham, Jessica Teuscher, Kate Smith, Mike Brough, Harrison Brough, Will Harames, Zana Call, Jennifer Gladnell, Sharee Black, Jill Dredge, Darlene Schons, Randi Von Bose, Hailey Christensen, Lisa von Bose, Mark Smith, Summer Browning, Natalie Clemens, Neeley Wright, Lexi Broadbent, Amber Broadbent, Misti Stevenson, Jed Stevenson, Sierra Jones, Emma Wright, Vivian Hardy, Josh McBride, Tucker Bartels, Kim Smith, Tom Kerr, Cindy Kerr, Zac Olson, Claire Cheney, McKay Clemens, Nisi Kuma, Owen Clark, Eric Jung, Mary Lindberg, Brody Sheperd, Rebekah Anderton, Abigail Mortensen, Brock Hoagland, Katie Harmon

OPENING

Mayor Tran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Council Member Jackson offered opening remarks and expressed appreciation for the youth in attendance. He then offered a prayer, followed by leading the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public came forward to speak during this portion of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING WINNING ALL-STAR TEAMS

Recreation Coordinator Bryan White introduced the item, explaining that Kaysville had hosted the Northern Utah All-Star Tournament in July 2025. While games were also played at facilities in Layton and Farmington, the majority of the tournament was held at Barnes Park in Kaysville. Mr. White reported that the tournament included three boys' divisions and three girls' divisions, with more than 42 teams competing.

He highlighted the achievements of Kaysville's teams, noting that two teams had won their divisions. The fifth and sixth grade team won the championship after advancing from the losers' bracket and defeating Farmington twice on the final day. The third-grade team also took first place, winning their division without a loss.

Coach Zach Olson, who led the third and fourth grade team, was introduced and recognized for his service and commitment to the program since moving to Kaysville. The coach of the fifth and sixth grade team was unable to attend due to high school coaching responsibilities.

The all-star players were invited to the front of the chamber to be recognized. Photos were taken with the athletes, coaches, and city officials, and council members joined in congratulating the teams. The recognition concluded with the athletes being commended collectively for their performance and representing the city well.

Mayor Tran thanked the athletes and their families for attending and expressed the city's pride in their accomplishments.

SWEARING-IN OF 2025-2026 YOUTH COURT JUDGES

Youth Court Advisor Kim Smith addressed the council, noting that after 25 years of service she would be concluding her role with the program. She expressed her gratitude to the city, the council, and the police department for their long-term support, explaining that Youth Court had been a meaningful and defining experience in her life. Ms. Smith emphasized that the program was continuing under strong new leadership, naming Randi Von Bose and Natalie Clemens as successors. She explained that Ms. Von Bose had assisted with Youth Court the previous year and would now assume a larger role, while Ms. Clemens had originally served as one of the first Youth Court judges in 2000 and now returned as an advisor with her son currently serving on the panel.

Natalie Clemens then spoke about her own experience as a Youth Court judge. She explained that the program not only provides second chances for youth who commit minor offenses, but also offers leadership development for the youth judges who participate. Ms. Clemens described the mentorship and accountability fostered through the program and the skills it imparts, including public speaking, leadership, and civic responsibility.

Randi Von Bose then introduced the 2025–2026 Youth Court judges. She noted that 21 youth had completed the application process, with as many as three more expected to join, and thanked Council Member Hunt for her support as the council liaison and Officer Criddle for his assistance with the program. Ms. Von Bose then read aloud the names of the appointed judges, who joined her at the front of the chamber.

Mayor Tran congratulated the youth and administered the Youth Court oath of office, emphasizing the expectations of confidentiality, fairness, ethical conduct, and citizenship that accompany the

position. Upon completion of the oath, she formally appointed them as official members of the 2025–2026 Kaysville Youth Court.

Council Member Oaks reflected on his own youth and the long-term impact of mistakes made as a teenager, noting that a program like Youth Court would have been invaluable in preventing minor incidents from following him throughout his adult life. He commended the students for their willingness to serve and highlighted the value of the program.

Mayor Tran echoed his comments, underscoring that youthful mistakes can remain on records for years, and expressed appreciation that Youth Court offers young people a chance to move forward productively. She also recognized Kim Smith’s extensive contributions, noting that over her 25 years she had overseen more than 1,045 cases, worked with 440 youth judges, and facilitated more than 13,000 hours of community service.

DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared by members of the City Council.

CONSENT ITEMS

Council Member Blackham made a motion to approve the following Consent Items:

- a) A Resolution Authorizing the Application of Seized Property to Public Interest Use.

Council Member Jackson seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Council Member Hunt, Yea
Council Member Jackson, Yea
Council Member Oaks, Yea
Council Member Blackham, Yea
Council Member Adams, Yea

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-3-3, "SALE OF BURIAL RIGHTS," OF TITLE 12, "PARKS, PUBLIC PROPERTY, AND RECREATION," OF THE KAYSVILLE CITY CODE, AND AMENDING THE KAYSVILLE CITY FY 2026 CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE

Parks and Recreation Director Cole Stephens presented the proposed amendment to Section 12-3-3 of the City Code regarding the sale of cemetery burial rights, as well as the proposed amendment to the City’s Consolidated Fee Schedule. He explained that in February 2025, the council had

amended the ordinance to restrict burial right sales to Kaysville residents only, with limited exceptions for individuals still classified as residents under specific provisions, such as those who had moved into assisted living facilities. The ordinance now before the council proposed reintroducing a provision that would allow non-residents to purchase burial rights, subject to an updated fee schedule.

Mr. Stephens explained that the revised fee schedule was intentionally set above the rates charged by private cemeteries, such as Layton Lindquist, in order to discourage widespread use by non-residents while still providing a path forward for individuals and families with strong ties to Kaysville. He noted that while opening this option to non-residents could slightly reduce the cemetery's projected longevity, the impact would not be drastic. At most, it might shorten the available lifespan of the cemetery by only a few years, since the existing policy limiting sales to "at-need only" has already slowed the pace at which plots are sold.

Council Member Hunt asked whether the change would significantly reduce the time available before the cemetery reached capacity. Mr. Stephens responded that the effect would be minimal, reiterating that the "at-need only" restriction was the greatest factor in extending the life of the cemetery.

Council Member Oaks inquired about fee amounts, noting his expectation that they would be higher. Mr. Stephens clarified that the burial right fee itself represented only one component of the total costs. Non-residents would also be subject to the interment fee and perpetual care fee, which had already been established. When all fees were combined, the total cost would exceed the rates charged by private cemeteries. Mr. Stephens added that the ordinance reintroduced the non-resident burial right fee into the consolidated fee schedule, while the existing interment and perpetual care fees for non-residents remained unchanged. Council Member Oaks stated for the record that he still believed it was too soon to revisit the policy, as the prior change had only been in effect for six months. He preferred that the city wait at least a year, and possibly longer, before making further adjustments.

Mayor Tran acknowledged Council Member Oaks' concerns but explained that in the six months since the ordinance was amended, the city had received three inquiries from families who wished to bury loved ones in Kaysville but were no longer eligible under the current rules. She emphasized that these individuals had been long-time contributors to the community and that the absence of a path forward was both limiting and difficult for those families. Mayor Tran stated that while the number of cases was small, the proposed change represented an appropriate and compassionate response.

Council Member Adams expressed his support for the amendment. He spoke about the historical and generational importance of the cemetery for many families with deep roots in the community, including his own family's connections to some of the city's earliest settlers. Council Member Adams noted that while many descendants of these families no longer reside in Kaysville, they frequently return to visit graves and may wish to be buried there. He stated that the total cost of approximately \$6,400 for a non-resident burial space would act as a significant deterrent to casual requests, ensuring that only those with meaningful connections would pursue the option. Council Member Adams also suggested that the city begin planning for long-term cemetery expansion,

possibly by developing additional acreage the city owns, funded in part by selling other parcels.

Council Member Hunt added that after additional reflection since the prior meeting, she now supported the amendment. She explained that the ordinance as it stood could unfairly prevent long-time community members, such as residents who moved away for health or mobility reasons, from being buried in Kaysville. Council Member Hunt noted that the proposed amendment would not significantly reduce the cemetery's longevity and that it balanced the need for preservation with fairness to families who had invested in the community.

Council Member Blackham stated that although he had originally opposed bringing the item forward so soon after the February amendment, he believed that the proposal before the council was the best approach once the matter had been advanced from a work item to an action item.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve Action Item 6A, adopting the ordinance amendment and the related amendment to the FY 2026 Consolidated Fee Schedule. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jackson.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Council Member Jackson, Yea
Council Member Oaks, Nay
Council Member Blackham, Yea
Council Member Adams, Yea
Council Member Hunt, Yea

The motion passed with a vote of four to one.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Hunt announced that American Legion Post 27 would be holding its annual flag retirement ceremony on Friday, September 5, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Layton Fire Training Center, located at 1890 North Fort Lane. She reported that more than 600 flags were scheduled to be retired at the event and encouraged attendees to bring chairs, noting that the ceremony could take some time.

Council Member Jackson reported on the recent funerals for Officer Eric Estrada and Sergeant Lee Sorenson, two Utah law enforcement officers who were killed in Tremonton. He stated that both services were held the previous Thursday and Friday and were attended by many members of the Kaysville Police Department, including Chief Sol Oberg. Council Member Jackson expressed appreciation for the department's presence and support at the funerals and observed that officers from across Utah and from neighboring states had also attended to show solidarity with the families and law enforcement community.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jaysen Christensen reported that staff wished to schedule another strategic planning

work session with the council in October. He initially suggested holding the meeting on Friday, October 31, 2025, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., but council members expressed concern about scheduling it on Halloween. Alternative dates were discussed, and Mr. Christensen proposed circulating a poll with multiple options to determine the most suitable time.

Mr. Christensen also asked whether the council preferred holding the work session at City Hall or an off-site location. He explained that both the Utah Local Governments Trust in North Salt Lake and Zions Bank in downtown Salt Lake City had offered to host the council in their conference facilities. Council members agreed that City Hall was the most convenient and practical location, with Mr. Christensen noting the advantages of recording the public meeting in its usual space and members commenting on the ease and familiarity of meeting locally.

Mr. Christensen concluded his report by reminding the council of the upcoming Utah League of Cities and Towns conference scheduled for October 1–2, 2025. He also highlighted a full-day training on conflict management organized by the Utah League of Cities and Towns to be held on Friday, October 3, 2025, at the University of Utah Law School. The training was scheduled to run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Christensen explained that registration had recently been expanded to include all public officials and staff statewide, and he encouraged interested council members to notify him by the following day to ensure availability before the session reached capacity.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Adams made a motion to adjourn the Kaysville City Council meeting at 7:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.