

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council** meeting held Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with participants present at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Council Members	Robyn Mecham
	Brian Plummer
	Gina Hirst
	Spencer Summerhays, Mayor Pro-Tem
	Cheylynn Hayman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor	Clark Wilkinson
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STAFF PRESENT

Brant Hanson, City Manager
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
Mike Eggett, Community Development Director
Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
Bryce King, Administrative Services Director
Will Barnes, Centerville Police Department
Kevin Campbell, City Engineer
Sydney DeWees, Planner
Haley Turner, Community Services Manager

VISITORS

Erica Gaddis, SWCA Environmental Consultants
Tim Hawkes, Great Salt Lake Advisory Council
Greg Stewart, Fire Chief

PRAYER OR THOUGHT

Councilmember Plummer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN SESSION

No comments.

SWCA ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

Erica Gaddis of SWCA Environmental Consultants and Tim Hawkes, Chair of the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council, presented on municipal water conservation efforts to support the Great Salt Lake. They shared a recorded presentation highlighting key concepts such as diversions, depletions, water-efficient landscaping, state conservation goals, and available tools, including model ordinances, rate structures, grants, and rebates.

After the presentation, Ms. Gaddis and Mr. Hawkes answered questions from the council. Councilmembers inquired about free audits, tiered rate structures, and city-specific conservation recommendations. Ms. Gaddis offered to provide contact information and suggested Utah Waterways as a starting point.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Mayor Pro-Tem Summerhays recognized the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2024. He thanked Finance Director Nate Plaizier and his staff for their work. Mr. Plaizier expressed gratitude to his department staff for their efforts in achieving the award. This is the twenty-fifth consecutive year that the City has received this prestigious award.

FIREWORKS RESTRICTION AREAS – ANNUAL UPDATE

Fire Chief Stewart gave the annual update on fireworks restrictions, recommending the east bench area remain unchanged for 2025. He shared wildfire data, noting most 2024 and 2025 fires were human-caused, and outlined preparedness efforts, including coordination with the fire warden and resource planning.

In response to a question from Mayor Pro-Tem Summerhays about expanding restrictions, Chief Stewart said upcoming state legislation (HB48) may address boundary changes and introduce a scoring system for structure protection. The council thanked him for the update and ongoing efforts.

FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT

Mr. Plaizier presented the annual fraud risk assessment required by the state auditor's office. He reported that Centerville received 375 out of 395 possible points, putting the city in the "very low risk" category. The only item they did not receive points for was an internal audit function, which Plaizier noted is common for a city of Centerville's size.

Mayor Pro-Tem Summerhays asked about mitigating controls for receivables and payments. Mr. Plaizier explained they have journal entry approval processes, daily and monthly reconciliations for cash receiving, and a form requiring signatures for customer account adjustments.

FY2026 BUDGET DISCUSSION

City Manager Brant Hanson opened the continued budget discussion, inviting the council to provide input on priorities for the final budget. Mr. Plaizier reminded the council that the tentative budget was adopted at the previous meeting and is available on the city website.

The council discussed funding for a code enforcement position. Councilmember Plummer expressed concern about allocating funds without a defined job description, while Councilmember Hayman supported keeping the funding as a placeholder for continued discussion. There was debate over employee compensation, with some favoring a 2% merit increase, with Councilmember Plummer proposing a 4% COLA in place of merit pay. Staff and other council members emphasized the importance of merit-based raises for employee motivation and retention.

The discussion also covered possible budget cuts, including reductions to training and marketing/branding expenses. Mayor Pro-Tem Summerhays proposed a 2.5% property tax increase to help replenish capital project funds, which prompted further debate on the timing and necessity of a tax increase. The council also considered a \$3,000–\$4,000 contribution to the Bountiful Davis Arts Center and reviewed the proposed \$25,000 annual cost for new planning and building permit software, which staff explained would improve efficiency and customer service.

No final decisions were made, but the council directed staff to make minor adjustments to bring back with the final budget in June.

SUMMARY ACTION

1. Bid Award – Drainage Maintenance Project 2025-2026 – Twin D - \$140,392.00

Councilmember Hayman **moved** to approve the summary action calendar as outlined above. Councilmember Hirst seconded the motion which passed unanimously (5-0).

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Minutes of the May 6, 2025 Work Session and City Council meetings were reviewed. Councilmember Hayman **moved** to approve both sets of minutes. Councilmember Hirst seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

- Councilmember Mecham reported that UTOPIA Fiber is seeing strong system-wide growth, with rising demand for 2.5 Gbps service and increasing sign-ups in Bountiful, though some areas face subscriber loss due to competing fiber providers.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Wilkinson arrived late at 10:14 pm and gave a report:

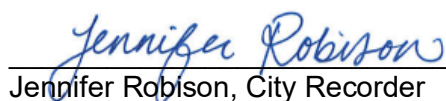
- Mayor Wilkinson reported his recent trip to Washington D.C. and Philadelphia, sharing that he met with several members of Congress, and emphasized the importance of maintaining relationships with state and federal legislators to secure funding for the city.
- Mayor Wilkinson expressed support for continuing to fund representation like the Ferguson Group and League of Cities and Towns, arguing the long-term benefits outweigh short-term costs.
- Mayor Wilkinson stated he does not support a 2.5% property tax increase at this time, and suggested focusing on promoting the RAP tax instead.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- City Manager Brant Hanson reported on a meeting with Weber Basin Water District about potential conservation ordinances and plans to invite them to present to the council.
- City Manager Brant Hanson shared transit feedback from a UTA bus tour, and reminded the council of a May 29 open house.
- City Manager Brant Hanson acknowledged Public Works Appreciation Week, and recognized Centerville public works staff for all their great work.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 pm, Councilmember Hirst **moved** to adjourn the meeting which passed by a unanimous vote (5-0).


Jennifer Robinson, City Recorder

6/3/2025
Date Approved

