



ROOSEVELT CITY | UT

Roosevelt City Council Meeting

January 20th, 2026

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Olsen @ 5:00pm

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Present: Full Council

3. OPENING CEREMONY

- a. Prayer was given by Councilwoman A. Goodrich and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Watkins

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. Motion to approve minutes by Councilman D. Busenbark
- b. Seconded by Councilman B. Hancock
- c. Vote: Unanimous

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- a. None

6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

a. LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT, TOMMY OLSEN

- i. Josh Bake presented to Council the purpose of Legislative Policy Committee and the requirements therein. Mayor Olsen appointed City Manager Josh Bake, Councilman D. Busenbark, Councilman B. Hancock, and Councilwoman A. Goodrich to represent Roosevelt City in the Legislative Policy Committee.

7. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. N/A

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.A. PROPOSAL TO MODIFY TRAFFIC NEAR EAST ELEMENTARY, JASON YOUNG

No representative present. Council tabled discussion to a later date. Councilman D. Busenbark will reach out to Mr. Young.

8.B. MOVIE FILMING PROPOSAL, BART POWAUKEE

Mr. Powaukee presented to Council his filming proposals. He has several movie opportunities in the Uintah Basin in the upcoming months. His proposal is to film in Roosevelt City for a four-hour block near and within Marion's. This would require closure of Main Street, security for actors, sets/props, and trailers. Exact needs would be decided at least three months prior to filming as well as call times and scheduling. The proposed timeline would be in August or September. Approval has already been received from business owner, Chad Mortensen for use of Marion's.

- i. Motion to approve contingent of staff and legal review by Councilman D. Busenbark
- ii. Seconded by Councilwoman A. Goodrich
- iii. Vote: Unanimous

8.C. COUGARLAND SERVICES PROPOSAL, DREW ESCHLER

Josh Bake presented to Council the update from City Attorney Grant Charles. Mr. Charles has reviewed the proposal and agreement and advises that everything within is agreed upon. Mr. Bake proposed to Council that staff is neutral in the decision and supports Council's decision. Doug Moore and Bruce Lindsey represented TGS and Cougar Land offering to answer any questions that the Council may have. Councilman B. Hancock asked about the likelihood of being able to collect on the bond after the work was done had any damages surfaced. Mr. Lindsey assured that in his extended time in the field that only an issue twice and that TGS and Cougar Land are both willing to work with Roosevelt City if either of those issues arise but had every intention of avoiding potential opportunities to cause damage. Councilman B. Hancock asked Mr. Joe Pippy, landman for SM Energy, about the benefit for Roosevelt City's oil and gas industry. Mr. Pippy offered to send over a presentation that explained the purpose and the benefit of the Seismic testing.

- i. Motion to approve by Councilman B. Hancock
- ii. Seconded by Councilman R. Cloward
- iii. Vote:
 - 1. D. Busenbark abstained
 - 2. R. Cloward Aye
 - 3. B. Hancock Aye
 - 4. A. Goodrich Aye
 - 5. C. Aland Aye

9. DEPARTMENT UPDATE

- a. Zeke Atwood, Finance Director, presented to Council a review of the budget and where it is currently standing at this point of the year. All departments are trending and should be in good standing at the end of the year.

10. EXPENDITURE APPROVAL & FINANCIAL REVIEW

- a.
 - i. Motion to approve by Councilman D. Busenbark
 - ii. Seconded by Councilwoman A. Goodrich
 - iii. Vote: Unanimous

11. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a. Josh Bake reported on Youth City Council and congratulated Hunter Sonnier on being Mayor herein. Mayor spoke on researching Scholarship opportunities for those involved in Youth City Council as well as reaching out to the Duchesne County School District to discuss the option of having “Mayor for the Day” at each of the schools in Roosevelt City. Councilman D. Busenbark stated he would speak with Mr. Young to discuss this opportunity.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Councilman D. Busenbark reported on the Soldier Statue, representing Dan Karren and Garry Rorher they would like to see a marker placed at the Vet Memorial located near the Cemetery, honoring those who donated and their efforts in the Statue. Councilman D. Busenbark mentioned there is a budget that should cover the estimated 5k-10k expensed and given they don’t cover the full amount the option to use Council Discretionary.
- b. Councilman D. Busenbark reported on Interfaith Advisory Committee’s desire to have information on the Clean Up date. Councilman D. Busenbark also referred to Councilwoman A. Goodrich who reported on the Holy Week activity that Interfaith has planned at the Nature Park March 28th from 10am-2pm. There will be an interactive walk through focused around Easter.
- c. Mayor Olsen reported that Chief Watkins would be reporting to the Senate in Washington D.C. on the need for 1st Net for Law Enforcement, and the positive impact it is to have a Chief of Police from Roosevelt, UT representing.
- d. Mayor Olsen also extended the invite from Thompson House of Hope to Council members to come visit and take part in morning meditation.

13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- a. Mayor and Council discussed the option to look into changing the first City Council meeting to a work session. City Manager, Josh Bake, reported that he would be reaching out to Council Members with proposals.

14. CLOSED SESSION

As for the purposes listed in Utah Code 52-4-205

15. ADJOURN

- a. Motion to adjourn by Councilman D. Busenbark

- b. Seconded by Councilman B. Hancock
- c. Vote: Unanimous