Council Meeting Minutes

January 06, 2026
Council Chambers
6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**

   Chairman Jared Hamner called the Council Meeting to order at 07:01 PM. The time, place, and agenda of the meeting had been provided to the Tooele Transcript Bulletin and to each member of the governing body by posting the notice and agenda at least two days before on the Tooele County website and emailing them a link.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

   The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rachelle Custer, Community Development Director.

3. **Roll Call**

   Council Member Roll call as follows:
   Erik Stromberg: Present
   Jared Hamner: Present
   Tye Hoffmann: Present
   Scott Wardle: Present
   Kendall Thomas: Present

   Also, present were Scott Broadhead- Attorney, Andy Welch- County Manager, Brittany Lopez- Assistant County Manager, and Nicole Rash- Chief Deputy Clerk.
   Staff in attendance were Nathan Harris- Deputy Attorney, Rachelle Custer- Community Development Director, Jed Bell- Roads Director, and Brian White- Chief Deputy Sheriff.
   Guests in attendance were Tim Gillie with the Transcript Bulletin, Mike Rapich.

4. **Public Comments**

   No public comment.

5. **Recognitions, Presentations, & Informational Items**

   a. **Community Development Block Grant, Christy Dahlberg**

   Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
   First Public Hearing Notice

   Notice is hereby given that Tooele County will hold a public hearing on January 6th, 2026 at 7 pm 47 S. Main Street, Tooele, Utah 84074. Tooele County is eligible to apply to the Utah Department of Workforce Services for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program, a federally funded program administered by the State of Utah, Housing and Community Development Division (HCD). Tooele County is eligible to apply for CDBG funding provided Tooele County meets the applicable program requirements. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block Grant program and to allow for discussion of possible applications. This public hearing will cover eligible activities, program requirements, and expected funding allocations in the region. The CDBG Program can fund a broad range of activities, including, but not limited to: construction of public works and facilities, e.g., water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, and provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters. In the event that Tooele County chooses to apply for CDBG funding, a second public hearing will be held at a later time to

discuss the project. Further information can be obtained by contacting Christy Dahlberg at 801-363-4250 ext 5005. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this hearing should notify Meghan VonHatten at 47 South Main Street, Tooele, UT 84074 at least three days before the hearing. Individuals with speech and/or hearing impairments may call the Relay Utah by dialing 711. Spanish Relay Utah: 1.888.346.3162.

Christie Dahlberg with WFRC (Wasatch Front Regional Council) presented this item as outlined above.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to open the Public Hearing for the CDBG program at 7:05 pm. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block Grant program and to allow for discussion of possible applications for the 2026 funding cycle. It was explained that the grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The WFRC in which Tooele County is a member, is expecting to receive approximately $1,000,000 in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Policies and Procedures Manual and interested persons can review it any time. Christy Dahlberg read several of the eligible activities listed including examples, such as Construction of public works and facilities, eg,.water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters, Christy indicated that in the past Tooele County has received numerous grants including for CDBG planning and admin, the Children's Justice Center, and to SwitchPoint among others. Christy offered to hand out its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan" to anyone who is interested. This list shows which projects the city has identified as being needed in the community.

Chairman Jared Hamner asked that anyone with questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name, before they speak.

There was no public comment.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to close the Public Hearing for the CDBG program at 7:08 pm. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

6. **Minutes**

   a. **December 2, 2025 Business Meeting Minutes**

   Agenda Attachments
   1. 12.02.2025.Business.Draft.pdf

   b. **December 9, 2025 Business Meeting Minutes**

   Agenda Attachments
   1. 12.09.2025.Business.Draft.pdf

   Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the December 2, 2025 and December 9, 2025 Business Meeting Minutes. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

7. **Check Register**

   a. **Check Register**

   Check Register 12/11/2025, 12/18/2025 & 12/23/2025

   Agenda Attachments
   1. Check Register 1.6.26.pdf

   Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to approve the Check Registers dated 12/11, 12/18 & 12/23. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

8. **Discussion Items**

   a. **Road Policy, Rachelle Custer & Jed Bell**

   Agenda Attachments
   1. Roads Policy - Discussion.pdf

   Andy Welch, County Manager, introduced this item. He explained that multiple county policies have been updated over the last few years and the roads policy has been a work in progress for approximately three years.

   Jed Bell, Roads Director, recognized that there are many different perspectives on policies, and he feels that for consistency purposes, this new policy will be very helpful with correspondence between the public and the Roads Department. He feels this new policy will be very beneficial for contractors and developers as well.

   Director Bell explained that this proposed policy establishes the responsibilities and duties of the Roads Department for the roads that fall within the county's jurisdiction. Some items outlined in the policy include maintenance practices, street sign standards, transportation improvement planning, sidewalk inspection schedules, new street storm drain standards, snow removal, park strip maintenance, and adopted truck routes.

   Rachelle Custer, Community Development Director, explained that some items from the Land Use Ordinance have been incorporated into this proposed Roads policy. She explained that traffic study criteria have been outlined at Council request. She stated they believe it will be beneficial for the county to maintain ownership of certain roads to maintain the integrity of the infrastructure. Some of these roads cross multiple municipalities; coordination with the municipalities will be vital in this proposal. She asked the Council to review the policy and follow up with questions or suggestions; eventually, this policy will need to be formally adopted by the Council.

   Council Member Tye Hoffmann asked about drainage on personal property. He asked if there is a way to be more proactive with these types of problems rather than reactive. He also asked about ADA access. The council discussed grants and how much the county has received in grant funding that has or will go towards roads.

9. **Contracts**

   a. **Roads Purchase of New Transport Truck Jed Bell**

   Three bids were received for the purchase of a new transport truck. Based on the required horsepower specifications, only the Peterbilt model meets operational needs. Peterbilt is available through the State Contract. The proposed purchase price is $179,005.00.

   Agenda Attachments
   1. 2026 Western Star 7-31-2025.pdf
   2. 2026 Mack truck with 505HP.pdf
   3. Peterbilt Model 567 6-12-25.pdf

   Jed Bell, Roads Director, presented this item as outlined above.

   Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the Roads purchase of new Transport Truck. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

   b. **Roads Purchase of New Loader, Jed Bell**

   Three bids were received for the purchase of a new loader. The John Deere proposal was the lowest responsive bid and is available through the State Contract. The proposed purchase price is $207,724.27.

Agenda Attachments
1. CAT 930.pdf
2. JD 544P.pdf
3. L90H2 Quote.pdf

Jed Bell, Roads Director, presented this item as outlined above.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve the Roads purchase of new Loader. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

10. **Boards & Committees**

a. **Board Vacancies**

The Historic Preservation Commission has 2 vacancies.

The Housing Authority has 1 vacancy for an Attorney.

The Planning Commission has 1 vacancy for an alternate.

Recreation Special Service District has 1 vacancy for an alternate.

Rush Valley Water Conservation District has 1 vacancy.

The Tourism Tax Advisory Board has 2 vacancies - applicant must represent cultural attractions, hotels, restaurants, recreational facilities, convention facilities, or museums.

The Career Service Council has 1 vacancy.

The Council on Aging has 1 vacancy to finish an interim term.

Council Member Scott Wardle thanked Victor Warr for the 2 terms he has served on the Weeds Board. He motioned to appoint Jonathon Hogan to replace Victor. This will be a 4-year term expiring December 31, 2029. Council Member Scott Wardle also motioned to appoint Dean Alder to fill a vacancy on the Weeds Board. This will be a 4-year term expiring December 31, 2029. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Kendall Thomas thanked Blair Hope & Brad Bartholomew for the 2 terms they have served on the Planning Commission. He motioned to appoint Richard Mitchell, who has been serving as an alternate member, to Planning Commission Seat A. This will be a 4-year term expiring December 31, 2029. He also motioned to appoint Kevin Christensen to Planning Commission Seat C. This will be a 4-year term, expiring December 31, 2029. He also motioned to appoint Clint Warner to an alternate position on the Planning Commission. This will be in interim term, expiring 12/31/2027. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to re-appoint Cheryl Damas to the Board of Health, who has been serving an interim term, to her first full term. This will be a 3-year term, expiring December 31, 2028. He also motioned to re-appoint Matthew Jackson to his 2nd full term on the Board of Health. This will be a 3-year term, expiring December 31, 2028. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

11. **Council Update**

Council Member Tye Hoffmann spoke about the Sheriff's Deputy that was involved in a car accident. The deputy is okay. The Council wishes the deputy well.

Council Member Erik Stromberg spoke about the newly Elected Officials swearing-in ceremonies for local municipalities. He is looking forward to working with the new Mayors, Council Members and District Members.

Council Member Scott Wardle spoke about population growth in Tooele County. Several learning sessions are planned with WFRC to help establish good data as Tooele moves from a small to mid-sized county. The Legislative Session begins soon, and he stated that Mid-Valley Highway is a top priority for COG (Council of Governments) to discuss with Legislators. He also stated he would like to bring at least 1-2% of the workforce back into Tooele County each year, rather than people commuting into Salt Lake.

12. **Manager Update**

    Andy Welch, County Manager, agreed with Council Member Scott Wardle's comments about traffic and the workforce. One of the ways to improve traffic is to keep the workforce in Tooele County. He thanked the Council for their help with the budget process. He advised that projects and equipment requests would be coming in. He reminded the Council that the Business Meeting start times would begin at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.going forward.

    Brittany Lopez, Assistant County Manager, stated that Small Business Development Grants are open until February 15th. Tourism Grant applications will open January 15th until February 15th. Museums can now apply with certain stipulations. An America 250 meeting is planned for this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. She spoke about sponsoring service groups within the community.

13. **Manager Update: Ratifications**

    a. **13 MVA'S**

    Refund on motor vehicles

    Agenda Attachments
    1. Kent Kolb (1).pdf
    2. Kent Kolb (2).pdf
    3. Kent Kolb (3).pdf
    4. Kent Kolb (4).pdf
    5. Kent Kolb (5).pdf
    6. Jason Sills.pdf
    7. Stephen Beaudoin (1).pdf
    8. Stephen Beaudoin (2).pdf
    9. Stephen Beaudoin (3).pdf
    10. Stephen Beaudoin (4).pdf
    11. Joseph Carlisi.pdf
    12. Ross Suarez.pdf
    13. Maria Torres.pdf

    b. **Mormon Trail Sewer Contract**

    Agenda Attachments
    1. Df26-52 Mormon Tail Sewer Contract - signed.pdf

    c. **1 MVA**

    Refund on Motor Vehicle

    Agenda Attachments
    1. Kimberly Smith.pdf

    d. **1 Commission Adjustment**

    The Account is exempt

    Agenda Attachments
    1. Lee Griffin.pdf

14. **Adjournment - Closed Session if needed**

    Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. All in favor. The motion passed.

    THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED:



Tracy Shaw, County Clerk