

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 23, 2026 AT THE HYRUM CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 60 WEST MAIN, HYRUM, UTAH.

CONVENED: 6:00 P.M.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Steve Miller

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers Rebecca Foulger, Michael Nelson, NaLyn Nelson, and Craig L. Rasmussen.

CALL TO ORDER: There being four members present and four members representing a quorum, Mayor Miller called the meeting to order.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Treasurer Todd Perkins, Power Superintendent Larry Coleman, Recreation Director Robert Stroud, and 4 citizens. City Recorder Stephanie Fricke recorded the minutes.

WELCOME: Mayor Miller welcomed everyone in attendance and invited audience participation.

AGENDA ADOPTION: A copy of the notice and agenda for this meeting was emailed to The Herald Journal, posted on the Utah Public Notice Website and Hyrum City's Website, provided to each member of the governing body, and posted at the City Offices more than forty-eight hours before meeting time.

ACTION

Councilmember Michael Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda for March 23, 2026 as written. Councilmember Rasmussen seconded the motion and Councilmembers Foulger, Michael Nelson, NaLyn Nelson, and Rasmussen voted aye. The motion passed.

- 5. AGENDA ITEMS:
 - A. Consideration and appointment of City Administrator.
 - B. Consideration and appointment to the Hyrum Library Board.
 - C. Consideration and approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Cache County and Hyrum City for Law Enforcement Services for 2026 through 2028.
 - D. Consideration and approval of a Commitment to Volunteerism in Hyrum City.
- 6. ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA ITEMS:

CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR.

Mayor Miller said Hyrum City received over 50 applications for the position of City Administrator. Of those applications, 32 candidates met the minimum qualifications for consideration. A Hiring Panel was established consisting of Mayor Miller, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Foulger, and City Recorder Stephanie Fricke. The panel reviewed the 32 qualified applications and selected five candidates to participate in first-round interviews. Following those interviews, the panel narrowed the selection to two finalists for a second round of interviews. After completing the interview process, the Hiring Panel recommended Daniel Ferris for appointment as City Administrator. In accordance with City Code and applicable state law, the Mayor is responsible for recommending the appointment of a qualified individual to the position of City Administrator, subject to the advice and consent of the City Council. Mayor Miller introduced Daniel Ferris and asked Daniel to tell the City Council about himself.

Daniel Ferris said he has lived in Cache Valley for the past 13 years. During that time, he worked at Utah State University as the Director of Utilities, Energy Management, and Facilities Maintenance. He was born in Pennsylvania and later attended school at the University of Mississippi. He began his career in the U.S. Air Force, where he served for eight years. Following that, he worked in municipal government in Texas and later at Oklahoma State University before coming to Utah State. Overall, he brings about 26 years of professional experience across military, municipal, and higher education environments. He's very excited about the opportunity to serve in Hyrum. Hyrum is a wonderful community, and a great place to live. He is passionate about helping Hyrum grow while preserving the small-town character and heritage that make it special. His career has always been centered on service, and he would be honored to continue that service here. He grew up in a small town in Pennsylvania near Gettysburg, a very rural farm area. He has been married to his wife Stacy for 27 years, and has a 9-year-old son that is home schooled.

Councilmember Michael Nelson asked Daniel to discuss his engineering background.

Daniel Ferris said his degree is in mechanical engineering, with a focus on energy systems and utilities. His career has largely centered on utility production and management, including electricity, water, and sewer systems. At Utah State, he overseen utility systems that are very similar to what the City operates.

Hyrum is unique in that it manages its own utilities. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Utah.

Councilmember Foulger said during the interview process, Dan demonstrated a strong passion for Hyrum and Cache Valley. He had taken the time to review our council meetings, budgets, and ordinances, which really stood out.

Councilmember Rasmussen asked Daniel to elaborate on his experience with utilities, specifically his work with power generation and his role with Utah State?

Daniel Ferris said at Utah State it operated a 4.5-megawatt co-generation plant. It uses natural gas to generate electricity, and the waste heat is captured to produce steam, so it generates two utilities from one energy source. The plant runs continuously and provides a significant portion of campus power. We also manage the electrical distribution system across campus. Additionally, he served as Utah State's representative on the Logan City Light and Power Board, working closely with regional utility providers.

Councilmember Michael Nelson asked Daniel what brought him to Utah.

Daniel Ferris said he served in the Air Force and was assigned to Hill Air Force Base. Both him and his wife quickly fell in love with Utah, especially in this area. Even after being stationed elsewhere, they continued coming back. When the opportunity at Utah State opened, they took it because they knew this is where they wanted to be long-term.

Councilmember Foulger asked Daniel if he would briefly speak about his leadership background.

Daniel Ferris said the Air Force provided extensive leadership training, which gave him a strong foundation. Over time, he became very interested in leadership development, especially how to effectively lead in civilian organizations. He spent years studying leadership and had the opportunity to return and teach in the ROTC program, helping develop future officers. Leadership and mentorship have been an important part of his career.

CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT TO THE HYRUM LIBRARY BOARD.

Councilmember Foulger said the Hyrum Library Board is recommending the appointment of Ashley Arnold to serve on the Library Board. Ashley Arnold lives on the west side of Hyrum and homeschools her five children. She is a frequent patron to the library and will be an asset to the Library Board.

ACTION Councilmember Foulger made a motion to appoint Ashley Arnold to the Hyrum Library Board. Councilmember Nalyn Nelson seconded the motion and all four councilmembers voted aye. The motion passed.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CACHE COUNTY AND HYRUM CITY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR 2026 THROUGH 2028.

Mayor Miller said Cache County Sheriff Chad Jensen attended the March 5 City Council Meeting to discuss the renewal of an Interlocal Agreement between Cache County and Hyrum City for Law Enforcement Services for 2026 through 2028. Cache County Sheriff's Office provides a great service to Hyrum City.

ACTION Councilmember Michael Nelson made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Cache County and Hyrum City for Law Enforcement Services for 2026 through 2028. Councilmember Nalyn Nelson seconded the motion and all four councilmembers voted aye. The motion passed.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A COMMITMENT TO VOLUNTEERISM IN HYRUM CITY.

Mayor Miller said he is excited for Hyrum City to express its Commitment to Volunteerism in Hyrum City with the JustServe program. JustServe believes in spreading hope, goodness, and unity through the vital role of volunteerism. With motivated individuals and communities JustServe can build united and harmonious societies. By signing the proclamation Hyrum City commits to promoting volunteerism, leveraging JustServe.org to make it easier for residents to find and engage in volunteer opportunities and will regularly acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of volunteers.

ACTION Councilmember Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Proclamation with JustServe for Commitment to Volunteerism in Hyrum City. Councilmember Foulger seconded the motion and all four councilmembers voted aye. The motion passed.

Councilmember Rasmussen said the proclamation stated that Hyrum City firmly believes that the values of compassion, empathy, and community support are the foundation of a united harmonious society

and fosters connections that transcend differences; that strength and prosperity of our city is based in the selflessness of its residents to serve and uplift one another; that the City to nurture and culture of giving within our city, emphasizing that volunteerism is not just a duty but a source of fulfillment and community strength and that we should work side by side with and learn from each other, mutual understanding increases, misconceptions can be corrected, and new friendships can be built; and that the City urges all citizens to care for one another, volunteer, and engage in service and kindness that contribute to our city's betterment. This proclamation that was just approved is why he would like the Mayor and City Council to reconsider their decision not to allow the art mural on the alley wall on the east side of the museum and library. The museum and library have been seeking input from community. This mural includes diversity of cultures and history and lots of things that are noted in this proclamation. The mural was approved by the City Council and there have been 36 patrons that have been involved in the design of the mural. The mural represents volunteerism and diversity. The mural will display Hyrum City's history, and he would like the Mayor and City Council to reconsider and allow the mural to be painted on the east alley exterior wall and the small wall between the museum door and the City Council door on the north side of City Hall. He asked the City Council to consider further discussion and approval of the murals.

ADJOURNMENT:**ACTION**

**There being no further business before the City Council,
the Council Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.**

ATTEST:

Steve J. Miller
Mayor

Stephanie Fricke
City Recorder

Approved: _____

As Written