

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 2, 2026 AT THE HYRUM CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 60 WEST MAIN, HYRUM, UTAH.

CONVENED: 6:30 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 Administrator Daniel Ferris, City Planner Tony Ekins, and Utility Billing Specialist Margaret Poppleton, and 23 citizens. City Recorder Stephanie Fricke recorded the minutes.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember NaLyn Nelson

INVOCATION: Mayor Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of a regular meeting on March 19, 2026 and a special meeting on March 23, 2026 were approved as written.

ACTION

Councilmember NaLyn Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of a regular meeting on March 19, 2026 and a special meeting on March 23, 2026 as written. Councilmember Foulger seconded the motion and Councilmembers, Foulger, Michael Nelson, NaLyn Nelson, and Rasmussen voted aye. The motion passed.

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.

Mayor Miller recommended amending the agenda to move item 10.B. Ordinance 26-10 - An ordinance amending Title 17 Zoning of the Hyrum City Municipal Code, Section 17.444.020 Use Regulations in

the Commercial Zone C-1 and Section 17.45.020 Use Regulations in the Commercial Zone C-2 to remove certain permitted and conditional uses in front of item 8.A.; and delete item 8.B.G. Kevin J. Petersen.

ACTION

Councilmember Rasmussen made a motion to approve the agenda for March 5, 2026 with the following amendments: Move item 10.B. Ordinance 26-10 - An ordinance amending Title 17 Zoning of the Hyrum City Municipal Code, Section 17.444.020 Use Regulations in the Commercial Zone C-1 and Section 17.45.020 Use Regulations in the Commercial Zone C-2 to remove certain permitted and conditional uses in front of item 8.A.; and delete item 8.B.G. Kevin J. Petersen. Councilmember Nalyn Nelson seconded the motion and Councilmembers Foulger, Michael Nelson, NaLyn Nelson, and Rasmussen voted aye. The motion passed.

INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES

- B. Ordinance 26-10 - An ordinance amending Title 17 Zoning of the Hyrum City Municipal Code, Section 17.44.020 Use Regulations in the Commercial Zone C-1 and Section 17.45.020 Use Regulations in the Commercial Zone C-2 to remove certain permitted and conditional uses.
- 8. CITY COUNCIL MID TERM VACANCY
 - A. City Recorder Stephanie Fricke - To review and explain the statutory and municipal procedures governing the filling of a mid-term vacancy on the City Council, including method of candidate selection and appointment.
 - B. Interview of Candidates for City Council Mid Term Vacancy (candidates are listed in the order specified by the State of Utah Master Ballot Position List Section 20A-6-305):
 - a. David Bennett
 - b. Joshua Kyle Cannon
 - c. James L. (Mont) Wright
 - d. Benjamin Nielsen
 - e. David E. Kartchner
 - f. Roy Savage
 - ~~g. Kevin J. Petersen~~
 - C. Election of candidate for City Council Mid Term vacancy.
 - D. Appointment to City Council Mid Term Vacancy Seat.
 - E. City Recorder Stephanie Fricke - Administer Oath of Office to newly appointed City Council Member.
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

10. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES
 - A. Resolution 26-12 - A resolution appointing UAMPS Member Representative.
 - B. Ordinance 26-10 - An ordinance amending Title 17 Zoning of the Hyrum City Municipal Code, Section 17.44.020 Use Regulations in the Commercial Zone C-1 and Section 17.45.020 Use Regulations in the Commercial Zone C-2 to remove certain permitted and conditional uses.
11. OTHER BUSINESS
 - A. Recognition of Hyrum Library receiving the Quality Library Award from State of Utah Library Division.
 - B. Discussion on setting the Tax Mill Levy for the Cache Fire District at .000800.
 - C. Mayor and City Council reports.
12. ADJOURNMENT

INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 26-10 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17 ZONING OF THE HYRUM CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 17.44.020 USE REGULATIONS IN THE COMMERCIAL ZONE C-1 AND SECTION 17.45.020 USE REGULATIONS IN THE COMMERCIAL ZONE C-2 TO REMOVE CERTAIN PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES.

City Planner Tony Ekins said Ordinance 26-10 will amend Title 17 Zoning of the Hyrum City Municipal Code, Section 17.44.020 Use Regulations in the Commercial Zone C-1 and Section 17.45.020 Use Regulations in the Commercial Zone C-2 to remove certain permitted and conditional uses. The proposed application is initiated by Hyrum City to consider removing single-family dwellings, single family dwellings with two family accessory apartments, boarding and rooming houses, planned unit developments, and light manufacturing out of the Commercial Zone C-1 district; and remove planned unit developments, taverns, night club, and light manufacturing out of the Commercial Zone C-2 district. City staff recommends that commercial zoning districts throughout the City limits permit uses that are more aligned with commercial while the residential zoning districts contain single-family and planned unit residential developments, as well as light manufacturing districts accommodate light manufacturing uses. In addition, staff also recommends that certain repair services in the commercial district be conducted within an enclosed building and outdoor storage be screened behind an opaque barrier in efforts to minimize impacts within the commercial zoning districts Planning Commission Recommendation: On January 8, 2026, the Planning Commission held

the required public hearing and discussed the draft amendment. The Planning Commission made a vote (4-0) to recommend the draft amendment to the City Council. Following January 8, 2026, public hearing, staff determined to close the application and reopen due to no public attendance. Staff noticed the application again and sent letter notices to all vacant properties in the zoning districts advising property owners of the proposed amendment and opportunity to provide comment. On February 12, 2026, the Planning Commission held another public meeting. The following public questions/comments were addressed: (1) What the City would like to see in the future on property located at 365 West Main Street. (2) What would be the options for reopening a sawmill located at 1575 East Highway 101 (3) The zoning districts did not mention references to Short-Term Rentals. The Planning Commission made a vote (5-0) to recommend approval of the draft amendment to the City Council. City Council Meeting: On February 19, 2026, the City Council met to discuss the proposed amendment. The council supported the amendment, but the amendment was continued to allow staff to verify if certain residential facilities can be removed as uses in the zone with legal counsel and remove home occupations. On March 20, 2026, legal counsel supported the removal of the residential facilities.

ACTION

Councilmember Rasmussen made a motion to adopt Ordinance 26-10 will amend Title 17 Zoning of the Hyrum City Municipal Code, Section 17.44.020 Use Regulations in the Commercial Zone C-1 and Section 17.45.020 Use Regulations in the Commercial Zone C-2 to remove certain permitted and conditional uses. Councilmember NaLyn Nelson seconded the motion and Councilmember Foulger voted aye, Councilmember Michael Nelson voted aye, Councilmember NaLyn Nelson voted aye, and Councilmember Rasmussen voted aye. The motion passed.

CITY COUNCIL MID TERM VACANCY**CITY RECORDER STEPHANIE FRICKE - TO REVIEW AND EXPLAIN THE STATUTORY AND MUNICIPAL PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE FILLING OF A MID-TERM VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL, INCLUDING METHOD OF CANDIDATE SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT.**

City Recorder Stephanie Fricke explained in detail the statutory and municipal procedures governing the filling of a mid-term vacancy on the City Council, including method of candidate selection and appointment. She then introduced each candidate

that applied for the mid term vacancy. To preserve the integrity of this process all candidates were kindly invited to wait in the Museum until candidate is called into the Council Chambers individually for their interview. This is a public meeting and the City is not requiring candidates to leave the Council Chambers, the City is only inviting Candidates to wait in the Museum. Interview order was determined using the same randomized order as the election ballot in accordance with *Utah Code §20A-6-305*.

INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL MID TERM VACANCY (CANDIDATES ARE LISTED IN THE ORDER SPECIFIED BY THE STATE OF UTAH MASTER BALLOT POSITION LIST SECTION 20A-6-305) :

David Bennett: David Bennet expressed appreciation for the Council's service and contributions to improving the community. He also conveyed his willingness to contribute to future efforts. He moved to Cache Valley in 1983 to attend Utah State University. After completing his studies, he chose to remain in the area due to its resemblance to his hometown and his appreciation for the community. He explained that he and his wife explored several communities, including Logan, before ultimately selecting Hyrum as their home in 2001, noting that it was the only community they visited more than once. They have now lived in Hyrum for nearly 22 years and have no regrets about their decision. He is interested in continuing to contribute to the growth and development of the community.

Councilmember Foulger asked what are the top three issues facing the City, and how would you realistically address them in your first year on the Council?

David Bennett identified growth as a primary issue, emphasizing the need for forward-looking planning, including updates to the master plan and city code. He discussed managing encroachment from neighboring communities and preserving open space. He identified fiscal responsibility as a second issue, noting the importance of organizing the budget, using tax revenues wisely, and maintaining appropriate levels of city services. The third issue identified was infrastructure, with a focus on proactively planning for future needs rather than reacting after problems arise.

Councilmember Michael Nelson said whenever we try to effectively evaluate an issue or problem we spend a lot of time and effort to decide the pros and cons, and strengths and weaknesses of decision.

All candidates have submitted resumes so what do you believe are your strengths in relation to the other candidates and what is at least one weakness you may have when compared to other candidates.

David Bennet identified a need to strengthen his understanding of the City's budget and its complexities in order to effectively meet the responsibilities and challenges of the position. His strength is he has approximately nine and a half years of experience serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission, during which he has demonstrated the ability to build coalitions and work toward reasonable outcomes. He is known for asking thoughtful and sometimes challenging questions that encourage discussion rather than argument. He is committed, values service, and demonstrates a strong work ethic.

Councilmember NaLyn Nelson asked what do you believe is the proper role of government, and how would that belief shape your priorities and decision making on the City Council?

David Bennett said he came to Utah to attend Utah State University, where he studied political science and has maintained a strong interest in history. He and his family are celebrating 20 years in the community this year. He expressed his belief that individual rights are inherent and originate with the people, and that governing bodies are entrusted with those rights and responsibilities. The City Council is the level of government with which most citizens interact, noting that relatively few individuals have direct interaction with federal or state representatives. He emphasized that local and state governments remain rooted in the foundational principles of government, where rights and responsibilities are retained by individuals and guided by established laws and regulations. He encouraged the Council to remain attentive to citizens, emphasizing that citizens are the holders of rights. He further stated that government is established to bring people together for the common good. The City Council to be mindful and careful in the use of taxpayer funds as they work to strengthen the community.

Councilmember Rasmussen said please share thoughts about these sentences and how it would impact you service on the City Council - Purposes for which communities are created fall into three general categories, first to provide services, second develop and preserve a sense of community, and third to provide local control.

David Bennett agreed that balancing these elements is central to effective governance. Freedom requires balance and responsibility. He emphasized the importance of building a strong sense of community and recognizing shared responsibilities.

David Bennett provided a brief closing statement, noting that he has had the opportunity to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission, where he assisted in overseeing certain programs and participated in various civic projects. He has worked with three different mayors and has appreciated every opportunity to serve the community. He commented on continued growth of the community, noting that it builds upon its pioneer heritage. He looks forward to the opportunity to contribute to that continued growth and service. He expressed his appreciation for prior opportunities to serve and a desire to continue contributing to the community's growth and preservation of its heritage.

Joshua Cannon: Joshua Cannon said he and his family have lived in Hyrum for approximately six years, noting that this summer will mark six years of residence. Both sides of his family have strong ties to Cache Valley. His mother's family line comes from the Maughan family in Wellsville, referencing a historical connection to the valley through Peter Maughan. He expressed a strong desire to remain connected to the roots and heritage of the valley and community. He has greatly enjoyed living in Iron and has had positive experiences in the community. He thanked those present for their time and attention.

Councilmember Foulger asked what are the top three issues facing the City, and how would you realistically address them in your first year on the Council?

Joshua Cannon acknowledged concerns regarding growth within the community. He noted that growth is a frequent topic of discussion among residents of Hyrum, particularly in relation to preserving community character. Due to Hyrum's proximity to Logan, residents are familiar with issues such as traffic congestion and over crowding, and generally express a desire to avoid similar outcomes in Hyrum. He emphasized the importance of maintaining a more open, rural, and agricultural character while supporting responsible and controlled growth. He is not currently in a position to provide specific policy solutions, as he has limited political experience and would need to further research available options. His primary goal would be to serve as a voice for the citizens of Hyrum. While he has personal views, he believes those should not override the

collective will of the community and that public input should guide decision-making.

Councilmember Michael Nelson said whenever we try to effectively evaluate an issue or problem we spend a lot of time and effort to decide the pros and cons, and strengths and weaknesses of decision. All candidates have submitted resumes so what do you believe are your strengths in relation to the other candidates and what is at least one weakness you may have when compared to other candidates.

Joshua Cannon said he recognizes strengths in all candidates. He has been involved in leadership roles since a young age, both professionally and in religious service, and that over the past 16 years he has served in leadership positions in a capacity he described as "leading rather than managing." He is able to communicate effectively, consider multiple perspectives, and understand differing viewpoints by placing himself in others' positions. He has been involved in organizing a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) effort and stated that he has dedicated significant time to that initiative, expressing a desire to continue serving as an advocate for emergency preparedness. He does not have extensive experience in formal politics. He noted that he has reviewed portions of the Hyrum City Code and does not consider himself a politician; however, he stated that he is willing to meet expectations, learn, and grow into the role if selected.

Councilmember NaLyn Nelson asked what do you believe is the proper role of government, and how would that belief shape your priorities and decision making on the City Council?

Joshua Cannon stated that he supports the concept of smaller government and believes that government should not exceed its appropriate boundaries. He expressed that government should focus on education and on helping citizens understand the needs that exist within the community. The goal should be to build and strengthen the community so it can thrive. He believes that private businesses are often able to provide services more efficiently and effectively than government in certain areas. His preference for limited government with decision-making authority remaining primarily in the hands of the people.

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general categories, first to provide services, second develop and preserve a sense of community, and third to provide local control.

Joshua Cannon said he would like to further research and develop his understanding of the issue in greater depth. He noted that there is a perception of "control" in local governance and emphasized that his approach would focus on balance and listening to the citizens of Hyrum. He would aim to evaluate community sentiment by gathering feedback from residents and city staff, including those working directly in service roles, to determine whether concerns about overreach or control are present. He indicated that if there is not significant escalation of concerns, it may suggest that the City is on the right track. He emphasized the importance of ultimately using citizen feedback to guide decisions. Residents may have historical perceptions of Hyrum as being more restrictive or different than it is today.

Joshua Cannon stated that his ultimate goal is to serve the community, emphasizing that his motivation is rooted in faith, family, and service to the community. He has appreciated the opportunity to serve on the CERT team and has valued the chance to meet and work with citizens of Hyrum through that involvement. He expressed a desire for additional opportunities to continue serving in the community. If appointed, he would dedicate the necessary time and effort fully to the role, indicating he would "go all in." He is committed to doing his best and fulfilling the responsibilities of the position.

James L. (Mont) Wright: Mont Wright thanked the Mayor and City Council for their service and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be considered for City Council. He is looking forward to the opportunity to serve on the Council. He graduated from Utah State University with a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in business, as well as a master's degree in business education with an emphasis in organizational development. He had the privilege of working for Ford Motor Company for 34 years, during which he worked with many valued colleagues and gained meaningful professional experience that he believes will help him serve the citizens of Hyrum.

Councilmember Foulger asked what are the top three issues facing the City, and how would you realistically address them in your first year on the Council?

Mont Wright stated that growth in Hyrum is a key issue, noting that the city is becoming increasingly popular and that continued growth will need to be addressed thoughtfully. Growth can bring economic development opportunities, but also requires careful planning related to infrastructure and public services in order to maintain the quality of life in Hyrum. Hyrum City is unique and should maintain its character as it continues to grow. He expressed concern regarding long-term resource planning, particularly water supply, and stated the importance of ensuring sufficient water availability over the next 30 years. He noted that agricultural water use and long-term planning must be considered as part of future growth strategies. He also identified public services, including ambulance and public safety services, as a top priority as the population increases. As growth continues, the City must ensure that infrastructure, public safety, and essential services keep pace with development. It is important to work together, listen to input from all stakeholders, and maintain transparency in decision-making. He emphasized the importance of understanding community needs and working collaboratively to address them.

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Mont Wright identified his strengths as listening to people and collaborating with others. He enjoys working with individuals who have different perspectives and values. At Ford Motor Company he received performance evaluations from peers, coworkers, and managers. In these evaluations, he consistently scored 90% or higher. This reflects his ability to work well with people, earn respect, and also actively listen to others. He identified a personal growth area as decision-making pace. He stated that while he values taking time to evaluate issues carefully and ensure full understanding, this can sometimes slow the decision-making process. He expressed a desire to continue improving in balancing thoughtful evaluation with timely action in order to make well-informed decisions.

Councilmember NaLyn Nelson asked what do you believe is the proper role of government, and how would that belief shape your priorities and decision making on the City Council?

Mont Wright said he believes the proper role of government is to represent the people who elected them. Elected officials should understand community needs and ensure they remain available, accessible, and attentive to public input. It is important to know and understand the needs of residents, and to maintain transparency and visibility by attending community activities and events. Elected officials serve as the public face of the community and should be recognizable and approachable so citizens feel comfortable engaging with them.

In response to a follow-up question requesting a specific example of a recent issue and how his views would guide his approach, Mont Wright stated that if a developer proposed a project with potential economic impact for the city, it would be important to carefully evaluate both the benefits and broader community considerations before making a decision. He emphasized the importance of balancing development opportunities with community needs and impacts.

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Mont Wright stated that service, community, and local control are key priorities. The importance of residents being respected and having a visible presence in the community through service that benefits the public and aligns with the direction the City chooses to pursue, based on input from citizens. A community is important in providing amenities and preserving natural resources and character. He emphasized the need to maintain balance among service, community needs, and local control. When people understand these principles, they are more likely to respect the decisions and direction of the community.

Benjamin Nielsen: - Benjamin Nielsen said he grew up on a turf farm south of Hyrum near the Paradise area. He has always considered himself a Hyrum resident. He is currently an electrician and operates a small business based out of his home. He attended Utah State University and received a bachelor's degree in accounting. He added that this contributes to his perspective regarding his qualifications.

Councilmember Foulger asked what are the top three issues facing the City, and how would you realistically address them in your first year on the Council?

Benjamin Nielsen said growth is an ongoing issue in the community and that he is willing to learn and work toward developing solutions to address it. He is supportive for managing future growth in a way that is organized and serves the community effectively. He would like to see growth carried out in a well-planned manner that benefits residents. Hyrum currently feels somewhat divided, particularly between Main Street and commercial areas, and that this separation is a topic that should be discussed and considered in future planning efforts to better guide development. There are also concerns related to an odor issue in the community that he would like to address.

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Benjamin Nielsen said he did not review information about the other candidates. He identified his strengths as being analytical and enjoying the process of examining problems, including evaluating pros and cons and working toward solutions. He enjoys problem-solving and troubleshooting, and finds satisfaction in addressing complex issues in both his work and personal interests. He also enjoys exercise Benjamin identified one of his strengths as problem-solving and stated that he values work that involves diagnosing issues and pursuing practical solutions. He identified weaknesses as scheduling and time management, noting that he tends to shift toward the most pressing priorities rather than following a structured schedule, and public speaking.

Councilmember NaLyn Nelson asked what do you believe is the proper role of government, and how would that belief shape your priorities and decision making on the City Council?

Benjamin Nielsen said the role of government is to ensure the protection of individual freedoms and rights. While citizens should have freedoms, those freedoms are not absolute and must be balanced with cooperation within society, along with reasonable laws and standards for all to follow. In response to a follow-up

question requesting a specific example of a recent issue and his approach, Benjamin discussed the possibility of a community recreation center funded through taxes. He acknowledged that some residents may be opposed to paying additional taxes for such a project. He personally would support a recreation center, viewing it as a valuable community asset that benefits families as a whole. Market-based recreational alternatives can be expensive for families, and he believes a public recreation facility could provide more accessible options. He would support paying the associated tax if it resulted in such a resource for the community.

Councilmember Rasmussen said please share thoughts about these sentences and how it would impact you service on the City Council - Purposes for which communities are created fall into three general categories, first to provide services, second develop and preserve a sense of community, and third to provide local control.

Benjamin Nielsen said he frequently hears concerns from residents regarding property rights and the belief that individuals should be able to use their property as they choose. He acknowledged that property ownership carries importance and exists for a purpose, but noted that communities still require standards and regulations. Local government has a role in establishing what is permissible and in ensuring that decisions serve the common interest and community needs. There is an importance of balancing individual property rights with the broader needs and interests of the community.

Benjamin Nielsen said that he tries to understand and consider both sides of an issue. He works to recognize multiple perspectives and evaluate issues based on their impact on all parties involved. He makes an effort to look beyond his own biases and focus on what he believes is the right and fair outcome.

David Kartchner: David Kartchner said he has a sincere interest in serving the community through the council vacancy. He and his wife moved to the area approximately five years ago from Maryland, though they are originally from Utah. While living in Maryland, he started a business focused on serving local governments in rural communities by providing broadband and public safety communications in an affordable manner. His work has involved partnering with various local and county governments to deliver needed services to communities in states including Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, and West Virginia. He expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to bring that experience to service within the

local community.

Councilmember Foulger asked what are the top three issues facing the City, and how would you realistically address them in your first year on the Council?

David Kartchner said one of the key issues facing the City is growth and the resulting demands placed on infrastructure and quality of life. There is significant vacant property within the City and continued interest in development, and emphasized the importance of evaluating how growth impacts infrastructure capacity and overall community livability. He identified a second issue as the addition of Nibley sewer flows into the City's system and the need to plan for expansion to accommodate continued growth. He stated that the sewer plant is operating at approximately 80-85% capacity and that expansion will be costly. There is a need for stronger enforcement of existing ordinances rather than the creation of new ones. He stated that collaboration is important and referenced recent ordinance discussions related to appropriate separation of business and residential areas.

Councilmember Michael Nelson said whenever we try to effectively evaluate an issue or problem we spend a lot of time and effort to decide the pros and cons, and strengths and weaknesses of decision. All candidates have submitted resumes so what do you believe are your strengths in relation to the other candidates and what is at least one weakness you may have when compared to other candidates.

David Kartchner said he is an engineer by trade and works in telecommunications, including work with a large utility company focused on maintaining critical infrastructure systems. His experience includes understanding water system requirements, public safety communications, and how these systems operate within a community. Hyrum is fortunate to have local control over essential services such as power, sewer, and fire protection, and stated that while these systems are in place, the complexity of managing them is significant compared to other communities of similar size. He brings strengths in these technical areas and that he is willing to take time to learn and become familiar with areas outside his current expertise.

Councilmember NaLyn Nelson asked what do you believe is the proper role of government, and how would that belief shape your priorities and decision making on the City Council?

David Kartchner said the role of government is to help community members improve their lives by providing safety, meeting essential needs, maintaining public infrastructure, and creating a welcoming environment. Hyrum has a variety of community assets, including well-maintained parks, a local library, and access to recreational opportunities such as the lake. He stated that these amenities contribute to quality of life and reflect the role of government in supporting the community. The City has provided many valuable services and that government's role includes continually evaluating how to improve services and enhance overall quality of life for residents. In response to a follow-up question requesting an example of a recent or likely city issue and how his perspective would guide decision-making, he stated that, as a business owner, he has not extensively reviewed specific current issues but has generally viewed the City as well-run. His approach to decision-making would consider whether actions are detrimental, economically sustainable, or create undue hardship, and that these considerations would guide his decisions.

Councilmember Rasmussen said please share thoughts about these sentences and how it would impact you service on the City Council - Purposes for which communities are created fall into three general categories, first to provide services, second develop and preserve a sense of community, and third to provide local control.

David Kartchner said that local government decisions should be guided by common sense and careful balancing of community interests. He emphasized that "common sense should prevail" in decision-making. If a property owner wishes to use their property in a particular way, but the request may not align with the best interests of the City, there should be opportunities to find reasonable compromise solutions. Continued efforts should be made to seek sensible, balanced outcomes that respect both individual property rights and the broader interests of the community.

David Karchner thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak. In his professional life he often sits at the table where different interests and priorities come together, and where people frequently want different outcomes. Progress does not happen through volume or ego, but through collaboration and working together to find solutions. His approach is to listen first, identify a path forward, and then work toward practical outcomes. He noted that when he considers issues facing Hyrum, including maintaining public standards, he often views them as logistical challenges that require structured and thoughtful solutions. He

is committed to bringing analytical problem-solving to issues facing the City. He expressed appreciation for the community, stated that he loves Hyrum, and noted his respect for its service-oriented culture. He concluded by stating that he is ready to "roll up his sleeves" and contribute.

Roy Savage: Roy Savage said he has spent most of his childhood and adult life growing up in Hyrum. He has witnessed many changes in the community, including improvements such as the development of the sewer system, the addition of secondary irrigation, and overall city growth and expansion. He shared that he has five children—four daughters and one son—and that their youngest is 13 years old and currently still attending school within the district. His goal is to contribute to the community in a meaningful way and to continue the legacy of service established by previous councils. He concluded by expressing appreciation for the opportunity to speak.

Councilmember Foulger asked what are the top three issues facing the City, and how would you realistically address them in your first year on the Council?

Roy Savage stated that he does not believe the City currently has major issues but expressed interest in strengthening the City's master planning efforts. He emphasized the importance of reviewing how development occurs within the City, noting that subdivisions and individual land developments often proceed parcel by parcel. A broader, more coordinated planning could improve infrastructure outcomes and help ensure that growth is managed effectively. The City's master plan as a top priority and suggested that stronger long-term planning could improve road design, traffic flow, and overall development outcomes. Regional growth trends and noted that improved planning could help better accommodate transportation and infrastructure needs as the City continues to develop. He is not fully familiar with all current issues under consideration and would prefer to review additional information and proposals as they come forward. In response to a question regarding working with colleagues who may strongly disagree, he stated that disagreement can be beneficial because it encourages dialogue. He expressed that through discussion and differing perspectives, better solutions can be reached, even when consensus is not immediate.

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decide the pros and cons, and strengths and weaknesses of decision. All candidates have submitted resumes so what do you believe are your strengths in relation to the other candidates and what is at least one weakness you may have when compared to other candidates.

Roy Savage stated that there are strong candidates with significant strengths. He shared that his professional role at Cache Valley Bank involves working with developers, engineers, mayors, and city administrators, which has given him familiarity with how these roles interact within municipal projects and planning. His areas of expertise include construction and budgeting, and that he would seek to apply that experience to help move the City's financial planning to a higher level. In response to a question regarding the "next level" of budgeting, Roy Savage stated that a key consideration for the City is whether the budget is balanced, and identifying both the strengths and weaknesses of the current budget structure.

Councilmember NaLyn Nelson asked what do you believe is the proper role of government, and how would that belief shape your priorities and decision making on the City Council?

Roy Savage stated that City ordinances are established by the City Council and are subject to state-level laws and regulations, which may override local provisions in certain cases. He emphasized the importance of following existing City rules and making changes when weaknesses are identified. Amendments to ordinances should be made as needed, while ensuring that residents' property rights are respected within the framework of City law. It is important to find reasonable resolutions in addressing community issues. In response to a question regarding a specific example of a likely City issue and how government decisions would be made, Roy Savage referenced short-term rentals on Main Street. He stated that if such uses meet the requirements under existing zoning and were properly permitted at the time of approval, they should be allowed under current regulations. He further noted that if zoning changes are needed, those changes should be addressed proactively before property is purchased or developed under existing rules.

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Roy Savage stated that when evaluating issues, he focuses on what can be done within the limits of City code. Decisions should be based on what is permissible under existing regulations and whether proposed actions are practical and beneficial within those constraints. He aims to take a positive approach in his work and decision-making.

Roy Savage said it is a privilege and honor to be a candidate and to participate in the process. He wants representation on the west end of Hyrum since there isn't currently nor has there been a representative from the west side of Hyrum. He stated that there is a perception among some residents of the west end that their needs are sometimes overlooked due to development and activity on the east side of the city. He emphasized the importance of ensuring balanced attention across all areas of Hyrum. Residents of Hyrum have a responsibility and opportunity to give back to the community.

ELECTION OF CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL MID TERM VACANCY.

City Recorder Stephanie Fricke distributed ballots to each City Councilmember containing the names of all candidates. She instructed Councilmembers to select one candidate, fold their ballots, and return them to her and Mayor Miller.

City Recorder Stephanie Fricke and Mayor Miller opened and read the submitted ballots. The results showed one vote for David Bennett and three votes for Mont Wright. Due to Mont Wright receiving three votes, no coin toss or a second vote was required. Mont Wright was elected to fill the City Council Mid Term Vacancy Seat that expires January 1, 2028.

APPOINTMENT TO CITY COUNCIL MID TERM VACANCY SEAT.

ACTION

Councilmember NaLyn Nelson made a motion to appoint James L. (Mont) Wright to fill the Mid Term Vacancy on the Hyrum City Council. Councilmember Foulger seconded the motion and Councilmember Foulger voted aye, Councilmember Michael Nelson voted aye, Councilmember NaLyn Nelson voted aye, and Councilmember Rasmussen voted aye. The motion passed

CITY RECORDER STEPHANIE FRICKE - ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBER.

City Recorder Stephanie Fricke administered the Oath of Office to Mont Wright.

Following the administration of the oath, Mont Wright was sworn in as a City Council Member. He was then invited to take his seat at the podium with Mayor Miller and the City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Miller asked if anyone had questions or comments to keep it under three minutes.

There being no public comment, Mayor Miller moved on to the next agenda item.

INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION 26-12 - A RESOLUTION APPOINTING UAMPS MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE.

Mayor Miller said Resolution 26-12 appoints a UAMPS Member Representative. He is recommending the replacement of former City Councilmember Steve Adams with Councilmember Michael Nelson as the second alternate representative to UAMPS.

ACTION

Councilmember Rasmussen made a motion to approve Resolution 26-12 a resolution appointing UAMPS Member Representative. Councilmember Nalyn Nelson seconded the motion and Councilmember Foulger voted aye, Councilmember Michael Nelson voted aye, Councilmember Nalyn Nelson voted aye, Councilmember Rasmussen voted aye, and Councilmember Mont Wright. The motion passed

OTHER BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF HYRUM LIBRARY RECEIVING THE QUALITY LIBRARY AWARD FROM STATE OF UTAH LIBRARY DIVISION.

Mayor Miller said the Hyrum City Library received the "Quality Library Award" from the Utah State Library Division. This award is given annually and requires public libraries to submit reports and data to indicate that their services are in accordance with State Library Standards. The purpose of this award is to recognize library,, and the dedicated people who work in them who are offering exemplary work in their communities.

DISCUSSION ON SETTING THE TAX MILL LEVY FOR THE CACHE FIRE DISTRICT AT .000800.

Fire Chief Tony Stauffer presented information regarding a proposed Cache County Fire District and EMS funding structure, including a proposed mill levy of approximately .00080 for fire and EMS services. It was explained that the County is considering a voucher-based system intended to distribute fire and EMS funding more equitably across all residents in Cache County. Under the current structure, residents in incorporated cities may experience what is perceived as "double taxation," as they contribute to both county-wide funding and municipal fire services. The proposed voucher system was described as a method to redistribute funds so that each city would receive a proportional allocation based on tax contributions. Under the proposal, unincorporated areas would contribute more equitably, and cities with their own fire departments, such as Hyrum, would receive voucher funding that could be applied toward local fire and EMS services. It was further noted that this could result in an estimated net financial adjustment for Hyrum, with discussion referencing potential increases or decreases depending on final calculations and mill levy decisions. It was noted that the County has indicated it does not intend to operate fire or EMS services directly and is instead moving toward a voucher-based approach. Concerns were raised regarding the uncertainty of final cost projections, future growth impacts, and how EMS services would expand over time. It was noted that EMS services would likely need to grow alongside the community and that costs could change depending on final mill levy decisions. Discussion also included the option for cities to withdraw from the district, with a noted transition period required to fully separate. It was stated that if Hyrum were to fully withdraw, the City would assume full responsibility for maintaining fire and EMS services independently. The voucher system would adjust over time with population and growth, and that funding allocations would continue to follow the City as it grows.

Mayor Miller stated that the voucher system may provide long-term financial benefits to the City. Overall discussion reflected differing perspectives on cost certainty, service control, and long-term sustainability of fire and EMS services under the proposed structure

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.

Councilmember Foulger provided an update from the last Council meeting, noting that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., with a teen hunt scheduled for 9:00 p.m. She stated that Robert and she will set up perimeters tomorrow, and that eggs will be spread at 8:00 a.m. by the Youth Council.

Councilmember Michael Nelson reported that the amateur radio communications group will be installing a new antenna on the building next week. He noted that someone will be accessing the roof on Monday morning for installation work.

He stated the group will participate in statewide communications efforts and begin an emergency preparedness series held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. He outlined two upcoming topics: May 26: Mike Black from the County will present on emergency family preparedness plans; and June 23: Kent Goodrich will present at North Park on active shooter response, based on training conducted with North Logan and Logan. He encouraged everyone to attend these sessions at the Civic Center.

Councilmember NaLyn Nelson reported that the Senior Center is currently seeking an exercise instructor and additional staff member. She stated that the facility is seeing strong turnout and support from both local residents and those outside the community. She is making plans for a Time Capsule project tied to the Fourth of July, which will be opened at the City's 300-year anniversary celebration. She stated that preparations are underway for patriotic program.

Councilmember Rasmussen said that following the last Council discussion regarding the mural on the east wall of the alleyway near the museum, he spoke with Museum Director Jamie VanHuss about the project. He noted that the project has been placed on a temporary hold and that further review is needed based on the existing agreement and contract requirements, including a down payment provision. He stated the project is currently paused until fall while details are reviewed.

Councilmember Wright said he is thankful for this opportunity to serve on the City Council and is excited to serve the citizens of this City.

Mayor Miller reported on a meeting with a JBS business representative regarding potential partnership opportunities and donations to the City. Representatives toured Elite Hall and

discussed potential support for community improvements, including possible repairs and restroom renovations. Another potential project discussed was the completion of 200 West from 700 North to 900 West to establish a primary truck route until 4400 South is completed.

ADJOURNMENT:

**ACTION There being no further business before the City Council,
the Council Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.**

ATTEST:

Steve J. Miller
Mayor

Stephanie Fricke
City Recorder

Approved: April 16, 2026
 As Written/Amended