



MINUTES

December 13TH, 2023
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Session 7:00 PM
Oakley City Hall

Zoom Meeting Platform
Meeting ID 820 258 4629

Anchor Location: 960 West Center Street, Oakley UT 84055

In Attendance:

City Administration: Mayor Zane Woolstenhulme; Councilmembers: Kelly Kimber, Dave Neff, Tom Smart, Steve Wilmoth; *Councilmember Joe Frazier - Absent.*

City Staff in Attendance: City Recorder, Amy Rydalch.

Members of the Public (In Person): Rick Shapiro, Gary Broadbent.

1. Mayor Zane Woolstenhulme opened the meeting.

- Invocation: **Mayor Zane Woolstenhulme**
- Pledge of Allegiance: **Councilmember Steve Wilmoth**

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Smart motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. **Councilmember Wilmoth** seconded the motion. No further discussion. **All voted in favor. Consent Calendar Approved.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

This portion of the meeting (public comment) is taken directly from the transcript of the meeting.

Rick Shapiro, 4094 Millrace, Oakley UT: "I wasn't there the night that the results of the survey was presented. I was thinking about this the last few days, about the results of the survey in combination with the election. And, you know, if you look at I mean, I felt like survey sort of

reflected more or less like 60%- 70% of the population that responded in the settings fairly representative. You know, basically agreed with the direction of the city. And it's not that everyone agrees with every specific detail, but I felt you know, that the results were fairly validated by the direction that you know. This kind of tool on the mayor, kind of taken city with the development you know, whether you know however the city center develops, and other issues such as water, and I think the election, basically, you know, reinforced those numbers, and that, you know you have about 60 to 70% of this community, and that that basically agrees and with the direction, You know, notwithstanding, you know, some of the naysayers, yeah, you know, they have everybody to to say no to what's happening. But so I think that, you know, I mean, you can interpret elections and survey results lots of different ways, but I think that the combination of the two, it sends a pretty powerful message. And, you know, one that I think y'all should take."

Mayor Woolstenhulme thanked Mr. Shapiro for his comments and responded that the City will look into adding a Menorah to the annual Christmas decorations.

4. **NEWPORT ACADEMY STATUS REPORT: Gary Broadbent**

Mayor Woolstenhulme welcomes Mr. Broadbent to the Council meeting and turns the time over to him for his report.

Mr. Broadbent provided the Council with an update on Newport Academy and mentioned the parent company has continued to expand and has purchased an additional facility in Minnesota. The entire network has around 700 beds across the country with 64 being here in Oakley. He focused much of his comments on the special care taken at Newport, specifically the minimal physical restraint and focus on authentic connections with patients. He cited the high patient satisfaction scores of 80%, the number of full-time employees, many of whom are local and their above industry standard wages. He addressed the challenges of recruiting experienced staff and their emphasis on promoting from within. He also reported that Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Utah has approved them as part of their network which has increased the number of in-state patients.

Some discussion with Councilmembers regarding procedures when a resident leaves campus, the frequency of these events and how the city can support their efforts.

Councilmember Wilmoth expressed his appreciation for this facility and the work they do there on behalf of teens and young adults. It is a cause of significant importance to him.

5. **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

- a. **NFR CONVENTION** – **Councilmember Wilmoth** reported on their trip to Las Vegas and the securing of contracts for the 2024 rodeo. Discussion regarding an Xtreme Bull riding event in the lineup regarding ticket pricing, additional costs, and securing high-value sponsors for the event.

- 84 **b. TRAILS UPDATE-** Councilmember Smart reported on the status of the bridge
85 construction and fencing for the Weber River Pathway. Discussed the possibility of
86 connecting trails through additional neighboring property.
- 87 **c. WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – Mayor Woolstenhulme** informed the Council on an
88 event called Wreaths Across America and that Mr. Ennis Gibbs has been behind starting
89 this event in the Kamas Valley. He noted that Kenna Frazier and Char Linford have been
90 instrumental in getting this off the ground this year.
- 91 **d. Misc. Items –** General discussion regarding the switching of the stock contractor for
92 2024, the possibility of live coverage for the 2024 rodeo, sponsorship, and how to get
93 more community involvement in the celebration.
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95 **6. CLOSED SESSION: Utah State Code Annotated 52-4-205 allows for the governing body of the**
96 **city to enter closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation; to discuss**
97 **the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.**

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99 Councilmember Wilmoth motioned to go into closed session for the reasons cited above.

100 Councilmember Kimber seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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102 **8:00 PM Council entered closed session.**

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104 **8:15PM Council Adjourned. No further action was taken.**

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109 Approval is to form this 23 day of July, 2025.

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Zane Woolstenhulme, Mayor


Amy Rydalch, City Recorder