



**MINUTES OF THE  
SOUTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022, 6 PM  
COUNCIL ROOM

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Russell Porter, Council Members Sallee Orr, Brent Strate, Susan Stewart, Mike Howard, and Jeanette Smyth Note: Mayor Porter joined the meeting virtually.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

City Manager Matt Dixon, Assistant City Manager Doug Gailey, Parks and Public Works Director Jon Andersen, Fire Chief Cameron West, Communications and Events Specialist Jamie Healy, and Recorder Leesa Kapetanov

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

Joyce & Bruce Hartman, Kent S. Gardner, Carlyle and Terry Shaw, Jennee Hansen, Marshall Kulp, Carl J. Leuschner, Kari & Rita Ebeling, Todd, Weston, George Garwood, Angelique Demming, Stephen C. McKay

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**or by requesting a copy from the office of the South Ogden City Recorder.**

**I. OPENING CEREMONY**

**A. Call To Order**

- At 6:00 pm, Mayor Porter called the meeting to order and entertained a motion to begin  
00:00:00

**Council Member Howard so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smyth. In a voice vote Council Members Orr, Strate, Stewart, Howard, and Smyth all voted aye.**

**B. Prayer/Moment of Silence**

The mayor led those present in a moment of silence

C. Pledge Of Allegiance

Council Member Stewart led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING**

To Receive and Consider Comments on the Proposed FY2023 Budget Which Includes a Proposed Property Tax Increase

- The mayor announced it was time to enter into a public hearing for the reason stated on the agenda. He called for a motion to do so.

00:01:28

**Council Member Orr so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Stewart. Council Members Orr, Strate, Stewart, Howard, and Smyth all voted aye.**

- Mayor Porter invited those present in the meeting to come forward and speak. He also announced that those online could submit their comments until 6:17 pm.

Public Comments

Marshall Kulp- 00:02:25

Kent Gardner- 00:03:59

Carl Leuschner- 00:06:20

Council Member Strate answered questions about the school district and other taxing entities  
00:07:40

Lucinda Ott- 00:10:04

Carlyle Shaw- 00:11:19

Todd Weston- 00:12:37

George Garwood- 00:14:53

Jennifer Hansen- 00:17:27

- There were no more comments from those present. Communication and Events Specialist Jamie Healy reported no comments had been made online for the public hearing. Mayor Porter called for a motion to close the public hearing.

00:18:23

**Council Member Smyth so moved. Council Member Strate seconded the motion. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

- The mayor asked City Manager Dixon to explain how home values are assessed

00:19:15

- Mayor Porter answers other questions put forth in the public hearing and explains next steps

00:23:14

### III. DISCUSSION

- Finance Director Steve Liebersbach stated the budget was balanced and reviewed some of the history of tax increases in the City  
00:27:51
- Mr. Liebersbach pointed out the three donations included in the budget that the City would make  
00:33:31
- The finance director stated the cooling equipment being used at City Hall until the chiller arrived had not yet been accounted for in the budget  
00:37:49
- Council Questions/Discussion 00:40:16
- City Manager Dixon brought up the need for another full-time firefighter for whom nothing was budgeted  
00:46:50
- Council Members gave their opinion about what the tax increase should be and adding the full-time firefighter to the budget 01:26:21
- A majority of the council agreed staff should prepare the final budget with the tax increase as it appeared in the budget that evening and they all agreed that a full-time firefighter should be added to the budget

### VI. ADJOURN

- Mayor Porter called for a motion to adjourn the meeting  
01:36:36

**Council Member Howard so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Smyth. The voice vote was unanimous to adjourn.**

The meeting ended at 7:36 pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the South Ogden City Pre-Council Work Session and Council Meeting held Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

  
Leesa Kapetanov, City Recorder

August 16, 2022  
Date Approved by the City Council