

**MINUTES
HARRISVILLE CITY COUNCIL
August 4, 2026
363 West Independence Blvd
Harrisville, UT 84404**

Minutes of a regular Harrisville City Council meeting held on August 4, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in the Harrisville City Council Chambers, 363 West Independence Blvd., Harrisville, UT.

Present: Mayor Roger Shuman, Council Member Blair Christensen, Council Member Grover Wilhelmsen, Council Member Annette Prall, Council Member Greg Montgomery, Council Member Jason Hadley.

Excused:

Staff: Jennie Knight, City Administrator, Bryan Fife, Public Works, Parks and Recreation Director, Jack Fogal, City Recorder, Jill Hunt, City Treasurer, Mark Wilson, Chief of Police, Assistant Chief Nick Taylor.

Visitors: Kevin Karras, Kevin Jensen, Curtis Christensen, Jeanne Christensen, Sheldon Hunt, Shanna Edwards via zoom, Steven Hempel via zoom.

1. Call to Order.

Council Member Hadley called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

2. Opening Ceremony.

Council Member Wilhelmsen opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Business Items.

- a. Public Hearing** – to receive comment from the public for and/or against the proposed tax rate for Harrisville City.

Mayor Shuman arrived at the meeting.

Jill Hunt explained she has prepared a presentation to cover some information about the proposed tax rate. She presented the Weber County Notice of Proposed Tax Increase and the Notice of Proposed Tax Increase for Harrisville City. The median home value in the city is \$433,000. If the rate is approved their taxes would increase from \$365.32 to \$373.18 which is an increase of \$7.86 per year. The median value for a business is \$433,000. Their tax would increase from \$664.22 to \$678.51 which is \$14.29 per year. We would increase our Ad Valorem revenue by \$24,132 which would be an increase of 2.12% increase in revenue. She reviewed the Property Tax Impact Schedule. She reminded Council this information was an estimate made in May before our final values were provided by Weber County. Our rate last year was 0.001534. Last year's revenue was \$1,054,490.00. With the proposed tax rate increase our revenue will be \$1,089,490.00. This would be an increase of \$35,000 in Ad Valorem revenue. The additional revenue would be allocated to the Road Fund within the Public Works Department for sidewalk repair and replacement. Public Works overall budget would be \$1,496,399 with the change and \$1,461,399 without the additional revenue. She presented photographs showing sidewalks through the city that have been identified as requiring repair. This is an ongoing long term maintenance program. Sidewalk deficiencies are categorized into three condition levels red, yellow, and orange. With red representing sidewalks requiring the highest priority for repair. The funds generated from the proposed tax rate increase would be

restricted to this budgeted purpose. Last year we received \$8,440.28 from new growth. If we maintain our rate, it would be 0.001534. This was a one in a million chance to have the rates match. With the updated information from the County, our revenue including new growth would be \$1,145,912 if the proposed rate is adopted. When we look at the budget we have to look at services provided and use that to decide how much revenue we need. Weber County has a YouTube video explaining property tax. She encouraged everyone to watch the video. It contains some really good information. Residences are taxed at 55% of the taxable value. She explained the property tax notice shows the average value of a home. Some will pay more and some will pay less based on their home value.

Motion: Council Member Hadley motioned to open the public hearing for and/or against the proposed tax rate for Harrisville City, second by Council Member Christensen.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Council Member Wilhelmsen,	Yes
Council Member Prall,	Yes
Council Member Christensen,	Yes
Council Member Hadley,	Yes
Council Member Montgomery,	Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Karras stated you have been sold a bill of goods about maintaining the rate. You excluded revenue generated from new growth. You are proposing an increase of \$35,000 and you increased your revenue from new growth by \$67,000. You can cut the rate. It's your opportunity to take charge as a Council and not cave to those who always clamor for more money. The cost increases are covered by impact fees. New growth covers your request amount. If you raise the taxes, you will be in trouble. Don't raise taxes.

Kevin Jensen is against the tax rate. He looked at the slide comparing us to other cities in the county. Last year we had one of the highest increases in the county. Cost savings in the city should be able to cover the \$35,000.

Curtis Christensen has been a resident for many years. He agrees sometimes we need to have a little faith that we do not need to raise taxes every year. Taxes have gone up a lot now. We have not received more services with the tax increase. You need to have courage as a Council and decide to not raise taxes. 5 years ago, the amount we paid was considerably less. Many of you have had increases in revenue but residents have not. We trust you to take care of the needs of the city without raising taxes. As Kevin Karras stated he walked here and did not notice bad sidewalks. We need to be mindful of what our revenues will be.

Mayor Shuman inquired whether anyone attending electronically wished to provide public comment. No additional comments were provided.

Motion: Council Member Wilhelmsen motioned to close the public hearing for and/or against the proposed tax rate for Harrisville City, second by Council Member Hadley.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Council Member Wilhelmsen,	Yes
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Council Member Prall,	Yes
Council Member Christensen,	Yes
Council Member Hadley,	Yes
Council Member Montgomery,	Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Shuman announced that no action would be taken during the Truth in Taxation hearing and that Council would consider adoption of the proposed property tax rate during the regularly scheduled Council meeting on August 11, 2026.

4. Adjournment

Motion: Council Member Hadley motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Council Member Montgomery.

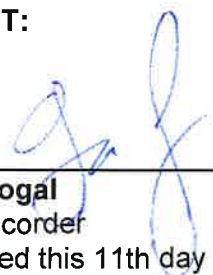
The vote on the motion was as follows:

Council Member Wilhelmsen,	Yes
Council Member Prall,	Yes
Council Member Christensen,	Yes
Council Member Hadley,	Yes
Council Member Montgomery,	Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

ATTEST:



Jack Fogal
City Recorder

Approved this 11th day of August, 2026



Roger Shuman
Mayor