

SOUTH WEBER CITY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: 12 May 2026

TIME COMMENCED: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: South Weber City Office at 1600 East South Weber Drive, South Weber, UT
Meeting streamed on YouTube on 12 May 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: MAYOR: Rod Westbrook

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Jeremy Davis
Joel Dills
Blair Halverson
Angie Petty (excused)
Wayne Winsor

CITY RECORDER: Lisa Smith

CITY TREASURER: Tia Jensen

CITY MANAGER: David Larson

CITY ATTORNEY: Jayme Blakesly

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Brett Baltazar

INTERN: Celeste Wu

Minutes: Michelle Clark

ATTENDEES: Paul Sturm, Jen Meyer, and Jess Brewer.

OPEN

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Westbrook

2. Prayer: Councilman Davis

Mayor Westbrook welcomed those in attendance and excused Councilwoman Petty from tonight's meeting.

3. Public Comment: Mayor Westbrook opened the floor for public comment and reminded those in attendance of the following guidelines:

- Each speaker must go to the podium to comment.
- State your name and city of residence.
- Please address your comments to the entire City Council.
- Each speaker will have 3 minutes or less to speak.
- Note the City Council will not be entering into a dialogue during this portion of the meeting.
- Individuals not at the podium should refrain from speaking.

Mayor Westbrook closed the floor for public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Communities that Care (CTC) by Melissa Coates

Melissa Coates explained that the Communities that Care coalition is a volunteer-driven, data-focused effort to build safe, healthy, and connected communities for youth across Davis and Weber counties. The group partners with schools, health departments, and law enforcement to reduce youth substance use and improve mental health outcomes using evidence-based strategies funded through grants. Ms. Coates emphasized that community involvement is key—encouraging participation in surveys, attending events, inviting the coalition to local activities, and partnering with local leaders to expand outreach and impact. Mayor Westbrook thanked Ms. Coates for the presentation. Councilman Winsor invited CTC to attend South Weber City Country Fair Days. CTC left information for individuals to take the survey.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Consent Agenda

- a. April 14, 2026 Minutes**
- b. April checks**
- d. March Budget to Actual**

Councilman Halverson moved to approve the consent agenda as written. Councilman Dills seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a voice vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Finance Director Brett Baltazar to State That the Tentative Budget Has a Proposed Tax Rate Increase

- a. South Weber is considering levying a tax rate that exceeds the certified tax rate.**
- b. The approximate dollar amount of additional ad valorem tax revenue generated by the tax increase is \$39,000.**
- c. The approximate percentage increase of ad valorem tax revenue generated by the tax increase is 3%.**
- d. The additional tax revenue generated by the tax increase will be used for Youth Council, Office Supplies, Equipment, Emergency Preparedness, Fire Travel, Abatement, Snow Supplies, and Trails.**
- e. South Weber will provide notice of and conduct a public hearing for the public to provide comments on the proposed tax rate increase on August 11.**

Finance Director Brett Baltazar explained that the new budget-related agenda items are intended to ensure compliance with updated state law and improve transparency for both the council and the public. He clarified that the tentative budget includes a property tax increase, but this is a technical adjustment: the city is proposing to hold the tax rate at its current level rather than adopt the lower “certified” rate. Because of how it must be reported that difference is shown as an increase—amounting to about \$39,000.

Councilman Dills expressed confusion about the budget options, noting that the council had been leaning toward holding the tax rate as the starting point. Councilman Halverson clarified that even holding the same tax rate results in an increased dollar amount of revenue, due to rising property values. He also noted that the wording being used in the discussion reflects required state language

for reporting ad valorem tax revenue, which can make it sound like a tax increase even when the rate itself is unchanged.

City Manager David Larson explained that the city plans to keep the tax rate the same as last year (0.001434). However, the county is expected to set a lower certified tax rate—about 3% less. Because of that, maintaining the current rate is technically reported as a 3% increase over the certified rate, even though the city is not raising its rate. He also noted that the certified rate is still an estimate and will not be finalized until the following month.

Mr. Baltazar explained that the projected additional ad valorem tax revenue—about \$39,000 (a 3% increase)—would help fund various general fund needs, including youth council, office supplies, equipment, emergency preparedness, fire, travel, abatement, snow supplies, and trails. He added that if the proposed tax rate is not approved, these items would not be eliminated but would instead be reduced in funding.

Councilman Dills questioned the purpose of including impact notes that list potential cuts, expressing concern that they can come across as misleading - like how higher levels of government sometimes suggest essential services will be cut if taxes are not approved. Councilman Halverson noted that the legislature now requires listing possible reductions. Councilman Dill expressed that those decisions belong to the city council, which controls the budget and would decide what gets cut. David Larson reviewed that, following the previous budget discussion, staff were directed to work with each department to identify what could be cut if the tax rate is not maintained. The listed reductions and the \$39,000 figure represent staff's recommendations, showing line-by-line what they believe could be reduced, but they are not final decisions—that authority remains with the council.

Mr. Baltazar asked if the council has any further questions or concerns. There were none.

7. Resolution 26-12: Acknowledging Property Tax Impact Schedule Created by Finance Director Brett Baltazar was Presented and Made Available for the Public

South Weber City is considering an increase to its property tax rate from 0.001407 to 0.001434 (estimated) to generate an additional revenue of \$39,000. The city estimates growth at 2% or \$25,000.

Councilman Winsor moved to approve Resolution 26-12: Acknowledging Property Tax Impact Schedule Created by Finance Director Brett Baltazar. Councilman Dills seconded the motion. Mayor Westbroek called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Resolution 26-13: Adopt Fiscal Year 2027 South Weber Tentative Budget, Adopt the Property Tax Impact Schedule, and Set Public Hearing for May 26, 2026

Staff, committees, and City Council held several meetings and public discussions for the fiscal year 2027 Tentative Budget. Council advised staff to hold the current property tax rate (0.001434). The Tentative Budget contains state-required data and financial information only. A more detailed budget document will be in the Final Budget.

Councilman Winsor moved to approve Resolution 26-13: Adopting Fiscal Year 2027 South Weber Tentative Budget, Adopt the Property Tax Impact Schedule, and Setting a Public Hearing for May 26, 2026. Councilman Halverson seconded the motion. Mayor

Westbroek called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

9. Resolution 26-14: Intent to Increase Property Tax Revenue and Set Public Hearing for August 11

The City Council intends to increase property tax revenue as indicated in the adopted tentative budget. South Weber City will provide notice and conduct a public hearing on August 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm at City Hall, 1600 East South Weber Drive.

City Council intends to increase property tax revenue as follows:

- Approximate amount of increase \$39,000
- Percentage increase 3%
- Purpose of the increase YCC, supplies, equipment, emergency, travel, abatement, snow supplies, trails...

Councilman Winsor moved to approve Resolution 26-14: Intent to Increase Property Tax Revenue and Set Public Hearing for August 11, 2026. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. Mayor Westbroek called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

10. Resolution 26-15: Interlocal Agreement with Davis County Relating to the Conduct of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Since 2010 Davis County has qualified for and administered its own Urban County Community Development Block Grant program funded by the US department of Housing and Urban Development. Grants received through CDBG money are specifically used for projects that service low-income communities. South Weber City does not qualify currently to participate in this program; however, approving this agreement allows the city to apply for this grant money if the situation changes during this grant cycle. South Weber has participated in the CDBG program in the past and the terms of the agreement are the same, even though no project applications have been submitted. One reason for that is to be a good county partner. All cities in Davis County need to enter into the agreement so the County can receive as many CDBG funds as possible.

Councilman Halverson moved to approve Resolution 26-15: Interlocal Agreement with Davis County Relating to the Conduct of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Councilman Dills seconded the motion. Mayor Westbroek called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

11. Resolution 26-16: Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Davis County for Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) General Permit

The updated Cooperation Agreement is related to the city's ongoing participation in the Davis County Storm Water Coalition. Participation in the Coalition supports the city's compliance with its (UPDES) Municipal Wastewater Planning Program permit requirements by enabling a coordinated, regional approach to stormwater management. Through this partnership, the city gains access to shared resources, including public education materials, outreach initiatives, and specialized training opportunities. This collaborative model not only improves efficiency and consistency in meeting regulatory obligations but also enhances the overall effectiveness of the city's stormwater program. Councilman Dills asked about joint cost. City Manager David Larson replied he will need to do research to see if there is any cost to this.

Councilman Winsor moved to approve Resolution 26-16: Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Davis County for Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) General Permit. Councilman Halverson seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

12. Celebrating America250

This July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. America250 is an initiative that invites everyone to take part in this national commemoration - through local events, shared experiences, and opportunities to reflect on the country's past and future.

There are many ways communities and individuals can commemorate this historic milestone in our nation's history. Utah's celebration commission has identified the desire to educate, engage, and unite through this celebration. Below are some ideas within four different categories to begin the conversation of what and how South Weber may choose to participate in the celebration. Certainly, the City Council may select from this list or generate other ideas. Staff recommend selecting only a few ideas and focusing on those rather than trying to facilitate many different activities.

Councilman Halverson suggested incorporating this in the Country Fair Days celebration – specifically the parade. He discussed the possibility of neighborhood potlucks. Councilman Dills suggested contacting Colonial Flag to see if a discount can be given to residents who would like to purchase an American flag. He proposed some ideas including a roaming mascot with a QR code that makes it a scavenger hunt throughout the city, re-enact bunker hill with water balloons and squirt guns, something done at Memorial Park (plant two or three trees with a plaque), patriotic contests throughout the city, working with SW Elementary, or invite veterans or active military and children to walk in the CFD parade.

Councilman Winsor suggested putting ladder truck on Hwy 89 with banners announcing, "South Weber City is celebrating the 250 years anniversary." Fire Chief Tolman added that the city has two huge flags that can be displayed on each side of the overpass. He would be happy to do that.

City Manager David Larson suggested the city ask for community volunteers for some of these events. City staff are willing to organize the efforts. He met with Country Fairs Days Committee, and they discussed incorporating America250. This is the 50th Anniversary of Country Fair Days. It was decided staff should recruit volunteers and focus on a few ideas.

13. Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Board Meeting

14. Local Building Authority (LBA) Board Meeting

Councilman Halverson moved to suspend the meeting at 6:44 p.m. to convene the board meetings. Councilman Dills seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a voice vote. Council Members Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

RDA and LBA Board meetings took place, and Council Meeting was reconvened at 6:47 pm.

REPORTS

15. New Business (None)

16. Council & Staff

Councilman Halverson: requested a Municipal Utilities and Public Works Meeting to be scheduled.

City Manager, David Larson: informed the council that Republic Services have acquired Robinson Waste, but there are no changes to service, contracts, or operations at this time. Residents may gradually see more Republic-branded trucks, though Robinson branding remains for now.

He also recognized the city’s water department for their effective response to a recent water leak on Kingston Drive, where they notified affected residents, restored service within about six hours, and communicated well.

Councilman Winsor moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. and go into a closed session to discuss the purchase of real property. **Councilman Dills** seconded the motion. **Mayor Westbrook** called for a voice vote. **Council Members Dills, Halverson, and Winsor** voted aye. The motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION held pursuant to the provision of UCA section 52-4-205 (1)(d)

17. Discuss the purchase of real property

ADJOURN:

Councilman Winsor moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. **Councilman Davis** seconded the motion. **Mayor Westbrook** called for a voice vote. **Council Members Dills, Halverson, and Winsor** voted aye. The motion carried.

APPROVED: 
Mayor: Rod Westbrook

Date 06-09-2026


Transcriber: Michelle Clark


Attest: City Recorder: Lisa Smith

