



# Hildale City Council Work Session

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale City, Utah 84784

## Minutes

### Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters: Mayor Jessop

Mayor Jessop called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. After the pledge she opened up the floor for public comment. Jared Nicol pointed out that our Ordinance states we cannot have a meeting if there is not a quorum on site and we cannot include those attending electronically as that quorum. Council Member Dutson spoke to Mayor Jessop on the phone and agreed to physically be there in 5 minutes. The meeting was then put on hold.

Mayor Jessop called the meeting to order again at 6:18pm.

### Roll Call of Council Attendees: City Recorder

#### PRESENT

Mayor Donia Jessop  
Council Member JVar Dutson  
Council Member Terrill Musser - via Zoom  
Council Member Darlene Stubbs  
Council Member Brigham Holm  
Council Member Luke Merideth - via Zoom at the first started meeting but got on the 2nd one at 6:57

A quorum was established

### Pledge of Allegiance: By Invitation of Mayor Jessop

Council Member Holm lead the Pledge.

### Action Items:

Motion made by Council Member Stubbs to recognize the meeting as an electronic meeting, Seconded by Council Member Holm.

Voting Yea: Council Member Dutson, Council Member Musser, Council Member Stubbs, Council Member Holm

Motion Carries

#### 1. Consider approval of 2025 Certified Tax Rate

Mayor Jessop explained that the city typically approves the certified tax rate when passing the budget, but the county information was not available at that time. The 2025 certified tax rate shows a slight decrease from the previous year. The mayor noted that if the city were to raise taxes, a truth in taxation process and public hearing would be required, but since they are adopting the same rate as last year (with a slight reduction), only a simple approval motion is needed.

Council Member Dutson asked why the taxes went down.

Court Monitor Roger Carter explained how certified tax rates are calculated by the county assessor. As property valuations increase, the tax rate decreases to maintain consistent revenue levels, with exceptions for new growth and improvements.

Motion made by Council Member Dutson to approve the 2025 certified tax rate for Hildale City, Seconded by Council Member Holm.

Voting Yea: Council Member Dutson, Council Member Musser, Council Member Stubbs, Council Member Holm

**Work Session:**

**2. Work Session**

Court Monitor Roger Carter shared his Power Point on **Powers and Duties**.

The work session included comprehensive training on municipal powers and duties, covering:

- Political subdivisions and enabling powers from the state legislature
- City classifications (Hildale is classified as a fifth-class city with population 1,001-10,000)
- Forms of government (six-member council structure with mayor)
- Police powers for health, safety, and general welfare
- Separation of duties and roles between mayor and council
- Staff responsibilities and organizational structure

**Strategic Planning Discussion**

The council conducted a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis exercise:

**Strengths Identified:**

- Community focus
- Trustworthy and accurate staff information
- Strong council relationships
- Lived experience through challenges
- Council integrity
- Ability to create community belonging
- Resilience and resourcefulness
- Good communication between mayor and council

**Weaknesses Identified:**

- External communication challenges
- Financial/revenue limitations
- Infrastructure needs (roads, water)
- Need for updated general plan
- Confidence and trust issues from past experiences
- Lack of clear vision and direction
- Limited resources for training and education opportunities

**Threats Identified:**

- Uncontrolled growth without proper planning
- Infrastructure failure risks
- Over-commercialization threatening community culture
- Concentration of too many treatment centers
- Loss of community cohesion

**Opportunities Identified:**

- Grant funding availability
- New business development
- Internal entrepreneurship
- Maxwell Park development and improvements
- Zoning updates to better serve community needs
- State and organizational partnerships
- Industrial park lease improvements
- Strategic growth management

The council was encouraged to develop individual priority lists based on this analysis for future discussion and collaborative planning.

Brief discussion of ethical responsibilities, including conflict of interest disclosure requirements and the importance of maintaining public trust through transparent and honest governance.

**Executive Session:** As needed

Motion made by Council Member Dutson to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session for litigation discussion, Seconded by Council Member Stubbs.

Voting Yea: Council Member Dutson, Council Member Musser, Council Member Stubbs, Council Member Holm

Motion carries

**Adjournment:** Mayor Jessop

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes were approved at the City Council Meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Maxene Jessop, City Recorder