



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers at City Hall and Online

MINUTES

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present included Art Adcock, Travis Keel, Jeff Siddoway and Brian Del Rosario
Absent: Lynn Mecham

Others present included City Manager Norm Beagley, Assistant City Manager Jason Bond, City Attorney Brett Rich and City Recorder Stephanie Christensen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Norm Beagley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Councilor Keel offered an inspirational thought.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Jacob Aderegg Presentation on Via Feratta

Mayor Dan Olson presented the Council with a presentation on a possible Via Feratta. A past Utah State Senator, Jacob Anderegg, brought this to the Mayor's attention. Via Feratta means The Iron Way in Italian. The Via Feratta experience is a series of rungs and cables anchored into the rock with participants secured with ropes allowing the individual to experience the canyon as if rock climbing. This makes a big adventure accessible even if you have never rock climbed before. It is almost like an obstacle course on rock. The Mayor stated it has really caught on in Europe. There is one built in Telluride, Co. and it has become a destination. The Senator's group is wanting to get one along the Wasatch Front. This would work well with the hotel coming. Mr. Anderegg came down and took a ride up the canyon with Mayor Olson last summer. He stated how amazing the views and waterfalls are. Mayor Olson said this could also encourage extra trails being opened up and other areas to explore. Since the ride last summer, Mr. Anderegg has contacted the Mayor again asking for a letter of support for the project. Mayor Olson stated he would rather the Council review the project and get their input of the proposal. The project would be funded through the Federal Government. Mayor Olson feels it would create exposure for Santaquin. City Manager Norm Beagley informed the Council that this would be on Federal Government property. The City has not been asked for any financial support. This would just be a letter from the Council and Mayor stating they would support the continuance of exploring the idea. Councilor Art Adcock stated he didn't want this to be a Zions and inundated with people. Mayor Olson stated there would most likely need to be a bottom location with parking and an upper location with

parking. Councilor Brian Del Rosario stated this is something he has wanted to do. It is very trendy right now. Allowing people that don't have rock climbing skillsets to have the same kind of experience. Councilor Del Rosario stated his concern would be that the canyon has just recently opened and with the increased traffic would this close down parts of it again while being built. The area is slowly becoming well known. Councilor Travis Keel stated the canyon is just one natural disaster away from them closing the canyon (again), maybe something like this would get the federal government to look at it allowing more access and more campgrounds giving us more exposure. It might make Santaquin a tourist location. Councilor Jeff Siddoway stated maybe we won't have to fight so much to get the road repaired or maintained. Councilor Siddoway felt the groups would probably be small with the number of people that could experience it in one day. It would also allow the opportunity for Santaquin businesses like Maverick, Macey's, and all the restaurants to benefit. Councilor Siddoway feels the benefits outweigh the negatives. Mayor Olson stated this is only a letter that we are supporting their project. Council Keel will draft a letter for the Council and Mayor to review and send to Jacob Anderegg.

2. Upcoming Agenda Items

City Manager Norm Beagley informed the council that they will have the approval of work meeting minutes and regular meeting minutes from February 3, 2026. The city expenditures will be reviewed. We will also have one vehicle to surplus. There will be 2 resolutions to review, Wildland Fire Cooperative Agreement and Wildland Fire Participation Commitment Agreement. City Manager Beagley stated the City Fire Chief Ryan Lind and Chris Lindquist have worked with the State and the City's exposure is half what it was last year by reducing some of the State identified high risk areas.

3. Other Business

Mayor Olson reported to the Council that there was a news segment regarding the USS Santaquin tugboat. Mayor Olson would like the American Legion and Council to join together and ask for photos and a plaque to display. It is tugboat built in 1973 and has served the US for over 50 years. Mayor Olson stated it is the only ship in the Navy that has a Utah name. He would like to be able to display something by July. Mayor Olson has made several calls to see if we can get in contact with the right people to see if this could be a possibility

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Keel made a motion to adjourn the City Council Work Session. Councilor Siddoway seconded the motion.

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| Councilor Adcock | Yes |
| Councilor Del Rosario | Yes |
| Councilor Keel | Yes |
| Councilor Mecham | Absent |
| Councilor Siddoway | Yes |

The motion passed.

The City Council Work Session Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

Daniel M. Olson, Mayor

Stephanie Christensen, City Recorder

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