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Ogden City Mayor Proposes Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

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Ogden, UT— Without increasing the property tax rate and with a continued focus on public safety, quality of life, and responsible growth, Ogden City Mayor Ben Nadolski presented his proposed budget for 2025-2026 to the city council on May 6th. The \$289.05 million citywide budget reflects the administration's ongoing commitment to Ogden residents and the employees who serve them.

"This budget represents more than just numbers—it's a blueprint for advancing The Ogden Way," said Mayor Nadolski. "It reflects our community's shared values and invests in the Seven Pillars of Human Success: Public Safety, Education, Economic Opportunity, Healthy and Active lifestyles, Stable Neighborhoods, Meaningful Social Connections, and Infrastructure."

Following months of collaboration with his executive team, community partners and industry experts, Mayor Nadolski proposed a budget that starts with the economic realities of the people the city serves, striving to keep tax burdens low. Through a combination of operational efficiencies, resource consolidations, community partnerships, redevelopment district expirations, and new revenue driven by new economic growth, the Mayor presented a balanced budget that does not increase property tax rates.

The Mayor's proposal prioritizes public safety with step increases for police and fire personnel and an increase in the General Fund of 5.42% to focus on employee compensation keeping pace with inflation, operational costs for the Marshall White Center, and other essential services.

Citywide capital improvements will focus on revitalized infrastructure and healthy neighborhoods including investments in parks, recreation facilities, road construction and resurfacing, and curb, gutter and sidewalk replacement. With a proposed \$29.7 million for capital projects, the FY2026 budget also includes upgrades to water and sanitary sewer systems, as well as improvements to city-owned facilities. These projects are funded through a mix of municipal funds and contributions from county, state, and federal partners.

"This proposed budget is grounded in fiscal responsibility and bold enough to invest in what matters most—our people and their future," said Mayor Nadolski. "Through partnerships and a spirit of collaboration, we remain committed to maintaining quality and sustainable city services, all without asking more from taxpayers."

The full budget proposal is now under review by the Ogden City Council. Final adoption is expected following a period of public comment and council deliberation. To see a full list of proposed projects, funding sources, and budget details visit ogdencity.com.

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