

Citizens For Spring City

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE SPRING CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

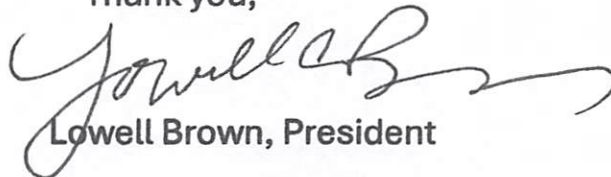
September 25, 2024

Our association respectfully requests that the proposed ordinance language set forth below be added to the Planning & Zoning Commission agenda for September 25, 2024. We ask that the Commission allow discussion of the proposed ordinance and related issues during that September 25 meeting.

“Approval for All utility connections from Spring City to any construction in the Buffer Zone, and utility connections to any multi-family housing within Spring City, in addition to approvals of Multi-Family Housing construction, shall be held in abeyance until the City’s General Plan has been professionally and globally reviewed for purposes of compliance with applicable law and with the City’s future vision, as approved by the Spring City resident and the City Council with final approval by Spring City’s residents.”

We recommend this ordinance in consultation with professionals in city planning, in particular with the Sunrise Engineering widely recognized Sunrise Community Development team. Our goal in making this proposal is not to conclude consideration of growth alternatives for Spring City but to ensure that when our City approves growth, it does so with the right modes of growth in the right places.

Thank you,

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Lowell Brown, President

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ORIGINAL

MAJORITY REPORT OF THE SPRING CITY COUNCIL "GROWTH COMMITTEE"

Mayor Chris Anderson and our Spring City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on The Spring City Council Growth Committee. After spending three months in discussion with other good and committed members of the community, and because we are being precluded from reporting to The Spring City Council directly and publicly, we would like the following to be committed to the record.

In May of 2024, the residents of Spring City were told they could expect a "plan" to be presented from The Growth Committee, and the mayor originally and publicly stated that this would be our expressed mission. Members, Rick Dyches, Barry Sessions, Kay Van Buren, Eve Martin and I, Sonja Brown, have created one and offer it as the product of our service:

1-THE GENERAL PLAN OF SPRING CITY. The residents of Spring City have repeatedly expressed clear and repeated opposition to zoning changes that will affect the character of our town. Changes including: Multi-family housing zones, departing from one acre lots, and developing our buffer zone. We need to listen. But there is a solution to evenly discussing these crucial methods of growth.

The Growth Committee has learned that the most important and pressing step for Spring City is to immediately commence a professional and public review of our **General Plan**. Our Planning & Zoning Committee has been vigilant in trying to maintain and update the city plan. Much has already been done. Even so, in 45 years The Spring City General Plan has never been professionally reviewed. General Plans are the tool by which a city and its residents explore *how* to put "the right things in the right places." This is where changes in housing, acre size, and the buffer zone can be sorted out.

Sunrise Engineering has stated that our general plan desperately needs a global update to make it completely compliant and responsive to our rapidly changing town.

This process is currently being undertaken by ALL of our sister cities in Sanpete County. It is customary for municipalities to ensure that massive utility infrastructure, bonding and development is responsive to The General Plan of a city, and especially to the vision of its residents. **This begs the question, why is The Spring City Council approving infrastructure, bonding, and zone changes without taking this obvious step?**

2-A HEALTHY COUNTY PARTNERSHIP. Let's set an example. Spring City can make a fresh start with Sanpete County and begin constructive meetings to design a great future for our Buffer Zone. In the past, this important relationship has been the source of conflict.

A new conversation could feature a team of elected representatives and professionals within the city. Each bringing breadth of experience to the design of a complimentary buffer zone plan, in discussions with Sanpete County.

All cities are struggling to balance growth in their “buffer zones” or future growth zones. As Sunrise Engineering’s Community Planning Department has stated, “Spring City still has a chance.” Meaning, that our small, historic town still has a chance to develop naturally, and at a pace equal to our ability.

Developers should not be defining the future of Spring City.

Spring City residents and our leadership, should.

3-SALES TAX, NOT ROOFTOPS. The “fuel” of a city is sales tax, not expansion and housing development. Multi-family housing, subdivisions, and annexing these into the city, creates more LIABILITY than revenue. Still, Spring City will grow. Families need to continue to be welcomed. But it should be the determination of the People of Spring City, *how fast their city grows*.

The City of Mount Pleasant and its city council for instance, has shared that the revenue from expansion in its buffer zone has been *negligible*. One time impact fees are a boon to a city, and Spring City is right to expand and implement them. But impact fees, and our small portion of county property tax, will not come close to matching the long-term liability of serving subdivisions and commercial expansion with roads, utilities, snow removal, maintenance, fire and police, paramedic service and more.

This is why Mount Pleasant has recently placed a **moratorium** on growth in its Buffer Zone. City Councilman Cade Beck has asked for a moratorium on building in Mount Pleasant’s buffer zone because his city is overwhelmed. The Mount Pleasant City Council has agreed. Councilman Beck explains that the pressure to expand their city is heavy, and Mount Pleasant is struggling with water projections, costs, and services. The city wants to slow it down and complete its General Plan.

Spring City should learn from the lessons of our sister cities.

4-A DESTINATION ECONOMY. Spring City should plan a future that includes capitalizing on the things that make it unique. Our history. Our Spring City Arts identity. Our amazing specialists in emergency preparedness. Our homeschooling community. Our cottage industry of unique and homegrown products.

Our town has attracted a most amazing quilt of professionals from all over America. Builders of business. Farmers and Ranchers. Architects. Designers. Artists and Musicians. Experienced Public Servants. Craftsmen. Educators. Entrepreneurs. This is a community of talent upon which we can build our ECONOMY. Let's begin creating an economic development team to investigate grants to empower Spring City start-ups and support our longtime farmers and ranchers, who are struggling.

We should also begin "imagining" a future for Spring City's Main Street that might include:

- Partnering with Utah philanthropists to return our Arts Center to Main Street.**
- A specialty ice cream store.**
- A small bakery.**
- An emporium with rental space for local cottage merchants who would love to market their homemade goods on Main Street.**
- A new identity for Spring City as the "home for specialized emergency preparedness." Goods and skills. Even offer regular weekend workshops to attract those who are passionate about the subject to join us in Spring City and "become an expert."**
- A marketplace for "Spring City Homegrown" local bulk grains, meats and dairy especially grown "clean" and for sale online and on site for families who are becoming more and more concerned about the quality of what they eat.**
- Explore an economic subsidy to place a billboard on I-15 to advertise "Historic Spring City" and "Visit Das Café" and promote our annual holiday events.**
- Explore a second economic subsidy to attract a new restaurant, or additional commercial space on Main Street.**

5-PLANNING & ZONING ORDINANCE FOR SPRING CITY UTILITIES

In 2024, the City of Spring City is moving at light speed to approve utility expansion in water and sewer, a large half million-gallon additional water tank, and possibly complete restoration of our third city sewer pond.

If these city decisions have been made as a matter of sincere planning to care for Spring City residents who will PAY for this infrastructure, the City Council deserves a standing ovation. However, the methods, the speed, and the lack of transparency and information, has bred distrust and concern.

Our residents are demanding answers. They are concerned that public hearings have not been properly noticed and that City Council approvals have breezed through with no acknowledgement of citizen questions and opposition.

There is a solution: A proposed ordinance is being presented to our Planning & Zoning Committee to request that there be **“no outside hook-ups to our expanded city utilities until Spring City residents and The Spring City Council complete a professional review and define a post-Covid vision for our new General Plan.”**

We ask The City Council to approve this important ordinance after consideration by our Planning & Zoning Committee to demonstrate its commitment and sincerity in truly planning for the future. This will send a message that the council desire to protect the quality of life of those whom you are asked to serve.

CONCLUSION

This plan, and the members who have signed it, feel facts AND recommendations were logical expectations of a growth committee like ours.

Unfortunately, the process put in place has felt managed from the start. It was not good practice to publicly promise one mission for the committee, and then have only the Mayor and the Committee Chairmen unilaterally change this assignment without including the appointed Growth Committee in the discussion. This was not what was promised.

We also felt the committee should have been open to the public.

It was not.

We also felt it obvious that we should invite and hear from The Planning & Zoning Commission, and various members of the City Council. We wanted to be informed by their experiences and opinions. It would have been helpful to hear from the principal of Spring City Elementary. To hear about the growth in local congregations from our faith leaders. We would have benefitted from listening for an evening to the challenges and successes of local business owners.

We especially desired to speak to professionals in city planning to help guide us as we discussed future growth in Spring City, whether it be for multi-family housing, half acres, or exploring buffer zone growth.

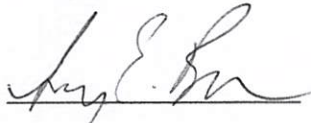
We were *blocked* from all of these critical and customary sources of information for planning and growth, by the Chairs. Additionally, we are not certain of the sources of much of the information we were asked to endorse.

Finally, we want the City Council to know that those signing this majority report feel it was very unusual that we were not briefed as a growth committee on the recent and rapidly moving city utility bonds, hearings and approvals. It is impossible to separate the discussion of future growth from the utilities required to grow and expand a city. Yet The Spring City Council Growth Committee was not read in on these critical decisions which paralleled our ongoing meetings.

We truly hope future city committees like ours will be facilitated differently.

Sincerely,

Spring City Growth Committee Members – September 18, 2024



Sonja E. Brown- Government Relations Specialist



Rick Dyches- Rocky Mountain Power Journeyman Electrician & Start Up Technician



Kay Van Buren- Developer & Former Provo City Councilman



Barry Sessions- Real Estate Agent & Educator



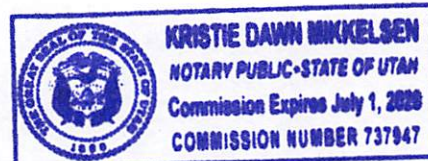
Eve Martin- Mother of 10 and 35-year Nurse

STATE OF UTAH
COUNTY OF SANPETE

ON THIS 18 DAY OF Sept 20 24

Sonja E. Brown, Rick Dyches, Kay Van Buren, Barry Sessions, Eve Martin
personally appeared before me as signer
of the attached instrument.

Kristie Dawn Mikkelsen
NOTARY
NOTARY SEAL



September 14, 2024

Spring City Council, Mayor Anderson

I've had the opportunity for the last three months to serve on the Spring City Growth Committee. I thank you for the opportunity to serve and to better understand some of the issues challenging the town of Spring City. I had high hopes that through presentations and discussions the committee would have meaningful suggestions and proposals for the City Council that would lighten their load and better prepare them to make some of the hard decisions regarding a plan for growth. Here are some issues I don't think were resolved but "could have been", "maybe even should have been".

Recognition of "Public Opinion"

Numerous meetings where public opinion was expressed, but little value seemed to be given to those opinions, they seemed to be ignored because they were numerous and sometimes quite loud. The stated opinion that a quiet majority was out there, yet we never heard from them.

The need for a "Master Plan"

An updated master plan is desperately needed. Growth and development need to be controlled and even driven by a Master Plan, not by developers. The decisions of the City Council regarding development would be so much easier, and a lot less stressful.

Housing and development will not solve revenue issues

The costs of services for new housing and development are greater than the revenue created. If the town depends on fees and charges from new construction and development for a significant increase in revenue, the number of units needed to generate that amount of revenue would have to be so large that it would significantly change our town in a very negative way. (Think Santaquin). There were areas we discovered that could contribute to the general fund that are not being collected presently.

I feel saddened that our committee didn't fulfill its marching orders. Maybe more time or a different approach could have resulted in better results.

Kay Van Buren



Mayor Anderson and members of The Spring City Council

Thank you for inviting me to join the Spring City Growth Committee. There are a few important aspects of the committee's findings that were not included in Ken and Cory's "presentation." Please allow me to share them with you now:

1. Public Opinion

There were many topics during our meetings on which we could not reach a consensus. The one point that we all did agree on was that **public opinion mattered**. Everyone agreed that the citizens of Spring City should have a say in how they wanted their town to grow and change. I asked the question "does public opinion matter?" several times during the three months of meetings and every time the answer was "of course it does!"

The city put out a survey several months ago asking the citizens if they wanted to maintain the current 1.06 acre zoning for the town. The response was a resounding 75% positive. The survey was ignored because there were not enough respondents according to Councilman McCain and the survey was biased according to Ken Krogue. A group of citizens including Phil Wood collected 400 signatures on petitions regarding the same subject. Again, the response was 75% in favor of maintaining the current zoning and again the results were ignored by Ken Krogue because he felt the questions were "biased."

Both Ken Krogue and Councilman McCain have stated that they have talked to many people who support smaller lot sizes and multi family developments. Where are they? They certainly don't show up to meetings and I haven't met a single person in town that favors such things.

The solution to this is simple. Create a survey that is unbiased and set up a table manned by volunteers on election day at the polling stations for people to complete it. If public opinion truly matters, this needs to be completed before any zoning change is granted. Remember, no one is entitled to a zoning change according to Attorney Brent Bateman!

2. Property Values

According to the minutes from the Special City council Meeting of May 30, 2024, Council Member Randy Strate stated that he has heard that expanding the trailer court will devalue properties, "maybe that is a good thing" he said.

The other topic that the committee gained consensus on was that devaluing property was not "**a good thing**." No one on the committee wanted to see their property devalued. Does anyone else on the Council agree with Councilman Strate that this is a good thing? As a previously licensed Nevada real estate broker who did an internship with a real estate appraiser, I can tell you that in a town this size the devaluation of one property means a devaluation of every property in town.

3. State Legislature

During one of the meetings, I requested the other members to "raise your hand if you moved to Spring City to have 32+ dwellings on one block directly across the street from your property." Not surprisingly, no one raised their hand. Ken Krogue did state later that he would be proud to have multi family developments next to him. Pretty easy to say when you know the chance of it happening is somewhere between slim and none and I doubt very much that his neighbors would agree.

One of the major reasons for considering multi family zoning by the city council was to comply with the state legislature's requirements to provide more affordable housing. It is my understanding that this requirement is only for towns over 5000 residents and no one on the committee produced any proof that this requirement has changed even though I asked that the subject be researched. There is no need to rush through a large multi family project to appease the state of Utah. Craig Paulsen stated at

the May 30th council meeting that the R-MF zoning was “done in an expedited manner and some changes will need to be done to the ordinance.” Let the planning and zoning committee review and rewrite the ordinance. Take the time to do it right before any project is approved. I am not against the building of duplexes. I am against a zoning change that moves from one dwelling on an acre to eight dwellings on an acre. Why not start with one duplex per acre and see how it goes? I realize that this will not create the revenue projections presented by Ken Krogue’s presentation, but it will “lower the temperature of the town” which was one of the goals of the city council.

I’m sorry to say that we as a committee didn’t fulfill all of our goal as set forth by the resolution. We were unable to identify areas suitable for consideration of lots smaller than 1.06 acres or for homes for residences of various income levels and we were unable to provide input regarding potential revisions to the R-MF residential zone. Ken Krogue jumped the gun on calling the work meeting for the 18th of September. We could have potentially had two more meetings to try and provide this information for you prior to the 30th, but that was his decision. As I stated at the last Council Meeting, given more time we could have given you better information.

Sincerely,

Barry Sessions

To the Mayor and City Council of Spring City:

It has been an honor to serve the Citizens of Spring City on the "Growth Committee" for the past three months. I have enjoyed talking to friends and neighbors about their concerns about growth in the city. I have learned many things about Spring City I would not have learned just living here as a resident.

My wife Kathy and I have lived here in Spring City since 1980, we raised our two children here, John and Kristen, this is our home. Kathy has taught 1st Grade at our local Elementary School for 32 years and my career as an Industrial Electrician spans 44 years, 39 years with Rocky Mountain Power and 5 years with Micron Technology Inc in Lehi.

There are many things that make Spring City a great place to live its heritage and history, its farmers and ranchers, its artisans and craftsmen and many hard working people. It's the people and the relationships we developed living here that make Spring City great. I value these relationships both native and newcomer.

On the Committee I tried to keep the citizens in mind while discussing many tough issues, we at times had strong and heated debate it was not always smooth sailing. I wanted to leave no stone unturned. In my opinion the citizens should decide the issues on how Spring City should grow, Duplexes, Fourplexes, Multi-family Housing, High-density Housing, Lot Size and growth in the Buffer Zone. They should also decide how our utilities are used and protected.

I have the following concerns:

- 1. The City did not adequately inform the Citizens of the purpose and scope of the Sewer and Water projects.**
- 2. The City did not allow the Citizens voice to be heard by allowing them to vote on the Bonds for these projects.**
- 3. When these two projects are completed all the essential elements will be in place to massively expand Spring City in the Buffer Zone.**

For these reasons I DISSENT and do not support these two projects.

**Growth Committee Member
Rick Dyches**



CITIZEN LETTERS

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What ought we to do when we have something special?

For starts, it seems evident there are things we *ought not* to do with that which is too special to squander.

We *ought not* to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs.

It seems there was a day when Spring City was much like the other upshoot settlements along the valley and even throughout the land. Man and woman bucking up to partner with their Maker, endeavored to survive threats of nature, marauders, hunger, measles, ignorance. They found ways even to thrive.

Off the beaten path of Highway 89, Spring City, our special town, did not get in on growth and prosperity commensurate with its immediate neighbors or many counterparts throughout the region. But at some point, this little town realized that in those backward years, it had acquired—in fact built up—its own treasure: the whole town practically was on the historical registry!

Our town is beloved by many throughout the state and beyond for its lovely glimpse and reminder of days gone by. Of days we might someday wish to reclaim. For those of us lucky enough to happen upon this town, or luckier still to live here, we benefit from the hard work, vision, financial contributions, and heart of those who embrace and vitalize this community. And we are grateful.

So much of the messaging pounding the whole world these days is that we need to be equalized and homogenized with everyone else. That is claimed to be our *duty*. In the name of fighting climate change, sovereignty, racial inequality, etc., heavy-handed policies are foisted upon the people without their consent. A collective and personal sense of belonging, creativity, cultural identity, and freedom is crushed. Societal ills prevail.

Government transparency is crucial for a free and productive society. This is what we now seek when it comes to matters of planning, zoning, and taking out bonds for our little town. Besides the toll of taxation for infrastructure, services, etc., we all know what happens when the first forays of tight space living take hold on communities. We see it every time we venture beyond our valley, and we heave audible sighs of relief when home is back in sight on the return trip.

Bedroom cities already abound. Do we really want to open that door here? People seek refuge *here *from** the stuffiness and crowdedness of their accommodations. Not just the people who live here.

II

The tyranny of "OR"

It's a thing. And we *don't* want it!

This OR That!

There is great collective wisdom here in Spring City! Powerful creativity and problem-solving can in no way be harnessed in 2 ½ minute soundbites at city council meeting. Add to that, is it true these efforts to speak out are not being documented in the city record?

When given the opportunity, citizens have spoken up, stating their preference to shun development and keep the old feeling strong. More than the survey sent out in with the bills, previous city council members have hoofed it door-to-door throughout the town to discover an exceedingly high percent support protecting our town's historicity. If the mail survey was responded to in smaller measure, the people had already been asked. Those who felt strongly enough to respond again were majorly on the history side as well. If people are scared to step up and speak, then all the more we need to stop, look for ways to hear each other out, and find a community-wide consensus to this vital issue.

While a 4-month growth committee seems a positive step, it too easily puts a checkmark in the box of citizen input when the community had little input in who participated and the scope of the committee's task. We had people who dearly wanted to participate but were not selected. Could a raffle be more fair? Further, we have citizens who want to be part of brainstorming visions, analyzing impacts, and approving heavyweight recommendations, especially when the very character of our town seems to be at risk.

When citizens show up en masse to council meetings, we'd do well to offer a different venue that fits all in the same room. People stomping feet above the council room just want to be heard; they want their sentiments known or observed throughout the meeting.

III

NOT business-as-usual

As we know, our outdated 40–50-year-old city plan needs to be recreated. Too much is at stake for too many for this to be *business-as-usual* for a city council and its experts. Time to pause and/or reverse any forward development and spending commitments while everyone gets a grip together.

Our good people deserve to be fully informed and to agree together about current intents regarding significant bonds and defining visions for our community. There is a sense of betrayal. Have there been stealthy, disingenuous calls that don't serve the interests and needs of most?

There was a hot mic incident. Are we on a trajectory to pad pockets of wealthy developers on the backs of our already straining folk? Do people really want to be indebted to the federal government? Options?

While the following suggested remedy might seem messy at first, if all interested stakeholders, especially "the people," have a chance to imagine, think, try out ideas, help each other see, and own outcomes, I truly believe there can be greater peace, town pride, and magnificent solutions. We are resourceful, especially once we sense the urgent scope of the problems and impact of potential decisions. I even suggest putting up a platform and sound system somewhere strategic so people can stomp and voice out their issues. Get it all out!! That fits the feeling of this town to me!

Under normal conditions when city plans and parameters have already been properly set in place and accepted by most residents, a city council operates freely according to its usual procedures and judgment. We are not in normal conditions. This *IS NOT business as usual*. Let's regroup and do it right.

III

Towards a vision

1. Should we do more to take care of poor people and provide for our own children?
 - a. For starts, drive around town. We *are* taking care of poor people. They are spread out with independence, privacy, and neighbors nearby. Many locals contribute fast offerings to their churches, and churches are reaching out and caring for our needy along with others who care.
 - b. Can this be a regional question? Can we step back, look out over the region, and work through these questions more on a county level without compromising the unique flavor of Spring City?
 - c. When it comes to wanting our own children to be able to afford to come back, our children can't afford to live anywhere! It's the economy. In past years, our children couldn't find jobs here. Now that more can work locally, why not let them come to the *area* where strategic growth can be supplied without hurting our exact town and environs?
2. Create a brand
 - a. Instead of watering down the Spring City phenomenon with on-site developments, why not embrace what it is and make it even better?

- i. Reach out around us and create sister city relationships. Help nearby cities realize how a preserved old time Spring City helps them too! Cooperate.
 - ii. Ephraim already will be featuring high-rises and high-density housing with its college and new temple coming. Let them go for it!
 - iii. Mt. Pleasant area could become a bastion of Airbnb's and such.
 - iv. Can we get our apparent developers to switch gears and rescue/support something special? Would churches help? Can we find benefactors?
- b. The surrounding farmland ambiance is part and parcel to Spring City. Who'd want us to become another Payson or Park City where there's a cute little old-timey feel in the middle and bedroom community sprawl surrounding it? We *won't* come out ahead. Other than perhaps just a few who could instead join in and help something special.
 - c. Let's consider Williamsburg VA as our historical counterpart. In VA they have captured the *feel* of colonial America. Here we have captured the *feel* of pioneers and settlers in the West. We still have so much of the original crafts, lifestyle, and layout here. Visitors could take maps to find their way around town, shopping for goods at various locations. Further, the vendors can use the brand of Spring City to sell their wares on-line.

IV

From a distance there is harmony

I live on a rise north and east of town. I'm in the county, yet I care deeply. Spring City is where I get my mail, eat out, go to church, enjoy T'ai Chi, and so much more.

From this rise I can look over this town. I observe. I keep watch. I love the whole scene!

SO.OFTEN! the song runs through my head, "From a distance there is harmony." It's crazy to me how strong people are in this scrappy little town, and strong in so many opposing directions! People's very identities seem to be tied up in matters of rich, poor; old-timer, new-comer; gay, straight; artist, or not; LDS, or not; full-timer, part-timer; tree hugger, or not; and this list goes on and on.

I believe in the people of this town. I believe that when we come together in a spirit of give and take and, more importantly, problem solving, great things can be done, and we can have more harmony.

I ask that the town be given a chance. It's high stakes. It's an opportunity for even better.

Thank you,

Susan S. Tullis

My name is Andrea Blain Loomis. I reside at 435 N. 100 E. here in Spring city I have been a resident of Spring city on and off for the last 72 years.

It has come to my attention that the council in Spring city has planned to put residence in deep debt by \$12-\$13 million for the next 40 years for giant water and sewer infrastructure.

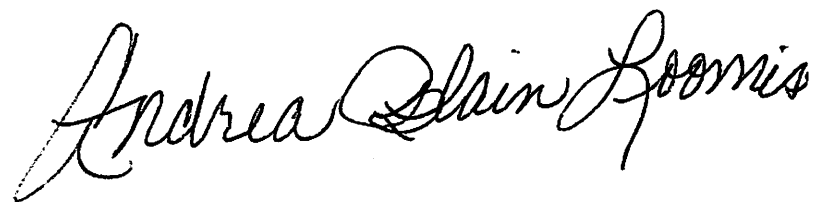
My concern is that the citizens of Spring city have not had the opportunity to vote for this large amount of money to be spent. We are a very small town and not a very rich town. The people of Spring city need to be informed and prepared for this large of a debt.

When you educate the public, they are more willing to hear all the issues and be more willing to work as a community with the council to see improvements in the city.

I believe that some of the people in Spring city feel they are being railroaded into a city They really don't want ! \$13 million over 40 years is a large sum of money for the current resident to handle on their utility bills. What is the developers paying?

It sounds like that the majority of the Spring city, citizens and property owners within the city limits and the buffer zone oppose this spending.

The citizens of Spring city need to have a voice in this matter. Thank you for your time , And clarifications of these matters would be greatly appreciated.

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5 September 2025 Spring City Council meeting.

My name is Stephen Wright.

My wife Yvonne and I have been Spring City home owners at 424 N. 100 E. for 12 years since July 2012. We are both retired and live on a fixed Social Security income.

Since we found out that City Council has even more plans that will be putting Spring City even further in debt — a \$13 million 40 years of payments debt, I have been angry!

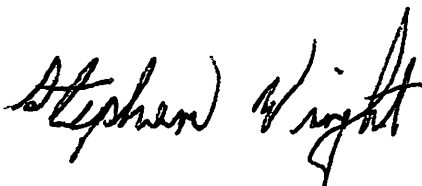
According to Randy Strate, your plans will then cause Spring City residents to pay 80% of that debt, plus interest, by increasing our utility bills and property taxes up and up until we can no longer afford to live here. It's a price we cannot afford to pay. I'm sure this is true for many people living in Spring City! Will they have to move away into their kids basements? Maybe, so you can keep living in Spring City, your kids will have to buy your house and then you can live in that basement until you kick the bucket.

I can see very well why all of this is quickly causing citizens to be losing their trust in the Spring City Council. Because much of this information was never totally laid out for Spring City residents and property owners, it seems there was an effort to slip it by and get it done for rich outside developers. Not only us old retired folks are effected, so will be your kids you want to move back.

All property owners have equal rights with those that are of pioneer stock, even if they are "move-ins". Make note, in voting for all of these decades of debt, you will be hurting even your older pioneer stock in town. Some of you slightly younger pioneer stock people seem to not like or count the "move-ins" as people with "a say" on these decisions, and then at the same time you are creating room for more "move-ins" to move in.

Please explain first — if you are planning to approve all of this debt against the majority of townspeople's outcry — exactly why there isn't a big fee in place to charge those rich developers so they can hook their subdivision infrastructure into all of these main water and sewer line that WE may be paying 40 years for. They should not get off Scot free. They are being charged elsewhere. They should be paying off a big chunk of that debt.

We hope you will find your consciences when you choose which way you will vote.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'W'.

5 September 2025 Spring City Council meeting.

My name is Yvonne Wright.

My husband Stephen and I have been Spring City home owners at 424 N. 100 E. for 12 years since July 2012. We are both retired and live on a fixed Social Security income.

For a year now, I have been increasingly alarmed by what I learned from friends who could attend the City Council meetings, during the time I was recovering from a series of health issues.

February 1, 2024, as soon as I could come and sit for at least an hour, I came and heard more of the proposed plans to increase the density of housing in Spring City. I have observed more than once, citizens were not being sufficiently notified of all the meetings where these decisions were being made.

At first, the concerned citizen's heard about proposals to divide acre lots and put in multi-family dwellings. Then we started learning about even larger developments that were all planned, at the ready, once City Council voted on lots sizes and what could be built on them. Those larger developments were hinted about a couple times at City Council meetings, once by a P & Z committee member and once by our Mayor. Also they were mentioned on the front page of our June 2024 "Spring Town Times".

Soon it all escalated, when word got out that a large water infrastructure plan which had been drawn up, dated February 27th, and added upon August 8th, by Sunrise Engineering to be funded by a \$6.3 million Bond. In order to qualify for that Bond, they held a meeting on June 12th to vote and pass raising our water utility bill by \$5.00. I know about these dates because 3 weeks ago I filled out a GRAMA form to get copies of the plans. A week later I received a call from the City Recorder that the plans were ready to be looked at, but I could not have copies of them for security reasons. (????)

From the stack of 11" x 17" maps, about water infrastructure, I learned that that plan involves a new 500,000 gallon water tank to be installed to replace at least one of the current 250,000 gallon tanks. They showed new water lines running up Spring City Canyon Road and Canyon, branching out to hook into springs. Down from the new tank 3 ft. deep main water lines are planned on 700 East running north to 950 North and south to 600 South. There were also few running down into town here and there.

Then Ruth Ann brought in a stack of sewer maps, which showed the same north and south expansion of waste water 8 ft. deep pipes along 700 East. But those maps also had sewer lines running west on those boundary roads, with the 950 North one crossing Hwy. 117 and west from there. Now, this week, I've learned that the costs for all of this expansion is even greater! Actually double! There's also a 2nd approximately \$6 million Bond to fund those waste water expansion plan maps I looked at! Plus an additional estimated cost of \$1 million for a new sewage pond west of town! About \$13 million total!

At a City Work Meeting on August 22nd, Councilman Randy Strate, talking only about the first Bond (they seemed to have previously been hiding from us), shared his figures that 80% of that 40 year Bond would be paid for by residents in the current 600 homes, plus maybe 45 more new build homes within current city limits. Now with that the debt more than doubled, we stand to be inflicted with even higher, possibly doubled, monthly utility bills!!

Consequently, I am now extremely more than just a concerned citizen over this! I'm a quite a bit out-raged! City Council has told us time and again that their reason for multi-family housing is to make it possible for their children to be able to afford to move back here. Really? Will they really be able to afford to be strapped with paying for all of this infrastructure debt for the next 40 years? Let's get very real here! Current citizens on fixed incomes, which may include some of you Council members, cannot

afford the increases that even one \$6 million Bond would cost us in utility bill increases! Without a doubt, there's no way we can afford a probable \$13 million debt!

How can any of you City Council people justify any of this?

— Oh yeah . . . cow-towing to the developers waiting in the wings to add subdivisions on their 100s of acres all around the town in the buffer zones which you probably are hoping to annex in, probably doubling, possibly even tripling the size of our little town.

— Oh yeah . . . you probably think that water lines can be added as well, all down these northern and southern boundaries to help the developers put in their subdivisions, for which they've already submitted subdivision plans to the county, at no cost to them?

— Oh yeah . . . then you can bill all the new residents to help pay for all the enormous debt you're willing to inflict on the city?!

Well, some of us citizens anticipate that Rocky Mountain Power will get wind of all this and not let you bill the new buffer zone residents for the power you buy elsewhere and currently owe \$400,000 on for the past, for which you may be raising our utility power charge as well.

And we also are aware that the City is currently paying \$1.8 million for our culinary water because the City doesn't own enough water shares to supply water for us from the springs all year. Perhaps Delta will be very excited to hear about the even larger proposed water tank, right?

Some of us just don't all buy your excuses for needing the bigger culinary water tank, such as for fire hydrants. I recall during one of the worst drought summers a few years back, that the City boasted (or complained) that there was too much culinary water in the over-full tanks. Meanwhile the irrigation water was being turned off for days almost every week, even in June that year, so we were having trouble even keeping our vegetable gardens alive. I remember calling in to suggest that we could help the City with their abundant culinary water situation by letting us water just our dying veggies and not be charged. Oh no! That couldn't be allowed! So obviously, even in the draught years, we've had enough culinary water, so all this expansion is all about the proposed huge surrounding developments.

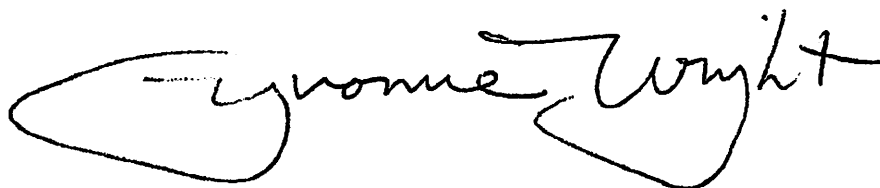
If it is a problem for you that many of us are here, packing the joint, once again (and we will keep coming) having different opinions, for which we've been called "unkind" — the cause for it is threefold:

- Untimely notifications of meetings, last minute rescheduling
- Not informing all citizens of all the plans and costs being considered
- Perceptions that your silence may indicate some of you, who are making these costly decisions, may benefit financially from the proposed developments.

If you want to avoid much of this you need to start being totally transparent, and actually representing the current citizens instead of inside or outside developers. Recognize the fact that the majority of Spring City citizens do not want any of this expansion, City debt and raised utilities costs.

It's because the weight of this is on our shoulders, and your kids you keep talking about. Yeah some of us won't live for 40 more years, but it will hurt some of us deeply as long as we do.

It really isn't a "Father Knows Best" cit-com here, it is real life!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wynne Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

From Patricia Ellsworth

55 East 600 North

Spring City, Utah 84662

To Mayor Anderson, Courtney Syme, Randy Strate, Paul Penrod, Marlin McCain, Nancy Allred,

I request it to be recorded in the minutes of the September 5, 2024 meeting of the Spring City City Council that I am opposed to the development of the city's buffer zone (and beyond) for the building of high density private homes, multifamily housing and townhouses.

As a citizen of Spring City who pays for the upkeep of roads, water and sewer systems and electricity, I am also opposed to the securing of loans and grants to support the infrastructure needed for such developments WITHOUT having a vote on whether or not my tax money will be spent for them.

I question the motivation behind the encroachment of such developments on our city's unique historical status, and the integrity of those supporting it.

Again, I request it to go on record that I oppose such development and the securing of monies necessary to support them.

Sincerely, Patricia Ellsworth

Mr. Mayor, City Council:

I just want to speak on behalf of Craig Paulsen tonight. He HAS maintained our Spring City General Plan for a long, long time. Made it easier to understand, and made updates to it regularly. But having a plan professionally reviewed and compliance reviewed, is different. That's what we need now at this important crossroads for Spring City.

Courtney, there isn't a soul here who thinks you would ever do anything to hurt Spring City.

Paul, everyone here knows you have a servant's heart. You're an honest man.

Kathy, we don't know each other, and even though this is a bit of a thankless room tonight, most people know that you're serving here when you really don't have time to do it, because both of your parents really need you right now.

Marty, I think we all know how much time you sacrifice to be part of all the meetings necessary to be on the Council.

Randy.....we don't see everything the same way. But even as a fairly newcomer, I know that the Strate blood is in the soil of Spring City and you care about it.

And Mr. Mayor.....no one could really know how much you and your wife have done to build the city, build the arts, build houses, remodel historic ones, buy important pieces of land. Contribute out of your own pocket.

YOU HAVE AN AMAZING LEGACY.

Please don't let it be tarnished by a lack of understanding, of sharing simple information, about Bond issues that don't seem to make sense. Or zoning decisions that really aren't appropriate and any City Planner would tell you so.

The crowds here tonight aren't begging you for a **tax cut**.

Or a **RATE DECREASE**. They want something much more precious.

They want **INFORMATION**. **EDUCATION** about what you're doing before you vote on something that will mean a \$20,000 burden on them for 40 years.

If you have a public hearing, and only 13 people attend on a bond issue, and four of them are city employees, you know you're not getting your message out.

The burden is on the City, just like it is on Spring City Elementary.....TO SEND NOTES HOME.

They do it in Spanish and English, and sometimes Chinese too.

This is the minimum that the State's Public Service Commission expects of Rocky Mountain Power and Dominion Energy.

In Spring City, it would only mean one ream of paper and a few volunteers to stuff envelopes to hear your UPDATES ON UTILITIES.

When you're asking your constituents to invest in your ideas and recommendations, you need to be in close touch with them.

There is a simple solution to all of this. We need to have the standard structures of a city in place and in compliance. I look forward to learning why, when the City was planning and preparing to approve a \$6 million bond issue, which will Sunrise Engineering nearly a million dollars for planning and designing the water project, we didn't parallel to it review the Spring City General Plan. And because we didn't, WHY we are not making sure it happens right now?

We need answers to these important questions. We haven't been getting them.

We would appreciate you Mayor, if you would come to our Tuesday Growth Meeting and sit down with us and help us understand better the plan you have in mind, and how we can assist with it.

I ask that my statement be committed to the public record of this meeting for further review.

Sonja Brown

PO Box 127

Spring City, Utah 84662

Thursday, September 05, 2024

To the mayor and city council of Spring City, Utah

Living in Spring City in what is called the "buffer zone" for the past seventeen years has been curious to say the least. Shortly after moving into Spring City, we were made aware of the fact that we can attend public meetings but can't vote on who's to become the mayor or city council members, or proposed changes.

That said, now we here that the people we didn't vote for are attempting to annex us in without sensible discussion with the people that live in the area. Obligate us to a multi-million dollar four-decade government bond in for what appears to have the sole purpose of using the city to build an infrastructure for landowner investors that wish to pack as many dwellings (duplexes, multiplexes) as they can, call it low-income housing and pack their real estate portfolio while offering what appears to be a revenue source for Spring City.

If my information is not true, I will be the first to withdraw the claims but also ask, how is it that such a small city of approximately one thousand citizens (and buffer zoners) cannot get timely and accurate information from its city government in a reasonable manner; especially, matters that have brought so great alarm. Maybe that should be solved first.

As much as we hate to sound cynical or even suspicious, we want to see a city plan that truly maps out the anticipated growth of population, expansion of housing options, physical infrastructure growth, even job creation. Oh, while maintaining its historic registry status. We do understand that growth is inevitable but wise and calculated growth will make the process tolerable.

We hear rumors that we could be another Park City. In the forty-five years we've been in Utah and watched how Park City gained its international fame through world-class Olympic skiing facilities, Film and Art Festivals, and a rich dining scene with over 100 restaurants. It's my guess that we have a long, long, long way to go.

Our concerns are what appears to be fast-tracked proposal(s) that will obligate all citizens, including those with fixed incomes, to higher utility costs, a mandate to pay for and connect to a newly proposed sewer system, a speculative housing development with hundreds of homes in a very short time span while the streets in most of the town are best used for horse and carriage. Are there plans for updating the roadway infrastructure or will this be another surprise debt to the citizens? In our view Spring City needs to take more time to help its citizens understand the needs to maintain the town and give reasonable, rational, and civil input to city government and the elected city government must be open and willing to justify its planning positions with low-cost investments. *Thank you for your consideration.*

Chase and Marlaire Mitchell "buffer zoners", 14760 N 8375 E., Spring City, Utah.



SPRING CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS--CHERYL NORTH, 625 n MAIN ST,
SPRING CITY, UTAH

September 5, 2024

We moved to Spring City in 2016 to be by two daughters who already lived here. I am a 20 year elementary school teacher, now retired.

(
(I spent time in each of those 20 years teaching civics and city planning from the Junior Achievement nationwide curriculum. I won't address what I learned there at this time.)

Today my heart is pained because of all the rumors and insinuations of impropriety, the secrecy and smoke and mirrors, the lack of transparency, the constantly changing versions I hear of what has already been approved and what has not.

We came to Spring City thinking we were joining a piece of historical heaven only to find apparently that the taint of government over-reach and scandal has followed us here.

It pains me to hear that certain members of the city council and "independent citizens committee" stand to profit handsomely by supporting big developers. I have not time tonight to recount all I've heard.

(It pains me to hear that certain incentives have been offered under the table and behind closed doors to vote for doubling and tripling this historical gem. It pains me to hear that at one city meeting things were promised that then were renigged at the next meeting. I see and hear half truths, flat out false statements and information, city representatives unwilling to divulge information pertinent to all the tax payers and loyal visitors we have here. I see citizens purposely kept in the dark.)

There are rumors flying for good reason. We have been placed, purposely in my opinion, in an atmosphere of mistrust, secrecy and fog.

I think one pillar of the legal system in this country needs to be taken into account.

Wikipedia states, "*Recusal is the legal process by which a judge, juror, or other adjudicator steps aside from participating in a case due to*

potential bias, conflict of interest, or appearance of impropriety. This practice is fundamental to ensuring fairness and impartiality in legal proceedings, preserving the integrity of the judiciary, and maintaining public confidence in the legal system.

We would do well by our ancestors and descendants to apply this legal practice to the decisions before us.

I need to know that there are absolutely NO conflicts of interest on the part of either the city council members or the "independent citizens committee"!

I need to know that I will not find out after the votes that members of those bodies profited financially because of their votes!

It would pain me greatly to wake up when all is said and done and find out the wishes of the citizens here who wanted to protect our historical Spring City have been sold to the highest bidder, as it now appears they have.

**I SAY WE STOP ALL THIS RUSH TO SPEND MONEY WE DO NOT HAVE
AND DRAW UP A COMMON SENSE, CITIZEN-INVOLVED CITY PLAN.
STOP NOW TO DO AN "OPEN TO THE PUBLIC" INVESTIGATION. PERIOD**

My name is Wayne Ackerman. My wife and I have lived in the north buffer zone of Spring City for 1 year. We decided to move to SanPete County because my wife's great grandfather was one of the early settlers of Mount Pleasant. My wife's family still owns the house her great grandfather built.

I am standing before you today to thank the City Council and all of the city employees and officials for being the most difficult, the most inflexible, and most demanding city we have ever built a house in. Let me explain:

1. We purchased our property because it included water shares for irrigation and we were eligible to obtain city water through an agreement with Erica Whitman and Spring City. When our general contractor contracted Spring City about the agreement he was told the city would honor their agreement if we paid to replace 1,000 feet of water line and install two fire hydrants along 15000 North at a cost of over \$100,000. Spring Cities ultimatum left us little choice so we drilled a well. Why is it that ordinary citizens are denied city services when developers are handed the same city services, through back doors, at tax payer expense?
2. When our general contractor contacted Spring City about hooking up to city sewer he was flat out told NO – Spring City would not allow it. We were then forced to install a septic tank. A service we were denied by Spring City officials, but now the same officials want to make available to any and all developers through secret bonds with citizens paying the bill.
3. When trying to get electrical brought to our property I called and spoke to the installer. He told me Spring City officials forbid him to bring power to our property, even though our next door neighbor has that power. Spring City gave us no alternatives other than contract through Rocky Mt. Power. Again, a service denied to regular citizens but freely given to developers.

As we were building I had very negative thoughts and impressions concerning Spring City government. **Now I stand before you and thank each and every one of you. Because of you we are self sufficient and we don't need Spring City for anything.** We do not approve any type of bond that increases taxes on ordinary citizens and gives tax monies to developers that have the resources to pay for themselves. We do not want to be annexed into Spring City and never want to be governed by any officials in Spring City until everything can be transparent, understandable and approved by all.

I would like my comments to be included in City Council meeting notes exactly as they appear above.



Wayne Ackerman

Paul Penrod, City Council
Randy Strate, City Council
Marty Mc Cain, City Council
Nancy Allred, City Council

Date: September 4, 2024

RE: City Council Activities in Spring City: My public comments for the record.

I appreciate the time and sacrifice it takes to participate on City Council, however, My family and many friends are concerned about the Council activities that we see. Such as, burdening 900 citizens with millions and millions of debt.

I am seriously upset that the City Council is deciding on important issues without allowing the citizens of Spring City to Vote on them. I have never lived in a place where the City Council seems to take the attitude that they know best. Especially bonds, no matter how many times the citizens voice their concerns in Council Meeting you continue to plot and move forward.

You would not allow us to vote on the issue of maintaining 1.06 acres per residence. You seemed to make special effort to stop the initiative with your Cedar City lawyer just before the deadline. Reading your lawyers' opinion reminded me of legal goop and muscle flexing.

You did not allow us to vote on the multimillion dollar culinary water bond. You are not including us in the multimillion dollar sewer bond.

You, the Council, claim that you expect 10 to 12 new homes a year. Yet, you discuss at work meetings that you will have 1000 new connections at your disposal in the new water system.

Don't build a new 500,000 gallon tank. Fix the old one. It's not that old. Clean it, repair it or do what needs to be done to bring it up to speed. If employees can't clean or fix it. Then hire someone who can. We don't need a new tank, and cannot afford all the infrastructure the council is proposing unless we grow into something like Park City. We don't want that. We do not need a 1000 connections. Who is this water and sewer improvement for? **I don't think it is for the citizens of Spring City.**

I would like each member of the council to disclose what property they own or have, or any interest in any property, around and inside Spring City. This includes property you may be supporting or aiding. It appears you are trying to satisfy developers in the nearly 16 subdivisions around in the buffer zone.

I am very opposed to multifamily development on acre or two at a time. That is called "Spot" zoning and smacks of preferential treatment for the developer and unfair treatment for neighboring property owners. Your desire to allow it in established neighborhoods is an affront to the property owners and citizens in Spring City.

I insist that the City Council stop **all bonds**, development, and approvals for rezoning and discussions of new subdivisions. I insist that the City General Plan is updated now. The one we have is decades old. The City Council should not be approving bonds or multifamily housing or anything else until that is accomplished. I also insist that we the citizens be allowed to vote on the bonds and issues. We refuse to settle for the Council members lecturing us, that we be "Governed" as the council has so arrogantly stated in Council meetings.

It's no wonder that the citizens are have lost or are losing trust in City Government. I don't believe the City Council is open or transparent in their dealings with the citizens of Spring City. Especially about growth, bonds, development, and infrastructure.

To me, this all smells badly. I would ask for open transparent government and not civics lessons in Council meetings on how the Council should decide all issues. Despite what has been said in Council. You work for us.

Clarke Christensen
470 East 500 N
Spring City, Utah

Please add to the minutes of Spring City Council Sept 5, 2024

September 7, 2024 To Whom It May Concern: The letter that was sent to residents of Spring City regarding the "Request for Public Comment on Culinary Water Bonds" this last June, 2024 was NEVER RECEIVED by William and Manda Hightower, P O Box 191, residing at 443 N Main Street, Spring City, UT 84662.

~~Forwarded message~~

From: <4358515534@mms.att.net>

Date: Sat, Sep 7, 2024 at 1:45 PM

Subject:

To: <cherylnorth6@gmail.com>

I remember the letter, but I can't find it. I didn't act upon it because I figured it wouldn't do any good anyway as I opposed it, because the city and county usually do what they want to about tax increases. (That's rather harsh.) BUT Read the letter. The city has a \$100,000 obligation? Who's paying that? Plus the loan of \$4,338,000 that we pay in a tax increase. It doesn't make sense. Also, I realized I was too late to send in my vote to the city opposing it when I reread it. I was busy getting ready to leave for our family campout that day, so I wouldn't be able to be at the meeting, either. so I pretty well forgot about it. BUT, It seems to me that something as important as this type of an expenditure and investment and tax increase should have been posted at the post office and at the city building and in the newspaper. Other cities post tax increase notices and public hearings in the paper. Did Spring City? Pat Ellsworth

It basically said that the whole deal of the potential of annexation has not been communicated to us living in the annexation zone—that nothing has been communicated to us about it in case we had questions or concerns to bring up. And also agreeing about Mark's assessment of wanting to keep our town in the spirit of its intended historic rural roots. But yeah, feel free to copy it or whatever if you find out. And thank you for bringing this whole situation to our attention. We would have been completely unaware of the potential of annexation if you hadn't told us about it. Obviously we'll be paying closer attention to these things in the future. We deeply appreciate telling us about it! Chas Hathaway

CONCERNS OF KAT AND BRUCE CALDWELL

8/5/2024

-According to the attorney who advises the city on matters of growth and subdivisions and annexation, and who commented in one of these meetings a few weeks ago, the city council should be looking out for the interests of the citizens of our current community. He said that you, the city council, have no legal obligation to land developers. So if developers want to be annexed into our town and want to hook up to our systems, why can't they be required to pay for those added pieces of infrastructure? It seems like your responsibility should be in representing all of us and not these developers and you have the right to tell them no.

-Why are these large water, sewer and electrical projects, that will cost millions of dollars, being proposed when it seems that smaller projects could meet the needs of current citizens? Councilman Strate made a good case in your work meeting recently, that we can't afford these projects. Even over the course of 40 years and with raises in our utility rates, we can't pay them off. It seems like much of this is to prepare for annexation of large parcels of land that are outside the city limits and are in the buffer zone. Land owners should have the right to sell their property but not at the expense of the rest of the citizens and why does all of this development seem to be so secretive. Along with all of this; Apparently the water pressure in our system is below what the state mandates for our city. How do we know that our water pressure is too low? Who determined this? Where is this mandate written? What happens if we don't comply? Has this actually been a problem in fighting fires in our community? Has anyone talked to our fire department about this issue? Will the state sue us or fine us? Are there actually any legal consequences attached to this expectation?

-Other concerns:

-How does Phil Wood's large trailer park benefit the citizens of Spring City? He has nothing to lose because he doesn't live in Spring City.

-Do members of our city government own properties that stand to benefit monetarily from these projects?

-Why can't copies of the information about all of these changes be available to citizens? We were denied the opportunity to make copies or take pictures of these plans and were told that it was for security reasons. Why and what are the security reasons?

-It seems as though these things are being done in secrecy. Are you trying to hide things from us because you know we will be against these things?

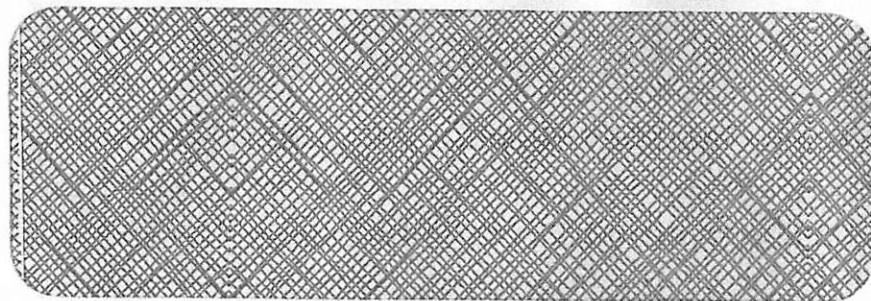
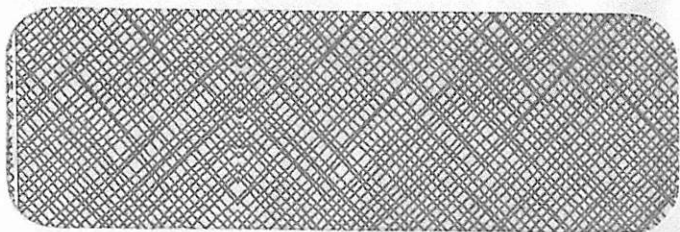
-When people come to Spring City on holidays; particularly "Heritage Days," they comment on what a quaint and lovely town this is. Years from now when people come to town and ask "what the heck happened to Spring City," I will say "you can thank our city government of 2024."

Bruce Caldwell

Kat Caldwell

Bruce and Kat Caldwell

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**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
ON
CULINARY WATER BONDS**

Dear Culinary Water Users:

Spring City (hereinafter "City") has applied to the Utah Drinking Water Board (hereinafter "DWB") for a loan to be used for the construction of culinary water system improvements for the City, including the construction of a new storage tank, installation of distribution lines and SCADA system, together with related improvements.

The total estimated project cost is \$6,298,000. \$6,198,000 of the project cost shall be covered by the loan/grant (\$4,338,000 loan and \$1,860,000 grant/principal forgiveness). The City is obligated to contribute \$100,000 towards the project. The loan from DWB in the amount of \$4,338,000 will bear interest at 1% and is repayable as follows:

Bond (Loan) payable	Interest Rate	Term (years)	Annual Payment	Required Annual Reserve Payment	Total Annual Payment
\$4,338,000	1.0%	40	\$135,470	\$13,547 (Years 1-10)	\$149,017

In order to pay the new bond indebtedness (loan) the City is proposing an increase in culinary water user charges per month per connection as follows:

Monthly base rate for connections within the City limits shall be increased from \$53.00 to \$58.00 per month for 0 to 5,000 gallons.

Monthly base rate for connections outside the City limits shall be increased from \$58.00 per month to \$68.00 for 0 to 5,000 gallons.

The City will hold a public hearing at the City Office, 45 South 100 East, Spring City, Utah, on June 12, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the loan and the intended project. Anyone wishing to submit written comment may do so any time prior to the public hearing. Written comments should be addressed to:

Spring City
P.O. Box 189
Spring City, UT 84662

Sincerely yours,

SPRING CITY

The following may be used for written comment and returned to the City Recorder:

Name: _____

In Favor: _____ Not in Favor: _____

Comments: _____

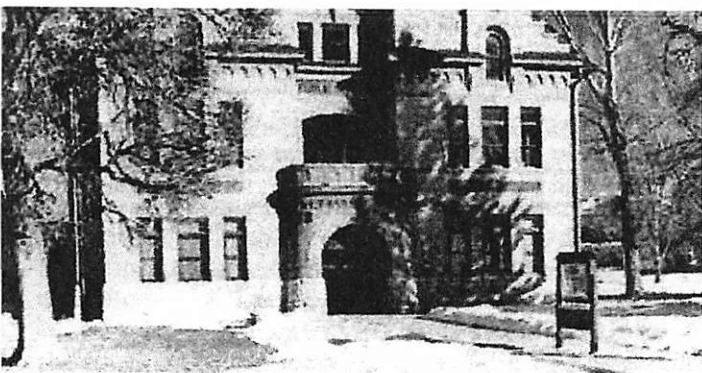
My name is Kaitlin Jenkins. I'm a resident of Spring City and a 3rd grade teacher in Mt. Pleasant.

I mention being a teacher because each year I teach my third graders the basics planning a city and economics. In my opinion, there hasn't been **nearly** enough thought put into the decisions being made lately. Spring City is small, without a lot of revenue coming in- but **WE LIKE IT THAT WAY!**

My husband and I built our house on a one acre lot in town about 6 years ago and when we did we paid an impact fee, paid to bring power and water to our property, and paid to have a septic tank put in because hooking up to city sewer wasn't an option due to the ditch. We paid our dues and it wasn't easy. We are young and just starting our careers, living paycheck to paycheck. We **DO NOT** agree that the citizens and taxpayers in the city should have to pay back a bond that helped build someone else's living quarters.

This is not about the kind of people that these units would bring in, this is about money. Money that our town doesn't have. Keep Spring City small and vote no on this issue.

Thank you,
Kaitlin Jenkins



Times

June 2024

Mayor's Corner by Chris Anderson

Eliza Bailey, a fourth grader at the Spring City Elementary School, recently wrote an essay about why she likes Spring City. Her essay won a first place award in a competition sponsored by the Utah League of Cities and Towns. I enjoyed the essay and thought you might like it as well.

It is 5:30 am. I wake up ready to go haul sheep in the mountains. I am not that excited to go into the coldness of the mountains in early spring, but I have to. When I get up there I stop thinking about the cold and I start thinking about the beauty. It is so beautiful up in the mountains. My family own about a thousand sheep, so we have to all work together to trail sheep, lamb sheep, load sheep, and haul sheep. I love the majestic mountains in my community.

One time we went trailing sheep up in Horseshoe Mountain. I was really excited because it was supposed to be warm that day, but when I got up there I was more excited about the beauty I would see on the way. The beauty of Spring City is almost too beautiful. The seasons make Spring City wonderful. Every summer night (well it felt like every night) we would sit out on our porch, eat popcorn, and talk about things. We would play games and enjoy the stars shining on us like the brightest lanterns in

the night sky. We can even ride down to the center of town to get a cool drink from the flowing spring. In winter we go sledding up Spring City Canyon. It is so beautiful and fun! In spring we swim in the creek. In fall, during Halloween, our town gets together and has a trunk or treat. I love to see all my neighbors and friends in their costumes.

What I love to do in Spring City are so many things. Most things I like to do are ride my bike, play outside, ride horses, play in our neighbor's pond, ice skate on our neighbor's pond and play in the creek by our house. One time we were riding horses and me and my brother's favorite horse got spooked and started galloping up the hill and it was like a roller coaster that didn't know how to work yet!

I love the people here. They are always cheerful and wave with a smiley face. If you are new in Spring City, people make you feel at home and make sure you fit in like the rest of us. They are also so thoughtful. One time my Mom had to go to the hospital and my Dad does not know how to cook so our neighbors brought us food because my Mom was in the hospital.

I will tell you this when we had to move from Spring City the saddest tears streamed down my face.

Planning and Zoning News

Spring City Planning and Zoning met May 29 and discussed a request from a citizen for a dark sky/exterior lighting ordinance. The party is concerned about light pollution and lighting nuisance issues. The commission will be reviewing what other towns have done with this issue.

We are seeing an uptick in development requests outside the city limits. Some proposed projects are small, but

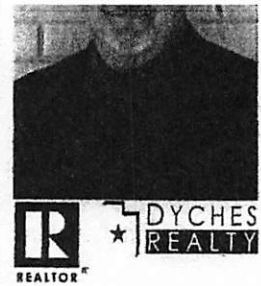
some are quite large. Growth pressure is rising in this area.

Planning and Zoning does not decide if projects happen or not. We only advise the city council. They make all decisions.



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