

2024 September City Council

The regular meeting of the Fountain Green City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on September 19, 2024, in the Fountain Green City Hall, 375 N. State Street.

Attendance – Kerry Farnsworth, Alyson Strait, Rod Hansen, and Jacob Littlefield. Excusing Kim Johnson.

Presiding – Mayor Mark Coombs

Prayer – Alyson Strait

Pledge

Open Comment. Rod wanted to thank the employees, office people, volunteers, and especially Curt. The office people put in so much time with happy smiles on their faces to help us get through this. It is appreciated. It was amazing, the turnout, but our city employees just stepped up and I wanted to give a shout-out to them.

1. Minutes. Rod Hansen motioned to approve the minutes as written for the public tax hearing held on August 15, 2024. Seconded by Jacob Littlefield. A roll call vote was taken – Kerry /yes, Alyson/yes, Rod/yes, Jacob/yes. Motion carried.

Rod Hansen motioned to approve the minutes as written for the regular city council meeting held on August 15, 2024. Seconded by Alyson Strait. A roll call vote was taken – Kerry /yes, Alyson/yes, Rod/yes, Jacob/yes. Motion carried.

2. Water Issues. Dave Engh, explained that he is leasing Jacobson’s Turkey Farm and in the last year and a half has had significant amounts of water pipes break due to water pressure spikes of over 300 PSI. Last year, he spent over \$2,000 on repairing pipes. This year, he is well over \$3,000, including putting in a new PRV. Since the pipes are at least 5 to 10 feet deep by the time he finds the leak, he has gone through a million gallons of water. His current water bill is over \$2,000. City officials agreed to defer \$1,000 and remove penalties and interest until further notice.

To make sure the pressure spikes are not a city issue, officials agreed to purchase a pressure gauge, attach it to the nearest fire hydrant, and chart it for at least two cycles.

Curt also brought up another waterline issue in question. Dustin Allred has had a leak on his 2,000 ft. water line for at least two years and has never found any surface water. He finally found and fixed the leak, which happened to be where the city sewer main’s fittings were crossing his line. City Officials agreed that because it was a city project that caused the leak, they should make it right.

3. 2024 Lamb Day Report. Jerime thanked the city for their support of Lamb Day and felt like it was a success. He also thanked the fire department for their help in keeping the fun run participants safe. Jerime mentioned some issues that the committee wants to address for next year: *The need to charge more for food, drinks, candy, etc. *Pay closer attention to the lamb pits to make sure the meat is fully cooked. *Bigger dumpsters. *Biggest issue – enforcing the “No Dogs in the Park” ordinance.

After much discussion on what the city could do to help with the dog issue, all agreed that more signs need to be added around the park, more help to enforce, and keep it on social media.

Discussion on what the signs should say – No animals allowed, with the ordinance listed below (add animal permits into the ordinance (horses and sheep during lamb day only).

Rod requested that someone from the Lamb Day committee come to the city council meeting several months before to discuss Lamb Day festivities.

4. R6 Discussions with Shay.

CIB Deadlines. Typically, CIB has monthly meetings but is thinking about changing the format to wait until the end of the quarter to see how much money they have and then have all the projects presented in one meeting.

Rod wondered if it would be beneficial to put some “match” money aside and submit an application for road and infrastructure repairs due to flood damage. Shay will help the city put an application together.

GIS announcement. R6 now has a big printer that is big enough to print town hall maps or zoning maps. He would need a PDF to print them for the city.

Subdivision Updates. Shay presented a draft of a Subdivision Ordinance for review to the Planning and Zoning, which is due to the state by December 4th.

Questions regarding the Ordinance from the Mayor and City Council –

-30 calendar days versus 30 business days. Shay will look into it.

-The Administrative Land Use Authority shall be a board or individual appointed by the city who will make the final plat approval (city attorney, city engineer, city staff, or a combination). The planning commission can do the preliminary and improvement plan reviews. However, the city council and the planning commission cannot be involved in the final review.

-Fees. Subdivision Applicant pays – the cost to cover the final review, recording costs, and final inspections.

-Two types of subdivisions: Main subdivision – 11 or more lots. Simple Subdivision – 10 or fewer lots.

-Replace “Garkane Energy” with Rocky Mountain Power.

Board of Adjustments vs. Appeal Authority. An Appeal Authority is recommended over a Board of Adjustments. An Appeal Authority can be an individual or a board that then looks at the variance and bases the final decision on the variance requirements, the property itself, the plot, and the ordinance.

RCOG. The ARCO grant, which is an economic development grant through GOEO (Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity), opened on the 16th of this month and closes on the 30th of October.

Regional Growth Summit Mini-Training. Is scheduled for next Thursday, from 10 to 1. Laura is signed up to attend.

CDBG. The state has not received its money for CDBG, which is why the city has not received a contract. The City has 18 months to finish the project from when the contract is finally signed.

OPMA Training. Record all closed sessions and make sure they're separate from your main meetings.

Shay asked City Officials if there was anything else that he could help with regarding the flooding besides writing the Declaration of Emergency for the City. Mayor Coombs stated that they are looking into more funding avenues to help with mitigation.

Alyson explained that because of the Emergency Declaration the Utah State Library office contacted her and has funding available to offset the costs for the repair of the library.

City Officials thank Shay for all of his time and effort in helping the city.

5. Police Report. The police reports are a bit further behind due to the way the county has to pull the information. The following report is from July: simple assault, civil problem, domestic violence, fire, lost property, protective order violation, stolen property, suspicious activity, theft, traffic violation, criminal traffic violation, and a welfare security check. They also issued 15 speeding tickets, but some of those also had expired or no driver's licenses as well as speeding tickets.

6. Fire Department. Todd did not have anything to report. He did say that they got the old fire station sprayed out, but Nativity and Lamb Day items were still in there. Curt put the softball equipment in the conex by the shop.

7. UDOT/Crossing Flags on State Street. UDOT does not require an application for the crossing flags on 1st South and State Street. The city is responsible for purchasing the flags and hardware. UDOT has agreed to put a crosswalk across State Street.

8. Emergency Actions for Fountain Green City. In light of the flood, Alyson feels like Fountain Green City should have an Emergency Action in place. Mayor Coombs mentioned that Jayson Alvee, Sanpete County Emergency Manager plans to do some emergency training/ planning in October.

Jim (IT) said he could set up a way to mass text residents for city business or emergency information.

9. Appraisal of the old Fire station. Alyson Strait motioned to move forward with the appraisal of the old fire station with Denbow Appraising for the \$2,200. Seconded by Kerry Farnsworth. A roll call vote was taken – Kerry /yes, Alyson/yes, Rod/yes, Jacob/yes. Motion carried.

10. Heat and air conditioning in the DUP. City Officials agreed to wait to decide on installing heating and air conditioning in the DUP until all bids were received.

11. Risk assessment. Michelle reviewed the annual Fraud Risk Assessment with City Officials. The city scored 340 points out of 395, which is considered a very low risk for fraud.

12. Tampering w/Meter. Kerry Farnsworth motioned to accept the water meter tampering fees as Curt presented. Seconded by Alyson Strait. A roll call vote was taken – Kerry /yes, Alyson/yes, Rod/yes, Jacob/yes. Motion carried.

13. Planning Commission Report. Jacob reported that the Commission approved two building permits, reviewed the Subdivision Ordinance draft and the updates on Chapters 7 and 11 have been added to the online version.

14. Subdivision Ordinance. Shay reviewed the draft in section #4.

15. City Report/Traffic Control.

Curt reports the following:

- *Water samples done

- *The roof at the theater was repaired with tar.

- *One burial.

- *The Sewer Operating Permit is renewed and good for the next five years.

- *Meters are read. Curt has started stripping the wires on the antennas and will begin to repair nonreading meters.

- * The filter on the sprinkler system at the park keeps blowing apart. It happens when the irrigation water has to be shut down. May have to get a new part.

- *So far 14 loads of road base have been ordered to repair the shoulders of the road.

- * James Moore has agreed to let us use the road through his property to access the cemetery until the bridge is repaired.

- *There is a sinkhole at the intersection of 400 West and 100 North. Curt has placed a caution cone there until he can repair it.

- *In the process of working with Jones & DeMille to do a flood assessment or flood study. Will need to find out the cost.

- *November 2nd, City yard cleanup. City pit will be open for yard waste only. No dumpsters.

16. City bills. Alyson Strait motioned to pay the city bills. Seconded by Rod Hansen. A roll call vote was taken – Kerry /yes, Alyson/yes, Rod/yes, Jacob/yes. Motion carried.

17. Miscellaneous.

Discussion Items –

- *Continued complaints about yards with overgrown weeds becoming a fire hazard. Mayor Coombs reported that the Meredith's are working on both of their properties. It was suggested that Chief Robinson look at the list of complaints to see if they are a fire hazard and if the property needs to be addressed.

- *The City Attorney recommended that if someone requests to have a grave exhumed, the city have the family do it with Curt's supervision.

- *Let Ryan Johnson and/or other coaches in town know that there is some softball/soccer equipment available, if he wants to look at it. No need to keep it if the city doesn't have a recreation program.

* Rod asked Michelle to get a payoff schedule for the loans that the city still has outstanding for the next city council meeting.

*Rod asked the Planning Commission to research information on detached accessory dwelling units and what it would take to allow them in the city.

*Laura reported that as of now there are over 4,000 hours of volunteer service logged from helping with the flood.

*Mayor Coombs noted that the county landfill fee was recently added back onto the city utility bill. Sanpete County Landfill has decided not to bill through Rocky Mountain Power; however, the Sanpete County Fire District will have Rocky Mountain Power take over their billing starting in January. The city will put that fee back on the utility bill until then. Fountain Green City will make sure that none of the meters owned by the city will be on their bill.

*Residents from Fountain Green will be able to take loads to the landfill until October 30th as long as it is flood-related. If there are citizens beyond October 30th that need to take down flood-related items, they will need to get a letter from the city saying that they are from the city and it was part of the flood.

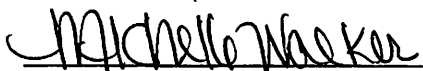
Rod Hansen motioned to move into a closed session to discuss real estate. Seconded by Alyson Strait. A roll call vote was taken – Kerry /yes, Alyson/yes, Rod/yes, Jacob/yes. Motion carried.

Alyson Strait motioned to open the closed session at 10:20 p.m. Seconded by Kerry Farnsworth. A roll call vote was taken – Kerry /yes, Alyson/yes, Rod/yes, Jacob/yes. Motion carried.

Rod Hansen motioned to adjourn the closed session and return to the general session. Seconded by Alyson Strait. A roll call vote was taken – Kerry /yes, Alyson/yes, Rod/yes, Jacob/yes. Motion carried.

Rod Hansen motioned to adjourn the general session. Seconded by Alyson Strait. A roll call vote was taken – Kerry /yes, Alyson/yes, Rod/yes, Jacob/yes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourns at 10:44 p.m.


Michelle Walker, City Recorder

