

**MINUTES OF MORGAN CITY
COUNCIL MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024; 7:00 P.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**Mayor Steve Gale, Jeff Wardell, Jeffery Richins, and
Dave Alexander**

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:

**Ty Bailey, City Manager; and Denise Woods, City
Recorder**

**STAFF PRESENT
ELECTRONICALLY:**

Gary Crane, City Attorney

EXCUSED:

Eric Turner and Tony London

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Kate Becker, Administrative Manager, Morgan
County**

This meeting was held in the Council Conference Room of the Morgan City Offices, 90 West Young Street, Morgan, Utah. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube and available for viewing on the City's website – morgancityut.org.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Gale.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Richins.

The opening ceremony was presented by Council Member. Wardell

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Wardell moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Richins

Vote was 3 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda; Council Member Turner and Council Member London were absent.

MINUTES AND WARRANTS

MOTION: Council Member Alexander moved to approve the following:
Minutes of the City Council Work Meeting – August 13, 2024; and
Warrants (08/23/2024 – 09/06/2024)

SECOND: Council Member Richins

Vote was 3 ayes; The motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes as written and one set of warrants; Council Member Turner and Council Member London were absent.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

ACTIVE AGENDA

AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GAGING STATION BETWEEN U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) UTAH WATER SCIENCE CENTER AND MORGAN CITY – RESOLUTION 24-32

Ty Bailey, City Manager, explained this agreement allowed for the installation of a monitoring station on Young Street Bridge. He stated this station would include a gauge to provide real-time streamflow data, particularly useful during flood seasons, displaying accurate water levels as they entered the City. He said the setup had minimal impact, with a small attachment to the bridge and most of the equipment would be placed on the bank near the Jenkins Property and not on the side where the City was doing the trail work. Additionally, a physical gauge was placed to display water levels. He said despite the complexity of the system, it had minimal impact on the surrounding area.

Council Member Alexander asked regarding the terms of the agreement.

Ty explained it was for 5 years unless terminated earlier by USGS or the landowner upon 60 days written notice. It would stay in place until one of the parties terminated the agreement.

MOTION: Council Member Wardell moved to adopt Resolution 24-32 – A resolution adopting and approving an Agreement Between U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Utah Water Science Center and Morgan City for the Installation and Maintenance of a Gaging Station Located in the Weber River at Approximately 500 East and Young Street (Young Street Bridge).

SECOND: Council Member Richins

Discussion on the Motion: No discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Dave Alexander – aye
Jeffery Richins – aye
Jeff Wardell – aye
Tony London – absent
Eric Turner – absent

Vote was 3 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 24-32 – A resolution adopting and approving an Agreement Between U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Utah Water Science Center and Morgan City for the Installation and Maintenance of a Gaging Station Located in the Weber River at Approximately 500 East and Young Street (Young Street Bridge).

AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) – RESOLUTION 24-33 – KATE BECKER, ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER, MORGAN COUNTY

Kate Becker, Administrative Manager, Morgan County, explained there had been confusion regarding voting rights and the number of votes allotted to each entity. She stated the RPO (Rural Planning Organization) and COG (Council of Governments) processes were not previously formalized by resolution, and recent meetings focused on addressing this issue. She said the agreement in the packet was the result of several discussions in COG meetings. She explained the 2002 version of the agreement was not officially presented as an amendment, as there had never been an agreement or resolution in place at the County or

City level. She stated COG served primarily as an advisory body for the corridor preservation tax which brought in approximately \$500,000.00 per year.

Kate explained the RPO met on Monday and the Public Works Directors for both the City and the County along with WFRC (Wasatch Front Regional Council), collaborated to create a priority list of projects for funding. She said this list was then recommended to COG, which included the City, County and the School Board as voting members. Since this group was responsible for managing nearly half a million dollars annually, the lack of formal resolution in appointing the recommending body was seen as a significant issue that needed correction.

Denise Woods, City Recorder, asked for clarification regarding the reference to the Morgan County Commission of Governments in the Preamble and then in section I – Purpose the reference was Morgan County Council of Governments.

Kate clarified that it should be the Morgan County Council of Governments in the Preamble.

Ty expressed appreciation for Kate and the work she has bringing the City and County together.

MOTION: Council Member Alexander moved to adopt Resolution 24-33 – A resolution adopting and approving an Agreement Concerning the Morgan County Council of Governments (COG) with the change to the Preamble regarding the language Morgan County Council of Governments.

SECOND: Council Member Richins

Discussion on the Motion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Dave Alexander – aye
Jeffery Richins – aye
Jeff Wardell – aye
Tony London – absent
Eric Turner – absent

Vote was 3 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 24-33 – A resolution adopting and approving an Agreement Concerning the Morgan County Council of Governments (COG) with the change to the Preamble regarding the language Morgan County Council of Governments.

Ty discussed two requests to the COG this year. He stated the first request involved using Corridor Preservation funds to purchase land in front of the UDOT shed for future road development. He said this was considered the most appropriate use of the funds.

He explained the second request was for a Trails Grant, seeking additional funding from COG to create a trail from State Street down 300 West and Island Road to 400 West. Since traditional sidewalk infrastructure was not feasible due to obstacles, a study would be conducted to explore the possibility of constructing a paved trail instead.

CITY REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Alexander mentioned that he and Ty had attended the Utah League of Cities and Town Conference in Salt Lake City.

CITY MANAGER

Project Updates

300 West Project – Ty updated the Council on the 300 West project, between Young Street and 100 South, which was nearly complete, with landscaping work in progress. He said as part of the road contract, a homeowner was required to install curb, gutter, and sidewalk in front of their new home and the remainder of the block, a short stretch without further development potential, was also completed, creating a small connection to the nearby park and Young Street.

Young Street Bridge Trail - Ty stated work had begun on the project beneath the bridge, with dewatering efforts already underway. He said concrete pouring was expected to start soon. He explained the project included a trail under the bridge and a parking lot, with the possibility of adding a restroom depending on available funds.

City Monument and Entry Project – Ty stated the City entrance project had just begun, with materials being moved at the corner of Commercial and State Street.

Speed Limit – SR-66 – Ty said that UDOT announced changes to the speed limit on SR-66 after conducting a speed study. He explained the speed limit on State Street would remain at 30 mph until exiting the town, where it used to increase to 40 mph after 200 South but would now stay at 30 mph. Additionally, the speed limit outside the City in the County would be reduced from 50 mph to 40 mph. He expressed frustration that these changes were made without their input, despite ongoing collaboration with UDOT on a separate study.

Recycling Program – Ty there would be a meeting on October 1st and 4:00 p.m. to discuss the recycling program. He said the City would partner with the County to secure pricing from Robinson Waste, which had not been available previously. He said additionally, an incentive was obtained from Wasatch Integrated, outlining the subsidy per recycling can. This allowed the City and County to better evaluate the financial impact of the decision to implement the recycling program.

City Generators – Ty said the generators were installed, with wiring still pending for the control box to automate power management based on the building's needs. He said the system was plumbed into the building's natural gas line, and a new meter was installed. He said the City had two portable diesel generators which were also acquired under a grant, with one larger than the other, capable of powering wells and sewer systems during outages. He stated pre-wired plugs were installed at various locations, including the City shop, for easy connection. The system provided backup power for essential services. He said plans were underway to submit for grant reimbursement, and discussions about contracting maintenance for the generators were ongoing, with an interest in securing a better deal for servicing.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


Denise Woods, City Recorder


Steve Gale, Mayor

These minutes were approved at the October 22, 2024 meeting.