



## Emery Town Council Meeting

Oct. 9th @ 7:00 PM

65 N Center St. Emery, UT

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Council members: Pat Sundstrom, Mike Christensen, Kim Hansen, Melissa Durfey

Recorder: Kris Bullock

Clerk/treasurer: Annalisa Johnson

Fire Chief: Scott McClaughry

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## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on October 9, 2024.

## Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

## Approve Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were proposed for approval. There was a motion to pay the bills for the month, with a unanimous vote in favor.

## Invoice Report

The council approved the payment of bills for the current month. A motion was made and seconded to approve the bill payments. The approval was unanimous among council members.

Motion: To approve the payment of bills for October 2024. Result: Passed unanimously, with Pat making the motion and Mike seconding it.

## Fire Department - Chief's Report

The fire department representative reported on attendance and performance at a recent Carbon Regional Fire School, highlighting the outstanding efforts of participants. The department also participated in a girls' camp focused on encouraging female participation in fire services within the area. It was also noted that an interagency agreement (MOU) was ready to pass following signatures from relevant parties. An upcoming event was mentioned, with plans to enhance the community Halloween celebrations by transforming spaces into thematic graveyards.

## Councilperson Melissa Durfey

### Town Beautification

Councilperson reported efforts in town beautification, emphasizing the sprucing of planters to make the town more attractive.

### Old Church Update

The concrete pour for the wheelchair accessibility ramp at the old church was completed and noted for its quality. Challenges with concrete availability were discussed, credited to ongoing high demand from a nearby solar project. The upcoming Fall Festival was reported to be a collaborative event with the LDS Church, including a chili cook-off and scarecrow decorating contest, designed to boost community involvement.

## Councilperson Patrick Sundstrom

### Animal Control

### CVSSD

The council discussed road infrastructure developments sponsored by CVSSD, including curb and gutter projects and speed bump installations. The importance of locating the speed bumps strategically before project commencement next year was highlighted.

## Councilperson Mike Christensen

### Planning and Zoning

There was no detailed discussion regarding planning and zoning from the councilperson in the transcript.

## Councilperson Kim Hansen

### Town Self-Audit

Due to Kim being away, no new updates pertaining to the town's self-audit were shared.

## Mayor Jack Funk

### Vote on Garbage Can Fee Increase

It was discussed that garbage collection costs have increased. A motion was carried out to adjust fees to match county costs to prevent losses.

Motion: To adjust the town's garbage can fees to match the county's \$10 cost. Result: Passed unanimously, with Pat making the motion and Mike seconding it.

### Reservoir/ Misty Christiansen

Misty provided an update on potential funding sources for a reservoir project driven by federal legislation and outlined barriers such as feasibility studies and water master plans required for progression. Letters of support were sought to influence county commissioners, ensuring continuation of a feasibility study previously withdrawn. Engagement with conservation districts and state entities was highlighted as vital for pursuing grants. Motion ensued to pursue grant processes necessary for the master plan.

Motion: To apply for the state grant intended for the town's water master plan. Result: Motion approved unanimously with Pat making the motion and Mike seconding it.

### Town Employee Benefits

Discussions leaned towards retaining town employees by providing a benefits package that covers insurance costs. Employers considered alterations in work hours to meet eligibility, setting up changes for implementation in January.

Motion: Approve a benefits package for qualifying town employees starting January 2024. Result: Motion passed unanimously, moved by Pat and seconded by Mike.

## Open Agenda - Old Business

### Town Emergency Plan

The need to establish a comprehensive town emergency plan was highlighted. It was noted that while some existing materials may provide a framework, updating and confirming current resources will be paramount.

### Open & Public Meeting

Specific discussions regarding the open and public meeting protocol were not detailed.

## Open Agenda - New Business

### Ben Staley, Property Lines

A visitor presentation addressed property line errors involving town-owned and privately-owned parcels. An existing family situation involving the Staley property was resolved using a boundary line agreement, mutually exchanging land with the town to clarify property boundaries. No expenses were anticipated from the transaction.

Motion: To accept and approve the boundary line changes as presented by Ben Grimes for the Staley property. Result: Motion passed unanimously, moved by Pat and seconded by Mike.

### Town Email & Website must be .GOV by Jan 2025 (options)

To comply with upcoming regulations, the transition of town digital assets into the .GOV domain was discussed, advising on the urgency in starting the process responsive to security enhancement protocols, with deadlines pegged to January 2025.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.