



MINUTES
Springville City Council Work/Study Meeting - April 15, 2025

MINUTES OF THE WORK/STUDY MEETING OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 110 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SPRINGVILLE, UTAH.

Presiding and Conducting: Mayor Matt Packard

Elected Officials in Attendance: Craig Jensen
Logan Millsap
Jake Smith
Mike Snelson
Mindi Wright

City Staff in Attendance: City Administrator Troy Fitzgerald, Assistant City Administrator/City Attorney John Penrod, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Bruce Riddle, City Recorder Kim Crane, Community Development Director Josh Yost, Director of Administration Patrick Monney, Internal Services Director Scott Sensenbaur, Library Director Dan Mickelson, Museum of Art Director Emily Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Child, Power Director Jason Miller, Public Works Director Brad Stapley, Public Safety Director Lance Haight, and Assistant Director Parks and Recreation Tyler Wilkins.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Packard welcomed everyone and called the Work/Study meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Calendar

- Apr 25 - Arbor Day
- Apr 29 - Budget Meeting 3:00 p.m.
- May 06 - Work Study Meeting 5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 20 - Work Study Meeting 5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Packard asked if there was any discussion regarding the calendar. There was none.

2. DISCUSSION ON THIS EVENING'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Invocation - Councilmember Wright
- b) Pledge of Allegiance - Councilmember Smith
- c) Consent Agenda
 2. Approval of minutes for the April 01, 2025, Work Meeting and Regular Meeting
 3. Approval of a Resolution and Interlocal Agreement with Utah County for the 2025 Springville City Municipal Election - Kim Crane, City Recorder

Mayor Packard inquired if there was any discussion regarding the consent agenda and if the council had questions about the Interlocal Agreement with Utah County for the Municipal Election. Recorder Crane explained the price increase to the council. Council had no further questions.

3. WORK MEETING DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATIONS

a) City Flag Update and Recommendation - Emily Larsen, Museum of Art Director

Leslie Gleaves, the museum's Public Art Coordinator, reported on the updated city flag designs. She provided different options to the council and asked how they would like to proceed. Option 1: Approve the finalists and go out to a public vote. Option 2: Part ways with the finalist. Create new options by using the designers at the museum. Come back and narrow down choices, then go out for a public vote. She noted that each participant received \$100. Option 3- part ways, end the contest and review the process, gather feedback, and open a new contest.

Councilmember Snelson stated that having a city flag was important and expressed a preference for Option 2. He indicated a desire to slow down the process and reconsider the design by involving the museum.

Councilmember Smith also supported Option 2. He acknowledged the significant time and effort already invested in the project and expressed concern about that work going to waste.

Councilmember Wright agreed that a city flag was needed and aligned with the views of Councilmembers Smith and Snelson.

Councilmember Jensen and Councilmember Millsap both voiced their support for Option 2 as well.

Mayor Packard inquired about the next steps in the process. In response, Leslie requested a formal statement from the council indicating which direction they intended to take. Mayor Packard then asked Councilmember Smith to participate in the review process.

b) Spring Oaks Geological Study Findings - Chris Wilson, City Engineer

Postponed to May 6, 2025, council work meeting.

c) Code Review on Public Disturbances and Business Licensing - Evelyn Watkins and Libby Hancock, Legal Department

High school intern Evelyn Watkin presented a report on the proposed updates to Springville City's riot code. She reviewed the existing city code and, based on her research, recommended updating several elements. Her suggestions included modernizing terminology—specifically, changing references from "City Marshal" to "Chief of Police" in the proclamation of emergency powers—to align with Utah state code. She also recommended that the code clearly define what constitutes a riot and its legal consequences, with language tailored to fit Springville's context. Additionally, she discussed the regulation of protests and picketing, noting that applying for an event permit for protests could offer greater protection for those involved.

Council, by consensus, agreed to move forward with updates.

d) Discussion About Feral Cats - Lance Haight, Public Safety Director

Chief Haight presented findings from a Northern Utah Valley Animal Shelter (NUVAS) study on feral cats and discussed related issues as reviewed by the Southern Utah Valley Animal Services Board (SUVAS). He explained that feral cats are classified as an invasive species and noted that Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) programs have been shown to be ineffective in reducing feral cat populations. He highlighted several concerns associated with feral cats, including the spread of disease to humans, predation on other animals, negative impacts on biodiversity, and generally poor quality of life for the cats themselves.

Chief Haight also referenced a legal opinion from the Utah County Attorney, which stated that under certain conditions, the "return" portion of a TNR program could potentially constitute animal cruelty, a class B misdemeanor. However, when specific requirements are met, such programs may be lawful under a Community Cat Program Privilege (CCPP). He outlined the five conditions that must be satisfied for a group or individual to participate in a legal CCPP: sterilizing the cats, vaccinating them against rabies, ear-tipping, returning them to the original capture location, and maintaining written records.

He added that a permit process could be implemented to manage the program, requiring notification of property owners and restricting trapping to entire colonies rather than individual cats.

Chief Haight noted that feral cats have a financial impact on the police department, with the annual assessment increasing due to the number of cats taken to the shelter. He recommended creating an ordinance that would require registration for cat colonies as a means of managing the issue. The city council reached a general consensus to move forward with the proposal and requested that a draft be brought back for further consideration. Administrator Fitzgerald added that a review of the Southern Utah Valley Animal Services (SUVAS) process for managing feral cats should also be conducted.

e) Update on PAR Projects - Stacey Child, Parks and Recreation Director

Museum Director Larsen, Library Director Mickelson, and Assistant Director Wilkins presented to the council the PAR Board's recommendations for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) project funding. The proposed projects included: the Art Loops downtown plan, the Springville Art Festival, Concerts in the Park, various community special events, the next phase of development for Dry Creek Park, and the final phase of the Clyde Recreation Center (CRC) outdoor ninja course. Additional recommendations included establishing a maintenance fund designated for future upkeep needs, installing improved bike racks at the CRC, Library, and Civic Center, and supporting the library's summer reading programs.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Councilmember Smith inquired about the Tintic rail line and raised concerns regarding potential impacts on Kelvin Grove Park. In response, Director Stapley explained the ongoing process involving the city park and the Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) De Minimis Impacts Finding. He noted that further discussion on the matter would take place during the evening's regular meeting. Stapley also stated that property owners might lose three to five feet of land due to construction activities by UDOT and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), and that UDOT and UTA would be meeting with affected property owners on May 5, 2025.

Additionally, Councilmember Smith suggested including clarifying information on signage at the park to explain how it would be affected by the project.

Museum Director Larsen provided a report on the power robot sculpture project. Conceived in Spring 2023 by Power Department employee Shawn Black, the sculpture was created to commemorate the history of the Whitehead Power Plant, using parts from the plant for all components except the dog's head. Larsen described ongoing discussions among various city department personnel regarding the most cost-effective and suitable location for the sculpture.

Two potential locations were considered: Option 1: Whitehead Power Plant – the sculpture's originally intended site, chosen for its historical relevance, AMTRAK visibility, and the element of unexpected public art. However, drawbacks included limited foot traffic, lower visibility, and the need to work around underground gas lines. Option 2: Dry Creek Parkway at 1200 West – a highly visible gateway location with strong potential as a prominent public art feature, along with connections to active transportation routes in the Dry Creek area. The primary concern was the need for further neighborhood input and support. Larsen stated that city staff collectively favored Option 2 at Dry Creek Parkway.

The city council was in agreement to support Option 2, placing the power robot sculpture at Dry Creek Parkway at 1200 West. Councilmembers also emphasized the importance of obtaining community input on the project and recommended including a plaque at the site to explain the significance and background of the sculpture.

ADJOURNMENT CLOSED SESSION IF NEEDED - TO BE ANNOUNCED IN MOTION

The Springville City Council may temporarily recess the meeting and convene in a closed session as provided by UCA 52-4-205.

Motion: Councilmember Smith moved to adjourn the work meeting at 6:54 p.m. **Councilmember Jensen seconded** the motion. **Roll Call Vote Yes:** Councilmember Jensen, Councilmember Millsap, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Snelson, and Councilmember Wright. The motion **Passed Unanimously, 5-0**

*This document constitutes the official minutes for the Springville City Council Work/Study Meeting held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025
I, Kim Crane, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified, and acting City Recorder for Springville City, Utah County, State of Utah. I do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true, accurate, and complete record of this meeting held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.*

DATE APPROVED: May 06, 2025



Kim Crane
City Recorder