

**MINUTES OF MORGAN CITY
COUNCIL MEETING**

MAY 13, 2025; 7:35 P.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**Mayor Steve Gale, Tony London, Jeff Wardell, Eric
Turner and Dave Alexander**

EXCUSED:

Jeffery Richins

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:

**Ty Bailey, City Manager; Gary Crane, City Attorney;
and Janet Pace, City Recorder**

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 – morganutah.gov/meetings.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Gale

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Eric Turner

The opening ceremony was presented by Council Member Dave Alexander

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Eric Turner moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Tony London

Vote was 4 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda.

MINUTES AND WARRANTS

Discussion: At the city council meeting, Dave asked about a reference to the Community Impact Board (CIB) in the minutes. Ty explained that the CIB, part of the state's Department of Workforce Services, distributes federal oil and gas lease funds to help offset the impact of mining in affected communities. While the city doesn't qualify for CIB grants, it can apply for loans—but only for projects listed on its annually submitted Capital Improvement List.

During the city council meeting, Dave asked about the city's \$20,000 annual payment to the Chamber of Commerce, questioning how the membership fee is assessed and whether it aligns with what other entities pay. Ty clarified that the city contributes \$20,000 while the county pays \$25,000. These dues help fund and support city-sponsored events like the Fourth of July celebration and Hometown Christmas.

Dave raised concerns about accountability and ensuring value over time. Ty reassured him, noting that the city saved \$12,000 in its first year by partnering with the Chamber instead of managing events independently. He emphasized that the events continue to have strong attendance and are entirely volunteer run, with funds going directly back into the community.

Vote was 4 ayes; The motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes as written and one set of warrants.

MOTION: Council Member David Alexander moved to approve the following:
Minutes of the City Council Work Meeting – April 22, 2025;
Minutes of the City Council Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2025; and
Warrants (04/19/25 – 05/8/25)

SECOND: Council Member Wardell

Vote was 4 ayes; The motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes as written and one set of warrants.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Discussion

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR MORGAN CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, AND SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FINAL BUDGET**

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Council Member Eric Turner moved to open the public hearing to hear public comments regarding the Tentative Budget for Morgan City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, and setting a date for a public hearing to adopt a final budget.

SECOND: Council Member Tony London

Vote was 4 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to open the public hearing to hear public comments regarding the Tentative Budget for Morgan City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, and setting a date for a public hearing to adopt a final budget.

Public Comments: None

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Council Member Eric Turner moved to close the public hearing.

SECOND: Council Member Tony London

Vote was 4 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to close the public hearing.

ACTIVE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR MORGAN CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, AND SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FINAL BUDGET – RESOLUTION 25-08

At the city council meeting, the mayor asked about the frequency of renegotiating the law enforcement contract, noting it hadn't changed in years. Ty explained that while the county has approached the city about it, he's pushed for a broader city-county agreement to be updated annually, covering all shared services, not just law enforcement.

Tony recalled past confusion over the \$300,000 the city used to pay, which was said to be for "enhanced service" without a clear definition. He now prefers the current model, where the city contracts directly with the county for a dedicated officer, making the arrangement more transparent. Ty noted the city pays less than the full cost of an officer, but still receives strong service, including a dedicated patrol car.

The mayor and council raised concerns about accountability and how to verify the contracted coverage is being provided. Ty said the Sheriff's Department could provide shift schedules and dispatch reports, though they haven't in a while. He added that informal checks—like knowing which deputy is assigned to the city—help confirm service. Despite the lack of formal audits, Ty expressed confidence in the value and responsiveness of the current arrangement.

MOTION: Council Member Eric Turner moved to adopt Resolution 25-08 – A resolution adopting the Tentative Budget for Morgan City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, and setting the date of June 24, 2025, for a public hearing to adopt the final budget.

SECOND: Council Member Tony London

No Discussion

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

Vote was 4 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 25-08 – A resolution adopting the Tentative Budget for Morgan City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, and setting the date of June 24, 2025, for a public hearing to adopt the final budget.

CITY COUNCIL

Recycling Cans

The council discussed the recycling can returns. Out of 12 requests, six cans were picked up, four were refused, and two were left because they were full. Residents who request cans later will pay a delivery fee. Tony noted that recycling reduces landfill use, earning the city credits. Ty added the program has received several positive comments so far.

Requesting a Residential Fence


Dave raised a question about an item on the upcoming planning commission agenda regarding a request to build an 8-foot residential fence—taller than the city's 6-foot height limit. Ty explained that the proposal falls outside the current ordinance and would require planning commission review. Gary elaborated that due to a recent state law, uses not addressed in the ordinance now need to go through a zoning appeal process. If approved, it may require a change to the ordinance.

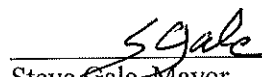
The council agreed that if the planning commission supports the request, it would likely trigger a recommendation to amend the ordinance. Otherwise, the existing 6-foot limit stands, and the exception would not move forward.

The Fish Park

Tony asked about a mention of the fish park, and Ty explained that as part of a settlement, Wasatch Peaks set aside \$4 million for community projects. A five-member committee will decide how to allocate the funds, with awards capped at \$500,000. Ty submitted proposals for both the train viewing park and fishpond park. He noted the process isn't structured like a typical grant—there are no formal criteria or scoring system, just project submissions via a Google Doc. Decisions likely won't be made until after July.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.


Janet Pace, City Recorder


Steve Gale, Mayor