

April 17, 2025 – Public Hearing

The public hearing meeting of the Fountain Green City Council in regards to the cell tower was held at 6:04 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025 in the Fountain Green City Hall located at 375 N State Street.

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

Presiding – Mayor Mark Coombs

Citizens signed in as in attendance: Annette Hansen, Darrell Jacobson, Susan Jacobson, Taryn Collard, Alicia Oliver, Matt Hansen, Chelsie Hansen, Stuart Hansen

Mayor Mark Coombs started the meeting by announcing ground rules for the meeting as follows:

- Please state your name
- Each person shall have 3 minutes to speak and then shall sit down
- If you have any written information, please present it to the council
- If you go longer than the three minutes the speaker will receive a warning and if the speaking continues then the speaker will be asked to leave the meeting. If the speaker continues to refuse, then they may be escorted out by the Sheriff.
- At this time, the Council or Mayor will not answer questions

The Mayor gave background that Fountain Green City has been looking and researching a cell tower for over 7 years. Fountain Green now has a couple of companies looking to place a tower and that is why Fountain Green City is asking for citizens' opinions.

The question was asked who are the companies that are looking to build the tower? Mayor states that he will not disclose this at this time.

The Mayor says that he and the Council are not there to answer a lot of questions but to hear from citizens their opinions and/or concerns and not a lot of questions will be answered. He states that he and the Council will listen to all comments and do their due diligence in regard to the tower and then make a decision during the May council meeting after they have heard the comments and done their research.

Rod asks the Mayor if he can talk about the benefits to Fountain Green in regards to the cell tower and the Mayor replied the City will benefit monetarily in the amount of \$1200 to \$1500 per month with an additional monthly fee of about \$250 per month per carrier that uses the tower. He states that each cell tower has about 4 carriers on it.

Matt Brown does ask if there is insurance to offset the costs of medical injury. The Mayor states that there is not and that no tower has anything like that.

Dr. Matt Brown is the first to speak. He states that when communists speak that they don't want the truth, and they can't handle the truth. He feels that the Councils' minds are made up and that their hearts are hardened to the citizens. EMF and radio signals are war fare. Council is hurting themselves and their families. He states that he feels that the 5G will disrupt the water molecules and humans are mostly water. He feels that the 5G signal is weaponized. Cell towers are a way to force citizens to move to a digital currency. He feels that the cell tower will be used in the future to control citizens. He feels that the City Council is not aware and does not want to hear the truth. That God is being replaces with AI and that the council needs to do more homework. Matt Brown leaves a copy of his speech.

Cindy Anderson gives a copy of an article to each of the Council and Mayor. She begins with information of a 2022 review of the existing scientific literature on the effects of base station antennas on humans by Alfonso Balmori. She states that radio frequencies cause radio sickness, cancer, and bio-chemical changes. She feels that the safety guidelines are flawed and based on only 30 minutes of exposure for data. Physicians for Safe Technologies they say there is no reason to believe that 5G is safe and there are many reports coming in from the United States and other countries of harm. She reads that 5G has not been studied for health and safety. She also sites another study that says it is harmful to plants, wildlife, and insects.

Alicia Oliver speaks next while holding her small son. She states that both her and her son suffer when they are in the presence of the cell tower signals. Their family has taken measures to remediate the smart meters in their home and place their cell phones in special bags at night. She does not see a purpose for a cell tower. She reports headaches for her son and pressure and agitation as well as extra anxiety for her. They have special restrictions in place at their home to decrease signal exposure. She says there has been nowhere for her family to escape to except for here in Fountain Green. She asks the Mayor who will benefit from the placement of the tower and if the considered placement of the tower is on public or private property. The Mayor states that it is the City that would benefit,

and it is City owned property. She states that she would rather pay money monthly that to have the cell tower built.

Annette Hansen speaks next. She saw both good and bad research. She feels that cell towers and the signals from them cause headaches, sleep disturbances, heart arrhythmia and listed many more. She feels that 5G is new and research has not been done. She relates a story about how x-rays were considered safe, but they caused sterility. She is concerned about the validity of research and does not trust public or governmental research since Covid. Her family owns the surrounding property of the proposed site and does not like the possibility that a tower near her property would cause medical issues and allow the public to know of her business. The Mayor asks her for her written information and sources to which she provided her notes to the Council and Mayor after the meeting.

Shara Martin talks about a study done between 1988 and 2019 by WHO about 10 countries on the health risks of cell tower signals and how they cause physical changes to living beings and cellular structures even children. She wants to know if the money is worth the risk of damaging the lives of our children. She states the structure of the blood changes by the presence of cell towers. The question she asks is if the monetary gain is worth the risks

Darrel Jacobson then steps up to the microphone and speaks. He states that he loves the rural environment that he lives in. He feels that cell towers disrupt physical and mental biomes and can affect us emotionally in a harmful way. He feels that in Fountain Green the financial benefits are not good enough reason to have a cell tower. He feels that we don't need the tower and that our communication is good. He states that there are ongoing studies and feels that the hazards of the tower outweigh the benefits and that we don't need it.

Chelsea Walker feels that there is a lack of research and compared it to using shortening in the food source as a cheap alternative and then finding out that shortening was harmful. She feels that we don't know the cell tower is safe and the research is not known it should not be built.

Brandon Olsen thanks the City Council for their work and for giving the citizens the chance to be heard. He asks the City Council to do their research on 5G towers. He states that they can cause development issues, cancer, anxiety, mess with our bodies, mess with our minds, and mess with our cells. He echoes the other citizens' feelings that the research is not complete and that the risk to the citizens is not worth the money that it will bring in. If not putting the tower in saves one life, then it will be worth it. He wants to know if the City

Council will be pallbearers for all the deaths caused by the tower. He feels that the City would be gambling with the lives of their children and families. He feels that we don't have the knowledge to safely place a tower here in Fountain Green. He feels that the communication system in place right now is good enough and we don't need more.

Stuart Hansen states the quote "We are here from the government, and we are here to help". States that Google and the WHO "own the science". He feels that the government is working citizens into a contained environment. He feels that the research is not trustworthy. He would prefer a tax increase to offset the monetary gain of the tower. He does state that the cell carrier companies can go to any private citizen and erect a tower without City permission, and he does not know how to stop it.

Brandon Olson asks if he can make a general comment, and the Mayors asks him to approach the microphone. At his house they use faraday bags and turn off wi-fi at night. He feels that he would need a faraday bag over his house to block the signal. He feels that if science shows it is dangerous it would not be good to have the signals permeating the house and city.

Laura Beagley informs the meeting of the [frontdesk@fountaingreencity.gov](mailto:frontdesk@fountaingreencity.gov) email. The Mayor says that all information received will be sent out to himself and the Council. That they are here to gather information and do their due diligence. It is stated that the City Council may have to be changed to a different date because of May Day celebrations at the school.

Heather Papenfuss asks the Council when the decision will be made. The Mayor says the decision will be made in the May City Council. The Mayor states that if you didn't speak but want to provide information to please do so before then.

The following questions were asked:

- Can a private citizen put up the cell tower with no interference? The Mayor answers with yes and that it would be highly likely. He relays the information that the desired location is in the County. It is asked if citizens could protest a cell tower at the county level? The Mayor answers yes. Alyson points out that the County has already allowed cell towers to be put up and will probably continue to do so.
- Who started the process of the cell tower? The Mayor says that it was started by the cell companies who want to place towers to increase their services. They send out people to research the locations that will benefit the service area. They then contact landowners to see if they can reach an agreement to place a tower. He

states that there are a lot of studies that must be done before the tower moves forward.

- Are there any other benefits besides monetary? The Mayor states that it will increase the cell service.
- Can the tower be put up without the 5G signal? Alyson says they can ask.
- What kind of contract is there? If research shows that it is causing problems in the future, can it be taken down? The Mayor says nothing is permanent. He points out that there is a cell tower in Moroni and then discussion is made about all the towers in surrounding towns.
- Why can't it be placed further away? The Mayor says that they look for optimal placement of the tower to connect them and form a long term plan. It is stated that if the cell companies know that the citizens of a city are unhappy with the placement of a cell tower then it could be moved further away. Mayor says it may be a possibility
- How much money in taxes would it take to make the same amount of money that the tower will provide to the City? The Mayor says roughly the monthly fee that the cell tower will pay the City every year in a tax raise. It would raise tax payments per month for each household.
- Could a cell tower built on private property be stopped by the City because the citizens don't want it? The Mayor says no.
- Brandon Olsen states that Utah and the County have not banned the towers, and that other countries are taking down the 5G towers due to problems with animals having cancer, disrupted bird migration, and deer migration problems. He asks when construction would start and when it would be turned on. The Mayor says that he does not know yet. Brandon wants to have the grass, water, sheep, other animals, etc to be tested for health, cellular, or scientific changes. Kerry and Curt tell the meeting that the water is already tested in several ways monthly, yearly, every three years and as determined or requested by the state of Utah or other regulatory bodies, so if there were changes to the water the City would know. It is stated that it might not be the right kind of testing to determine if it is being changed by 5G
- It is asked that if the tower was built and it was decided it was harmful would it be taken down or is it permanent? The Mayor states that nothing is permanent depending on how the contract is written. Kerry and Curt tell the meeting that the water is already tested in several ways monthly. Brandon states that it might not be the right kind of testing to determine if it is being changed by 5G

- If health damage occurs, can the cell phone companies be sued for damages? That is a possibility. It is also brought up that the City could be sued. One citizen points out that it would be in the contract that the cell companies would not be liable. It is asked if there could be a statement in the contract that would allow citizens to sue in case of damages and/or health concerns? Mayor states that City lawyers look at all contracts to make sure the City is covered the best that it can be.
- Matt Brown asks the Council to investigate the CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currency) and the 15-minute city. He feels the towers will be used to coral citizens and that the tower will have sinister uses. Alyson asks Matt to send the research to the City.
- It is stated that in the same article presented by Cindy Anderson that a lawsuit is being brought against the FCC for amending the over the air reception devices and that human rights cannot be taken away. She says the article states that the Constitution is being overwritten.

The mayor thanks everyone for coming and for voicing their opinions. The Mayor asks again for any written information or additional comments to be brought into the office or emailed to the front desk and then forwarded to the Mayor and Council and they will do their due diligence.

Meeting closes at 6:51 p.m.

  
Laura Beagley Deputy Recorder

