

**MINUTES OF MORGAN CITY
COUNCIL MEETING**

June 10, 2025; 7:00 P.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**Mayor Steve Gale, Tony London, Eric Turner and
Jeffery Richins**

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Ty Bailey, City Manager; Janet Pace, City Recorder

EXCUSED:

**Council Member Jeff Wardell,
Gary Crane, City Attorney**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Briggs McGiven, Katie McGiven, Bill Crawley,
Laurann McGuire and Brian McGuire**

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

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Gale.

The Star Spangled Banner was sung by Briggs McGiven

The opening ceremony was presented by Council Member Jeffery Richins

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Tony London moved to approve the agenda

SECOND: Council Member Eric Turner

Vote was 3 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda

MINUTES AND WARRANTS

MOTION: Council Member Tony London moved to approve the following:
Minutes of the City Council Meeting - May 13, 2025, with minor changes to reflect that Jeffery Richins was not present to vote, and Warrants (5/09/25 - 6/6/2025).

SECOND: Council Member Eric Turner

Discussion: Tony requested clarification on specific items listed in the invoice register before the vote. He asked Ty to explain the expenses related to KPS services. Ty explained that one project involved replacing a failed pump at the Island Road, which also required a new SCADA system and additional equipment due to the extent of the damage. The second project, tied to the cemetery, involved ongoing work on a SCADA system for a pump and tank that operates the sprinkler system in the park.

Vote was 3 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes with changes and one set of warrants.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Traffic by Riverside Park

Bill Crawley, a new resident of Morgan City living in the Riverside Apartments, shared concerns about traffic speed and safety on 125 North near Riverside Park. He reported that drivers frequently speed despite posted limits of 25 mph and 20 mph near the park. and There is a lack of clear signage and visibility near the bridge, especially on the south side at "Crowther's Corner," where crosswalks are hard to see. Crawley emphasized the danger this poses to children crossing between the apartments and the park.

He described the park as an "attractive nuisance," drawing in children and increasing the need for caution. Crawley praised the sheriff's office for its quick response and noted that the high school had encouraged students to slow down, which helped. He recommended additional signage, better markings, and possibly flashing lights to improve safety, acknowledging budget limits but stressing the urgency of the issue.

Mayor Gale and council members thanked Mr. Crawley for his input. They agreed the area is particularly sensitive due to the nearby park, schools, and housing. Tony recalled that these concerns were raised when the apartment complex was approved. Jeffery noted that recent improvements, like sidewalk clearance and painted lines, have helped. The mayor confirmed the issue would be reviewed further.

Speeding and E-Bike Concerns

Laurann McGuire commented that speeding is a citywide problem. She mentioned observing a motorcyclist speeding on the way to the meeting and agreed with Mayor Gale that Island Road also faces speeding issues, similar to the north side of the city where large trucks often travel at high speeds. Laurann questioned whether the 20 mph signs near the park were meant to designate school zones only, as that speed limit is typically used during school hours. Tony and Jeffery agreed, believing that 20 mph zones are tied to school hours rather than standard street limits.

Jeffery then brought up growing concerns about electric bikes, or E-bikes, speeding on sidewalks without stopping. He mentioned that fast, dirt bike-style electric vehicles are becoming more common, and other cities are likely facing similar problems. Laurann suggested that instead of expensive measures like new

signs or speed bumps, the city could launch a low-cost public awareness campaign to remind residents about speed limits and safety.

CITY REPORTS AND BUSINESS

CITY COUNCIL

Traffic Enforcement

Tony raised a question about the city's contracted agreement with the county for law enforcement, specifically whether the city is receiving the full eight hours of daily patrol they pay for from one assigned sheriff's deputy. Mayor Gale responded that he has spoken with the officer and would like to have a better log of patrol time. Tony suggested that the sheriff could meet with the council occasionally to provide updates, expressing concern that patrol visibility in the city seems low.

The group also discussed using portable digital speed signs more frequently, rotating their placement throughout the city instead of only deploying them after complaints. Tony and Ty agreed that these signs are effective at reminding drivers to slow down. Mayor Gale noted that the city's new sign could be used to share reminders about speed limits and driver caution.

Tony confirmed his belief that the city is entitled to basic law enforcement coverage as part of the county. Ty reassured him that the city is indeed getting 40 hours a week from the contracted officer, and that other county officers often assist in the area as well, increasing overall presence. Both agreed that consistent patrols and random enforcement blitzes would send a strong message to residents and improve compliance.

Commercial Appearance and Waste Services

Tony expressed strong agreement with recent public concerns regarding the appearance of the area in front of the Comfort Inn hotel on Commercial Street. Tony emphasized that the city has invested time and effort into beautifying Commercial Street, making it frustrating that the first impression visitors get when exiting the freeway is an unkempt and unattractive frontage. He shared that some residents have questioned why the city enforces maintenance on residential properties but seemingly ignores commercial ones, particularly at such a visible location. Tony stated that, from a visitor's perspective, the current condition might deter potential guests and give an unfair impression of the hotel's quality.

Ty responded that this is an issue of code enforcement, suggesting there may be tools available to encourage improvement. Eric and other members agreed with Tony's points, noting that the city has worked hard on other entrances—such as adding flags and landscaping at the freeway

off-ramp and this particular area stands out negatively by comparison. Mayor Gale noted that at least part of the issue might improve with potential development in the area, as a sign has recently been placed that may indicate progress. Eric added that the city has plans to make upgrades to the nearby plaza, which will further highlight how out of place the hotel frontage appears.

The mayor moved to other concerns, including a recycling pickup issue. He observed that the service had resumed on the north side of the city, but other areas had not. Jeffery mentioned that half of his street had not been picked up since the previous Wednesday and shared that he was told service would resume that week. The mayor humorously noted that his own recycling was picked up.

Tony said he called the city to inquire and was told that pickups are currently staggered, with different areas scheduled on alternating weeks. He concluded that the issue should be resolved soon and normalized within a month.

CITY MANAGER - UPDATES

Ty provided several updates. First, he noted that the city's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance is being reviewed by the planning commission. The current ordinance is based on zoning rather than lot size, which has caused issues for properties that are larger than the minimum requirements but fall under zones not typically permitting ADUs. The revision aims to align the ordinance with actual lot sizes for better functionality.

Ty also addressed the West Young Street project. A pause was made in the road work to address aging water lines after a nearby break revealed infrastructure over 60 years old. The city is proactively replacing these old lines and relocating water meters into the newly created park strip to avoid future disruptions. While this causes a delay, it is seen as a worthwhile long-term improvement and will be funded from the water budget.

Additionally, Ty confirmed that graffiti under the bridge has been painted over as part of a high school project, involving a group of students. Although previously reported, he clarified it again. Finally, the city is pursuing the installation of security cameras in that area as a long-term deterrent. The process has proven challenging due to decorative streetlight poles and the need for internet connectivity, but bids are underway. Ty concluded by noting that he will continue to send email updates as needed.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Eric Turner moved to go into a closed session at 7:51 p.m.

- A. Strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.
- B. And strategy session to discuss the sale of real property, including any form of water right or water shares.

SECOND: Council Member Jeffery Richins.

Vote: 3 ayes; Motion passed to go into closed session.

PRESENT: Mayor, City Manager, City Recorder, Tony London, Eric Turner, and Jeffery Richins

This meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


Janet Pace, City Recorder


Steve Gale, Mayor

These minutes were approved at the June 24th 2025 meeting.