The following are the approved minutes of the Centerfield City Council meeting held June 18, 2025 in the Centerfield City Hall. Those in attendance; Mayor Travis Leatherwood, Brittney Fisher, Ryan Stewart, Jon Hansen, Jonah Christensen, and Bart Hammond.

Other employees in attendance: Stewart Jensen & Randi Hunt Meeting is being conducted by Mayor Travis Leatherwood Meeting opened at 7:00 PM.

- 1- Roll Call
- 2- Pledge of Allegiance Councilwoman Fisher
- 3- Invocation Councilman Hansen

#### Minutes of June 4, 2025

Councilwoman Fisher moved to approve the minutes from June 4, 2025. Seconded by Councilman Hammond. Carries 5-0.

# PUBLIC HEARING- Discussion and adoption of rates for sewer, police department, fire department & irrigation meter replacement fee

Councilman Christensen made a motion to go into a public hearing to discuss the adoption of updated sewer rates, police department rates, fire department rates, and irrigation meter replacement fees at 7:41 PM. Seconded by Councilman Stewart. Carries 5-0. Yes-Councilwoman Fisher, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Christensen and Councilman Stewart.

Discussion- Jolynn Chappel is wondering why we are putting brass instead of pvc. Councilman Hammond makes the comment that the brass will last a lot longer than the pvc pipe will. Jolynn also wondered about the old rock church and that being an opportunity for income. There were quite a few people who were interested in the old rock church and whether it was able to pay for itself or not. It was determined using Gary that we did break even on the old rock church other than our payments that we make on it. Earlene Christensen to make a statement that she wants everyone to remember that senior citizens are on a fixed income. Gavin Stewart is wondering about the differences in the fee structure between Gunnison and Centerfield. Gary Centerfield City's CPA explains each city is unique in its own way therefore the fee structures are different. Scott Christensen makes a statement that he hopes the city is up for bringing in new businesses and letting them come into the town without problem. Linda Kern got up and asked about burning weeds and the burn ban. The fire chief explained that there's a burn ban and the dates that apply and that she would not be able to burn the field she was inquiring about.

The amount to be raised for irrigation meter replacements would be \$3.35 the current replacement amount for a meter is \$1,300.00 for a 1 inch meter and \$1,800.00 for a 1.5 inch meter. The fire department fee would increase \$.25 the department has asked for that much. Everything in the fire department has a lifespan once a cylinder has reached 15 years they can no longer recertify them anymore. The Sewer department has always been subsidised by the city. A few things have happened. One of the things that has been noticed is there is not a master plan if we want to opt for grants we must have that in place. The sludge has built up in the sewer lagoon Centerfield would like to combine two of the lagoons to help. Centerfield City has been in a deficit for multiple years. \$6.75 would be the increase for the Sewer department. The next and final is the Police Department, the increase would be \$9.00 a month. Centerfield pays 33% of the Police Departments budget. Chief Adamson has gone through the budget and cut out things that the department does not need. All prices have gone up and we are at a point that changes have to be made.

Councilman Christensen made a motion to go out of a public hearing to discuss the adoption of updated sewer rates, police department rates, fire department rates, and irrigation meter replacement fees at 8:09 PM. Seconded by Councilman Stewart. Carries 5-0. Yes-Councilwoman Fisher, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Christensen and Councilman Stewart.

Councilman Christensen made a motion to raise sewer rates \$6.75 per account per month, police department rates \$9.00 per account per month, fire department rates \$.25 per account per month, and irrigation meter replacement fees \$3.35 per account per month. Seconded by Councilman Hansen. Carries 5-0.

## PUBLIC HEARING- Open and amend the 2024-2025 budget

Councilman Hansen made a motion to go into a public hearing to open and amend the 2024-2025 budget at 8:28 PM. Seconded by Councilwoman Fisher. Carries 5-0. Yes-Councilwoman Fisher, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Christensen and Councilman Stewart.

Discussion- No Discussion

Councilman Hansen made a motion to go out of a public hearing to open and amend the 2024-2025 budget at 8:53 PM. Seconded by Councilman Christensen. Carries 5-0. Yes-

Councilwoman Fisher, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Christensen and Councilman Stewart.

Councilman Hansen made a motion to adopt the final budget for 2024-2025. Seconded by Councilman Christensen. Carries 5-0.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING- Approve the 2025-2026 budget**

Councilman Hansen made a motion to go into a public hearing to approve the 2025-2026 budget at 8:55 PM. Seconded by Councilman Stewart. Carries 5-0. Yes- Councilwoman Fisher, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Christensen and Councilman Stewart.

Discussion- No Discussion

Councilman Stewart made a motion to go out of a public hearing to approve the 2025-2026 budget at 8:56 PM. Seconded by Councilman Christensen. Carries 5-0. Yes- Councilwoman Fisher, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Christensen and Councilman Stewart.

Councilman Hansen made a motion to adopt the budget for 2025-2026. Seconded by Councilwoman Fisher. Carries 5-0.

### PUBLIC HEARING- Approve Resolution 2025-4 Consolidated Fee Schedule

Councilwoman Fisher made a motion to go into a public hearing to approve Resolution 2025-4 Consolidated Fee Schedule at 9:11 PM. Seconded by Councilman Hansen. Carries 5-0. Yes-Councilwoman Fisher, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Christensen and Councilman Stewart.

Discussion- No Discussion

Councilman Christensen made a motion to go out of a public hearing to approve Resolution 2025-4 Consolidated Fee Schedule at 9:15 PM. Seconded by Councilwoman Fisher. Carries 5-0. Yes- Councilwoman Fisher, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Christensen and Councilman Stewart.

Councilman Stewart made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-4 Consolidated Fee Schedule. Seconded by Councilman Hammond. Carries 5-0.

## Adam Jackson- Youth City Council Proposal/Discussion

Adam Jackson is in attendance to propose the possibility of starting a youth city council. Adam would like to put a council in place with the youth of Centerfield. They would like to help with the easter egg hunt and anything the city is in need of. The council would consist of 5-10 youth members. They would meet once a month until they got things going. Members would consist of individuals who would be interested in joining. The Mayor would like Adam to do a little bit more research on how to formulate a council and find out who would be interested in participating.

Councilwoman Fisher made a motion to approve a youth city council, but would like more information from Adam on how they could help the current city council. Seconded by Councilman Stewart. Carries 5-0. Mayor Leatherwood would like a council member to be over it, no one had the opportunity to say they would at the time.

## **Kasey Petersen- Buffer Zone Application**

Kasey Petersen is not in attendance

## **Land Purchase Expenditure**

Mayor Leatherwood states that the City has looked at land here in Centerfield to buy. Land they have found is 8.81 acres. Shaydon the owner of the Property has come up with an agreement that protects him as well as the city at a price of \$ 32,000 an acre. Water is available to the city if needed. Shaydon is willing to give the City an interest rate of 3 percent. This property will open up possibilities for the city and the land. The total amount for the property, principal, and interest will be \$312,000

Councilman Christensen made a motion to expend up to \$312,907.86 for the purchase of 8.81 acres from Shaydon & Gabrielle Hermansen pending they accept the contract offer. Seconded by Councilman Stewart. Motion amended by Councilman Hansen to include the Tax ID number 3307 for 7.24 acres, 3307x1 for .5 acres, 3307x3 for .98 acres 3307x5 .09 acres. Seconded by Councilman Stewart. Carries 5-0.

## **Unfinished Business/Report of Council Members**

#### Jon Hansen-

Councilman Hansen wondering how many meters are installed? Probably around 50-60.

#### Bart Hammond-

Councilman Hammond wondered how the sewer project was going. Jones & DeMille was awarded the contract.

## Ryan Stewart-

Councilman Stewart never heard back from anyone at the county on the road project. Reached out several times.

Councilman Hansen made a motion	to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman
Fisher. Carries 5-0. Meeting adjourned	ed at 9:38 PM.
Lacera Belman	Lacey Belnap, City Recorder
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\_\_\_Approval Date